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passed away on Friday, January 22, 2021 at home. He was born March 31, 1924 in Fall River, Massachusetts. He was the son of the late Samuel and Rose (Rabinovitz) Ehrenhaus. He was a true Renaissance Man: educated, knowledgeable in a myriad of areas, a thinker, a problem solver, a musician. He and his late wife, Marilyn (Silverman), were the loves of each other's lives sharing more than 70 years of living and loving life together. In the year since Marilyn's death, he missed her deeply and, although he tried hard to go on, the loss of his partner was hard to endure.

Abraham grew up in Fall River. After graduating from high school, he moved to Providence while he attended Brown University. After one year at college, he enlisted in the US Army knowing that it was his duty and honor to serve his country during WWII. During the war, he was in active duty in the European Theatre as a rifleman and then in Engineering Corps. On his return after the

war, he completed his studies at Brown graduating with a BS in Economics and met Marilyn. He was class orator for his graduation, and his professors encouraged him to pursue a doctorate in Economics. He was accepted to a Ph.D. program in Economics at U of Chicago; however, upon graduation, he decided to join his father in his business, American Wallpaper Co. He grew the business and was happy with his choice. But, he never stopped studying economics throughout his life. After his retirement from the business, he took on leadership positions with Union Savings Bank. The bank grew and eventually became BayCoast Bank and Ab served as the Chairman of the Board for many years. He loved his work there and especially cherished the wonderful, talented banking professionals with whom he collaborated.

For enjoyment, Ab loved long days at the beach, where he took walks, collected his favorite banded stones, read, swam, ate and talked with all of his beach buddies. Even into his eighties, he taught his grandchildren how to body surf, build the best drip



castles and how to love the simple things in life while spending time with family on the beach.

He read the New York Times daily and every Sunday, he would make sure that he completed the crossword puzzle. He did the puzzles in pen, because he knew most of the answers. For almost 70 years, he and Marilyn would sit together on the sofa until the puzzle was completed. As recent as two weeks ago, he was completing the daily puzzles and worked on the Sunday one which he was finding increasingly challenging.

EHRENHAUS, ABRAHAM

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