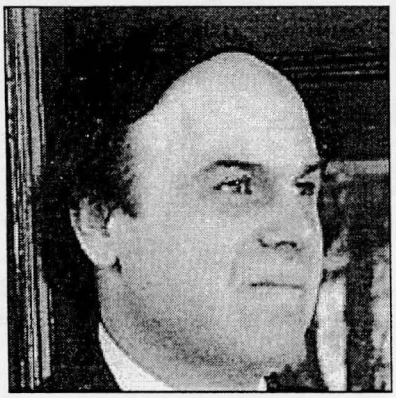
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JAMES L. MEDOFF Ph.D.



MEDOFF, James L., Ph.D. Age 65, of Concord, Sept. 15, 2012. Loving father of Justin Edward Medoff of Bedford and Susanna Medoff of Newton. Brother of Joanne Medoff of NY. Funeral Service, Sat. Sept. 22 at 2:00 pm. in the Concord Funeral Home, Belknap & Thoreau Sts., CONCORD. Visiting hours in the funeral home Friday 5-8 pm. Interment Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Concord. Prof. of Labor and Industry, Dept. of Economics, Harvard Univ. Ph.D., Harvard University, 1975 M.A., Harvard University, 1973 B.A., Brown University, 1969. Author of The Indebted Society: Anatomy of an Ongoing Disaster, with Andrew Harless. New York: Little, Brown & Company, 1996, Employers Large and Small, with C. Brown and J. Hamilton. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1990, and What Do Unions Do?, with R. Freeman. New York: Basic Books, 1984. To share a memory, offer a condolence, directions andobituaryvisit: www.concordfuneral.com. Concord Funeral Home Concord, MA 978/369-3388

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Economics Professor James L. Medoff Dies at 65

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James L. Medoff, a respected Harvard economics professor and an expert in the role of unions in the American economy, died Saturday in Chelsea, Mass. He was 65.

Medoff, who passed away due to complications resulting from multiple sclerosis, arrived at Harvard after graduating from Brown in 1969 and never left—finishing a masters in economics in 1973 and a doctorate in the same field in 1975. He later earned tenure as the Meyer Kestnbaum Professor of Labor and Industry.

An influential voice in the field of labor economics, Medoff wrote his first book "What Do Unions Do?" in 1984 with friend and fellow Harvard professor Richard B. Freeman. It was a landmark work in their field, challenging common prejudices against unions and defending the