

Obituaries

Services For Noted Businessman

Phil David Fine, prominent attorney who became one of the architects of modern Boston, died Tuesday, July 31, at Massachusetts General Hospital of heart failure after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Fine, who would have been 65 later this month, was best known for his work as attorney in the creation of such Boston developments as Faneuil Hall Market, Foxboro Stadium, and Exchange Place; he also founded Commonwealth Bank in 1964. In 1961-62, he was Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration in Washington.

In 1952, Mr. Fine was active in the Senate campaign of John F. Kennedy in Massachusetts and Mr. Fine was particularly effective in creating acceptance within the Jewish community for this candidacy.

In 1959 he was a founding partner with John R. Ambrogne of the firm, Fine & Ambrogne in Boston, and later the firm, White, Fine & Verville in Washington, D.C.

He was influential in creating developments in the city. In 1973, Mr. Fine worked with the Rouse Co. of Baltimore to obtain designation as developer of Faneuil Hall, then a decaying property. Earlier in the 1970's, Mr. Fine created the mechanism of Stadium Realty Trust to finance the construction of Foxboro Stadium for the New England Patriots professional football team. Exchange Place, a 40-story skyscraper incorporating the facade of the old Boston Stock Exchange building, was built by Olympia & York of Toronto, one of the largest development companies in the world and a client of Mr. Fine's.



Phil Fine

degree by Saint Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont.

Mr. Fine is survived by his wife, Norma; by three daughters, Susan Fine and Debra Fine of New York City and Lauri Fine Friedman of Haifa, Israel; by four grandchildren; and by a brother Ralph Fine of Boston and two sisters, Tina Mintz of Norwood and Leona Vetstein of Newton.

Services will be held at Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward St., Newton, on Friday, August 3 at 10 a.m.

Friends and relatives are invited to express their regrets Saturday, August 4, from 7 p.m. on and Sunday, August 5, from 1 p.m. on at 3 Charles River Square, Boston.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to the Jerusalem Foundation, 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, or the Phil Fine Fund at Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115.

In recent years, Mr. Fine had been a consultant to the Government of Israel and the City of Jerusalem on the Mamilla Project in Jerusalem, the largest development project in the history of that country.

Mr. Fine was named chairman of the American Jewish Historical Society in May, after two years service as its president. During his tenure, Mr. Fine increased the Society's activity greatly with major functions in Boston and Los Angeles.

In addition to Northeastern University, Mr. Fine was an overseer of Massachusetts General Hospital, former Trustee of Boston University, Honorary Trustee of Joslin Diabetes Foundation, former trustee of the Newton Free Library.

Mr. Fine was born in Brookline on August 20, 1925, son of the late Joseph and Ann Fine. He was a graduate of the Boston University School of Law in 1950 where he was on the Law Review. In 1972, he was given an Honorary Doctor of Laws

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Phil David Fine

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The Brandeis University community mourns the death of Phil David Fine, an able and articulate individual who lent us support with his skills in leadership, serving as president and as chairman of the board of trustees of the American Jewish Historical Society. A longtime friend of the University, he was an accomplished attorney and banker and a concerned citizen for numerous charitable corporations. To his wife Norma, and his daughters Susan, Lauri and Debra, we extend our heartfelt condolences.

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