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October 27, 2000. Residence, 83 Woodbury St., Providence. Beloved husband of Naomi (Richman) Brodsky. Devoted father of David M. Brodsky of Scarsdale, NY, and Richard E. Brodsky of Miami, FL. Dear brother of Frances B. Epstein of Providence and the late Dr. David Brodsky and Sarah B. Ritter. Loving grandfather of Isabel, Nell, Peter, Jane, Benjamin and the late Katherine. Cherished great-grandfather of Jacob. Funeral services Sunday 3 p.m. at TEMPLE BETH-EL, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the

Irving Brodsky Memorial Fund at Brown University. Shiva will be observed at his late residence, Sunday 7-9, Monday and Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Arrangements by SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.

PROVIDENCE — Irving Brodsky, 86, of 83 Woodbury St., chief judge of the Providence Housing Court and former prosecutor in the office of Rhode Island attorney general, died yesterday at home.

Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr. declared a period of mourning in Mr. Brodsky's memory, ordering all flags on municipal buildings to be lowered to half-staff in tribute to his service to Providence.

"Judge Brodsky served this administration in many capacities, but always with the highest standards of excellence," Cianci said. "His contributions to the city were tremendous, and I believe that his efforts helped to propel the quality of life in the city he loved so much."

He was the husband of Naomi (Richman) Brodsky. Mr. and Mrs. Brodsky recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. Born in Providence, a son of the late Ephraim and Bella (Silverman) Brodsky, he was a lifelong resident of the city.

He was a 1931 graduate of Classical High School. He graduated from Brown University in 1935 with a bachelor's degree in political science, Phi Beta Kappa. He was a 1938 graduate of Harvard Law School.

He started his law career in private practice in 1938, and was a special assistant attorney general for the State of Rhode Island from 1960 to 1974. He helped prosecute Raymond L.S. Patriarca on charges of being an

accessory before two murders in Providence in 1968.

Mr. Brodsky was appointed Providence city solicitor in 1991. As solicitor, he established the Office of Governmental Integrity, which was intended to investigate allegations of impropriety by city officials. He was appointed to the Housing Court by Mayor Cianci and became chief judge in January 1993.

During World War II, he was an enforcement attorney with the Office of Price Administration (OPA), and during the Korean War for the Office of Price Stabilization (OPS).

He was a member of Temple Beth-El. He was president of Temple Beth Israel in the 1950s. He later served as president of the Bureau of Jewish Education and of the Jewish Family and Children's Service.

He was a bicycling enthusiast, an avid reader, and an enthusiastic fan of the Boston Red Sox and of opera.

On Sept. 24, Mr. Brodsky was injured in a car accident in Bourne, Mass. The injuries contributed to his death, his son Richard said.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, David M. Brodsky of Scarsdale, N.Y., and Richard E. Brodsky of Miami; a sister, Frances B. Epstein of Providence; and five grandchildren and a great-grandson. He was the brother of the late Dr. David Brodsky and Sarah B. Ritter, and grandfather of the late Katherine Brodsky.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 3 p.m. in Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

