

Burton H. Blazar; former Elmira newsmen was Providence native

ELMIRA, N.Y. — Burton H. Blazar, 59, of 920 West First St., executive editor of the Elmira Star-Gazette until retiring in 1981 as chairman of the editorial board, was fatally stricken April 3 while playing tennis in West Elmira. He was pronounced dead at Arnot-Ogden Hospital. He was the husband of Barbara (Lieberman) Blazar.

Mr. Blazar started his career in journalism after graduating from the University of Missouri School of Journalism in 1950. He held reporting and editing positions in every department of the paper before being appointed executive editor in 1972. He had been with the paper for 30 years.

After his retirement from the newspaper, he worked part-time beginning in 1982 as a public information officer and volunteer coordinator for the Horseheads School District.

He was born in Providence, a son of the late Morris and Ida (Dubovick) Blazar. He was a 1949 graduate of the University of Rhode Island.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Susan Friedman of Scarsdale and Jennifer Blazar of Manhattan, and two brothers, Sydney S. Blazar of Providence and Frederick E. Blazar of Cranston.

The funeral and burial were held April 6 in Elmira.

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