GERSTENBLATT, WILLIAM

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GERSTENBLATT, WILLIAM, 93, of Cranston, a retired attorney, died April 15, 2006 at Steere House. He was the husband of Frances (Bander-Priest) Gerstenblatt and the late Etta (Tobin) Gerstenblatt. Born in Providence, a son of the late David and Sarah Gerstenblatt, he was a lifelong resident of Rhode Island.

A graduate of Classical High School, Mr. Gerstenblatt attributes his success in college and life with the educational foundation he received there. He also was a graduate of Providence College and Harvard Law School.

Mr. Gerstenblatt practiced law for over half a century. He was a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association and served as the RI Liquor Control Board Commissioner. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and was active in the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his children: Sheila R. (Gerald) Shaulson of Cranston and Rayna P. (Lester) Katz of Florida, five grandchildren; David, Joseph, Samuel, Mitchell and Jill, and 10 great-grandchildren; Ariel, Evan, Shaina, Becca, Eliana, Drew, Erica, Kaela, Sarah and Benjamin. He was the brother of the late Nathan and Raymond Gerstenblatt.

Funeral services will be held at Sugarman-Siani Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence on Monday at 5 PM with burial in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Avenue, Providence, RI 02906 or Autism Speaks, 2 Park Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. In observance of Passover, Shiva will not be held.