

CHURCH STREET, PROVIDENCE.

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LESTER G. BERNSTEIN, 83, of Phoenix, Ariz., former co-owner of Bernstein's Clothing Store in Pawtucket, died July 31 at the Phoenix Baptist Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz. He was the husband of Avis I. (Forbes) Bernstein.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Herman and Esther Bernstein, he had lived in Providence for many years, moving to Phoenix in 1972 when he retired.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Bernstein was a past president of the Pawtucket Retail Merchants Association and past president of Edward's Affiliates Inc. He was a member of the Metacomet Country Club.

Mr. Bernstein, a veteran of World War II, was a 32nd Degree Mason at the El Zarvah Shrine in Phoenix.

Besides his wife, he leaves three sons, Richard F. Bernstein of New York City, Joseph Burns of Sherman Oaks, Calif., and William L. Bernstein of Chepachet; a sister, Gladys Rapaport of South Hadley, Mass.; a brother, Norman Bernstein of Boca Raton, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Friday in Phoenix.

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July 31, 1997 in Phoenix, AZ, formerly of Providence. Husband of Avis I. (Forbes) Bernstein, father of Richard F. Bernstein of New York, Joseph Burns of Sherman Oaks, CA and William L. Bernstein of Chepachet, RI. Grandfather of 3. Brother of Gladys Rapaport of MA, Norman Bernstein of FL. Calling hours at the home of his son William, Thursday, August 7, 6-9 p.m. 35 Rustic Acres Dr., Chepachet. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Shriner Burn Institute, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114 in his memory.