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MATZNER, William

Providence

WILLIAM I. MATZNER, 87, of 204 Butler Ave., a lawyer who practiced law in Rhode Island for more than 50 years, retiring at the age of 72, died Tuesday in the Bethany Home of Rhode Island. He was the husband of Zara (Brody) Matzner.

A lifelong resident of Providence, he was a son of the late Samuel and Celia (Berger) Matzner.

He attended Providence College and graduated from Boston University Law School in 1932.

He was an active leader in the state Republican Party and in the 1960s was elected a member of the state Constitutional Convention. During former Gov. Christoper DelSesto's administration, he was counsel for the Department of Social Services.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El and had been president of its Brotherhood. He was a past master of the Roosevelt Lodge F & AM. He was a founding member of the Crestwood Country Club and an active leader of the Jewish Community Center when it was on Benefit Street in Providence.

He was a Rhode Island high school football referee for many years. He was also an avid fisherman and golfer.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Deborah Turney of Wellesley Hills, Mass., a brother, Henry Matzner of Cranston, and three grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Leonard Matzner and Stella Salk.

A graveside funeral service will be held today at 11:30 a.m. at Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Reservoir Avenue.

MATZNER, William I. Esq.

September 17, 1996. Beloved husband of Zara (Brody) Matzner. Residence: 204 Butler Ave. Dear father of Deborah Turney, and dear father-in-law of Herbert Turney, Wellesley Hills, Ma. Dear brother of Henry Matzner, Cranston; and the late Leonard Matzner and Stella Salk. Devoted grandfather of Linda Skolnik, Beth Turney and Dana Turney, San Francisco. Graveside funeral service 11:30 a.m. Thursday at TEMPLE BETH-EL CEMETERY, Reservoir Ave., Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Temple Beth-El. Memorial observance to be private. Arrangements by MOUNT SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.