Mandell, Leonard Charles
February 15, 2017



MANDELL, LEONARD CHARLES

97, passed away Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

He was born in Providence, on July 6, 1919, a son of the late Charles and Florence (Greenleaf) Mandell.

Leonard grew up in South Providence and graduated from Classical High School. He then graduated from the University of Alabama in 1941. He also earned two Master's Degrees; one from M.I.T. and the other from the Harvard School of Public Health.

He practiced mechanical, thermodynamic, public health and safety engineering for 50 years in Providence. Leonard owned his own business which began as Enginnaire, Inc. before becoming Leonard C. Mandell and Associates and finally, Safety Services, Inc.

During the 1950' s he designed the first air pollution control equipment used in factories in RI. He was a leading forensic scientist engaged in reconstructing fires and explosions.

He was a past Master of the Redwood Masonic Lodge. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, Temple Beth-El, the Jewish War Veterans of RI, the Touro Synagogue and the American Academy of Forensic Scientists.

He was predeceased by his wife Frances (Friedman) Mandell and is survived by his special lady, Shandelle Kenler.

He is survived by his children Rabbi Howard A. Mandell of Andover, MA, Dr. Lynda R. Mandell of NYC, and Mark Mandell and his wife Yvette Boisclair of Warwick; and by his grandchildren Joshua and his wife Mary Virginia, Charlie and his wife Marissa, Cassandra Karr and Jacob Karr, and Rachel, Zachary, Benjamin and his wife Ana Mandell, and by his great-grandchildren Ella Frances, Mack and Abraham. He was the brother of the late Ruth Mandell, Ethel Lury, and Frank Mandell.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 17th, at 11:00 AM at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave, Providence with burial in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Leonard C. Mandell Music Funds at either Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave, Providence, RI 02906 or Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave, Providence, RI 02906. Shiva will be held at Temple Emanu-El on Sat 6-8 PM and Sunday, 2-4PM and 6-8 PM. For information and condolences, www.SugarmanSinai.com