HOCHMAN, DAVID BRUCE

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HOCHMAN, DAVID BRUCE, 58, passed away in Boston, MA on March 8, 2006. David resided on Western Promenade in Cranston with his beloved wife Judi (Blustein) Hochman for more than twenty-five years. Besides his wife, David leaves three sons, Eric Hochman of Falls Church, VA, and Craig and Drew Hochman of Cranston and a brother, Alan Hochman, of Providence.

Born in Providence on September 20, 1947 to Louis and Vera (Blake) Hochman, David was a thirty-year City of Providence employee. A career civil servant, David always put the needs of others before his. His dedication to his family, career, the Jewish community, and friends was felt by all who came in contact with him. He leaves behind a long legacy of family community service, including service to the Big Brothers of RI, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, and many other organizations. His fun-loving, considerate, loveable personality showed in all aspects of his life. In addition to his commitment to others, David was also a lover of animals, and leaves behind Mick, Buddy, and Bailey, his three dogs.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in TEMPLE TORAT YISRAEL, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, followed by a procession to Lincoln Park Cemetery, 1469 Post Road, Warwick. Shiva will be observed at the home of Mrs. Ruth Blustein, 572 Pocasset Ct., Warwick, Sunday, 7-9, Monday and Tuesday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in David's memory may be made to the Big Brothers of RI or your favorite charity. Arrangements by SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.

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Coach and "Big Brother" to many, Dave Hochman dies at 58

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CRANSTON — The story has a million versions, but they all go somewhat like this: Don Baine was in his car with David Hochman in Western Rhode Island, almost at the Connecticut border in the middle of nowhere. They stop to pick up something at some tiny store, and are sitting in the car when four men walk over, knock on the window, and said, "Hey, Dave!"

David was a "regular guy" — he didn't have money, wasn't politically influential and didn't sit on important boards. He liked Awful Awfuls at Newport Creamery, and cheering (or jeering) at the Red Sox and the Patriots.

But to many Rhode Islanders, he was nothing less than legendary. And when David "Duvis" Hochman passed away in a hospital in Boston on March 8, community members statewide felt a resounding loss.

Last Sunday in Cranston, a line of mourners snaked around the parking lot on their way into Temple Torat Yisrael. Mounted police, sent in honor of his work [illegible] stood in respectful

His relationship with his Big Brother had a lifelong impact, and they continued their friendship for more than five decades. He not only become a Big Brother himself, but inspired one of his sons and numerous others to do so as well.

When Hochman was awarded the Robert "Cy" Killian Humanitarian Award in 2005 for his service to the organization, he said he'd like to someday create a Jewish Big Brothers chapter in Rhode Island.



Voice File photo

David Hochman, with friends at a cookout at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston.

As a boy, he took part in numerous Jewish youth organizations, and even created a few himself, including a Jewish fraternity in high school called the "Sad Sacks," whose members remained his friends for life, and another at the Jewish Community Center. He was "a fixture" at the JCC for nearly 35 years. He worked at the "J" at reception and in the fitness area, greeting countless people with

He worked as state coordinator of Bnai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO), teaching a generation of youth; he loved his work there so much he made these four letters the last digits in his phone number. He often worked at no pay or at a loss during his 25 years there.