GERBER, SHELDON

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SHELDON L. "BUD" "BUDDY" GERBER, 80, of Boynton Beach, Fla., a former real-estate developer and Providence city official, died Sunday at home.

He was the husband of Helen (Nelson) Gerber. Born in Providence, a son of the late George and Rose (Goldberg) Gerber, he had been a lifelong resident of the city until moving to Florida.

Mr. Gerber had attended the former Rhode Island State College, now the University of Rhode Island.

Before his family sold out, he had been vice president of Gerber's Jewelry and president of Gerbers Inc. He later became a real-estate developer, working on projects that included developing the former Coat Field into a discount operation, together with his father; founding the B/G Stores, and selling them to the NHD Hardware Store chain; and participating in partnerships that invested in the former Outlet Co. on Weybosett Street, and the Old Stone Building.

Mr. Gerber was a past member of the Capital Center Commission, the Providence Redevelopment Agency, the Zoning Board of Review, and the Port Commission. He had been appointed to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, and had been elected as a corporator of Woonsocket Savings and Trust.

An Army veteran of World War II, he served overseas.

Mr. Gerber was a former president of Ledgemont Country Club.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Judith and Nancy Gerber, both of Las Vegas, Nev.; two sisters, Shirley Sadler of Providence and Phyllis Shapiro of Newton, Mass.; and two grandchildren. He was the father of the late Alan J. Gerber.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at noon in Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

GERBER, Sheldon "Bud"

July 29, 2001. Residence: Boynton Beach, FL. Beloved husband of Helen (Nelson) Gerber. Devoted father of Judith Gerber and Nancy Gerber, both of Las Vegas, NV; and the late Alan J. Gerber. Loving brother of Shirley Sadler, Providence, and Phyllis Shapiro, Newton, MA. Adored grandfather of Robert and Stacey McGovern. Funeral services Wednesday at 12 noon at Temple Emanuel. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice by the Sea, Boca Raton, FL, or your favorite charity. Shiva will be observed at Providence Marriott, Orms St., Providence, Wednesday 7-9 and Thursday 2-4 and 7-9. The family was assisted with the arrangements by the SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.