David Hassenfeld, 77, lawyer, dies

PROVIDENCE — David Hassenfeld, 77, of 310 Blackstone Blvd., a lawyer, died Saturday at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. He was the husband of Tess A. (Zwiebel) Hassenfeld.

Born in Poland, a son of the late Herman and Pessel (Laufer) Hassenfeld, he lived in Providence since 1920.

Mr. Hassenfeld was a graduate of Brown University in 1935, and Harvard Law School in 1938. He served as a sergeant in the Army Air Forces in World War II.

He maintained a law practice in Providence with emphasis on debtor/creditor law, and later specializing in bankruptcy law. In the early 1970s, he represented plaintiffs in the first class action law suit brought to Rhode Island. In the 1980s. he was a lawyer in plaintiff classes in three other law suits challenging credit practices of a number of Rhode Island banks as well as the City of Providence.

In 1988, the Rhode Island Bar Association honored him for 50 years of service. He was a member of the Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association, and was honored by the Rhode Island Bar Association, and the Rhode Island Legal Services for participating in the volunteer lawyer program.

As president of the former Robinson Street Synagogue in 1954 he participated in the merger of four synagogues. The congregation was Shaare Zedek, Broad Street, of which he became president at that time. He was a member of the board of directors of the Providence Hebrew Day School, and served as chairman of the education committee and as legal counsel for the school.

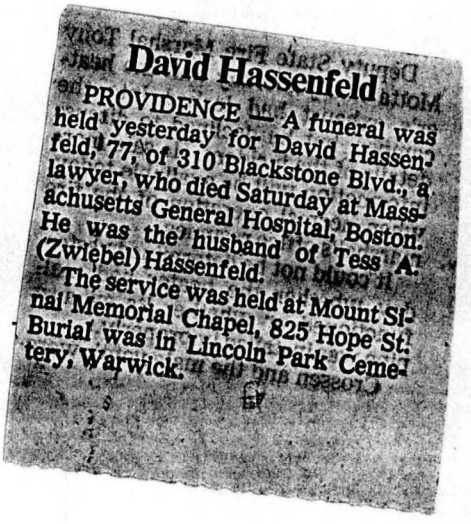
Besides his wife he leaves a son, Daniel Hassenfeld of Newton, Mass.; two daughters, Brenda R. Abramovich of Newton, Joyce Y. Gomolin of Plainview, Long Island, N.Y., and six grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at 3 p.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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January 18, 1992. Beloved husband of Tess A. (Zwiebel) Hassenfeld. Residence310 Blackstone Blvd. Dear father of Daniel Hassenfeld and Brenda R. Abramovich, Newton M.A. and Joyce Y. Gomolin, Plainview, L.I. Devoted grandfather of Ellie, Jonah, Noam, Molly, Kelsie and Ariella. Funeral services 3 pm Monday at MOUNT SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 825 Hope at 4th Sts. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Providence Hebrew Day School. Memorial observance at his late residence Monday 7-9 pm, Tuesday through Thursday 2-4; 7-9 pm, Saturday 7-9 pm, Sunday 2-4; 7-9 pm.



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