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ROBERT L.

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BERNSTEIN, ROBERT L., 79, of Cul De Sac Way, died Monday, in RI Hospital, Providence. He was the beloved husband of Lillian B. Bernstein. They were married for 48 years. Born in Boston, MA, a son of the late Bernard and Kate (Goldman) Bernstein, he had lived in East Providence for 46 years.

He was the founder and president of Hope Chemical Corp. and Hope Group Corp. in 1956. He was also the owner of the former Hope Travel Agency since 1973. He was a district manager of Kemper Financial Services Inc. and was the branch manager of Great American Advisors, Inc. in the mid-1980's. He was a graduate of University of MA, Class of 1947.

Robert was a member of Redwood Lodge # 35 and the RI Shrine. He was a past governor of the New England District of Kiwanis International and Kiwanis National. He was a life member and chairman of Kiwanis International and a recipient of the Tablet of Honor. He was a board member of Temple Beth-El and past president of its Brotherhood and a member and past officer of the North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. He was a life member of the Jewish Chataqua Society and was a founder and board member of Ben Gurion University of the Negev. He was a member of Police Chiefs of RI and a past president of FOPA Lodge #1.

Devoted father of Roderick M. Bernstein of Cranston, Joel S. Bernstein of East Providence and Sheryl L. Silverman of Lincoln. Dear brother of Iris Selden of Boston, MA and the late Roger Bernstein. Loving grandfather of 3. Cherished great-grandfather of 2.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Avenue, Providence. Burial to follow in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, MA. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Jewish Chataqua Society, c/o North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, 633 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017, New England District Kiwanis Foundation, P.O. Box 687, Framingham, MA 01704 or Ben Gurion University of the Negev, 1318 Beacon St., Ste. #8, Brookline, MA 02446. Shiva will be private. Arrangements by SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.