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LANG, BRUCE, 76, died March 28, 2012. He was the husband of Lois (Osko) Lang. Born in Los Angeles, CA, he was the son of the late Edward and Gertrude (Jacobson) Lang.

Besides his wife he is survived by his children; David and Richard, his sister; Joyce, and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 1st in Temple Shalom, 223 Valley Rd., Middletown at 12:00 Noon. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Bruce Lang Good Government Foundation, C/O The Rhode Island Foundation, One Union Station, Providence, RI 02903 or through the Rhode Island Foundation website. After the interment, a gathering will be held at the Radisson Hotel, Warwick. For information and condolences, go to www.SugarmanSinai.com.

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Bruce Lang dies after long illness

He was the founder of Operation Clean Government among other achievements

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NEWPORT — Bruce Lang, a former businessman and media executive who founded the Rhode Island watchdog group Operation Clean Government, has died.

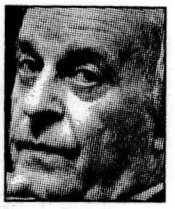
His son, Richard Lang, said Wednesday that his father died in the afternoon, at age 76, after a long bout with pancreatic cancer.

The husband of Lois Lang, he grew up in South Providence and then Cranston, and after joining the ROTC program at the University of Rhode Island, went on to serve in the Army.

After earning his MBA from the Harvard Business School in 1961, Lang went on to work as a vice president at CBS News in New York, which put him in touch with a wide range of public personalities including Walter Cronkite, Harry Reasoner, President Dwight Eisenhower, astronaut Jim Lovell, Gen. Omar Bradley, Jim Henson of The Muppets, and Woody Allen.

He was one of the last Americans to leave Cuba in December 1958, met The Beatles backstage when they were on the Ed Sullivan show, and always proudly hung a picture of himself with Sammy Davis Jr.

He then left the network to become president of Reeves Teletronics, based in Manhattan, one of the largest videotape production facilities in the world, in what was then an infant industry.


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In 1972, he returned to Rhode Island and joined his father's bowling and cocktail business, Lang's Bowlarama, featuring one of the first big-screen TV sports lounges in the country.

For five years he ran the Rhode Island Partnership for Science & Technology for the state Department of Economic Development. Later, in the wake of the state banking crisis, he founded Operation Clean Government through which he fought tirelessly in support of clean and honest state government.

In 1991, he was named the recipient of the Governor's Science & Technology Award. In 2011, he was inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame.

In addition to his wife, Lang is survived by his sons David and Richard, a sister, Joyce, and a grandchild.

His funeral services will be held at noon Sunday at Temple Shalom in Middletown. After services, a gathering will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 2081 Post Rd., in Warwick, adjacent to T.F. Green Airport, at about 3 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bruce Lang Good Government Foundation, care of The Rhode Island Foundation, One Union Station, Providence, RI 02903; or through the Rhode Island Foundation website.

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