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Milton L. Isserlis, 86

PROVINCETOWN, Mass. – Milton Isserlis, an attorney, of Provincetown, Mass., died on April 3 after a brief illness. He lived most of his life in Providence. He was born in 1922 in Pawtucket to Elizabeth and David Isserlis.

A survivor of childhood polio, he graduated Hope High School at age 16 and graduated from Brown in 1942.

During World War II, he served



in Europe as a first sergeant in the U.S. Army. He was a serious table tennis player and also played alto sax and the clarinet with a band in the 1940s. He and other members of the Isserlis family are direct descendants of Rabbi Moshe Isserles, a compiler of the Talmud.

After the Army, he returned to Providence and worked in his father's barrel reconditioning plant until he completed law school at Boston College. He practiced law in Providence with the firm of McOsker, Isserlis and Davignon.

In 1989, he moved to his summer home in Provincetown and practiced law there until 2004, when he permanently retired.

In addition to his wife Ruth, he leaves his sister Evelyn Isserlis Lowenstein, of Portsmouth; his son Kenneth, of Spokane, Wash.; his daughter Janet Isserlis, of Providence, three grandchildren and two nephews.

A memorial service will be held later in May. Contributions may be made to the Provincetown Art Association and Museum.