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Funeral services were held on August 12 in Albuquerque, New Mexico for Leonard A. Jacobvitz, the retired chief counsel for the Albuquerque Operations Office of the U.S. Department of Energy.

A native of Chelsea, Mass., and a former Providence resident, Jacobvitz was graduated from Classical High School, from Brown University in 1948, and from Harvard Law School in 1951.

He came to Albuquerque in 1952 to work for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, the predecessor to the Department of Energy. He retired from DOE in 1985.

In 1965, Jacobvitz was among 20 federal government employees honored at the White House for outstanding and meritorious government service in a scientific, executive, administrative or technical position. He was honored by President Reagan in 1982 as a "Meritorious Executive" in the senior executive service, an award given to 200 of the about 7,000 members of the federal government's senior executive service.

In 1975, Jacobvitz received the New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award.

He served for six years on the national Board of Governors of the American Red Cross. He received a presidential letter of commendation for his service in 1980 during floods in Albuquerque's South Valley. He had served for many years as president of the Bernalillo County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and as a member of the Red Cross Western Advisory Council and the Red Cross Advisory Council for the National Field Office.

Survivors are his wife, Jeanne Jacobvitz; two daughters, Barbara Kalis of Bangkok, Thailand, and Deborah Jacobvitz of Austin, Texas; two sons, Robert Jacobvitz of Albuquerque, and Michael Jacobvitz of Petaluma, Calif; two brothers, Jack Jacobvitz and Bernard Jacobvitz, both of Massachusetts; a sister, Lillian Osterman of Providence, R.I.; and three grandchildren.