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Samuel Lerner, at 85; former Brown professor,

LERNER, Samuel

PROVIDENCE — Samuel Lerner, 85, of 72 Prospect St., professor emeritus of engineering and former director of construction planning at Brown university, died Wednesday at home. He was the husband of Ethel S. (Bogin) Lerner.

A lifelong Providence resident, he was a son of the late Harry and Sarah (Roitman) Lerner.

He was a 1930 graduate of Brown University where he was a Frances Wayland Scholar, and a member of the Sigma Xi and Tau Beta Pi honor societies. He received his master's degree from Syracuse University, where he taught before returning to Brown University in 1936 as a member of the faculty until his retirement in 1973. He received a doctorate from Polytechnical Institute of Turin, Italy, where he collaborated with Gustavo Collonetti on a book about the methods of construction.

While at Brown, Professor Lerner co-authored research papers with William Prager and P.P. Gillis. During his term as director of construction planning, the University erected such facilities as the Rockefeller Library, the Barus and Holley Building, the Graduate Center, the List Art Building, the Sciences Library, and the Medical School.

Under his direction, Brown University installed a new high-temperature, hot-water facility that distributed heat, electricity and cooling to the campus. As a professional engineer, he maintained a private architectural practice. He was the designer of numerous factories, office buildings and houses in southern New England.

Professor Lerner's works are credited in various publications, including John Hutchins Cady's *The Civic and Architectural Development of Providence; Providence: A City-Wide Survey of Historical Resources; Historical and Architectural Resources of the East Side, Providence*; and *Pawtucket, Rhode Island: A Statewide Preservation Report*.

He was a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a life member of the American Society for Engineering Education, a member of the Providence Engineering Society, the American Association of University Professors, and the University Club. He was a member of Temple Beth El.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Steven L. Lerner of Providence.

The funeral service will be held Sunday at 1 p.m at Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Avenue. Burial will be in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery.

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October 20, 1993. Residence, 72 Prospect St., Providence. Beloved husband of Ethel S. (Bogin) Lerner. Devoted Father of Steven L. Lerner of Providence. Funeral Service Sunday 1-p.m. at TEMPLE BETH-EL, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. In lieu of flowers contributions in his memory may be made to an Engineering Scholarship Program to be established in his name at Brown University. Memorial observance will be held Sunday evening, 7-9 at his late residence. Arrangements by the MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St.(corner of Doyle Ave).