MICHAELSON, JULIUS

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MICHAELSON, JULIUS C., 89, of Angell St., Providence, died at home on Saturday, November 12, 2011. Born in Salem, MA he was the son of the late Carl and Celia (Cooley) Michaelson.



A Providence resident for most of his life, Mr. Michaelson was educated in Providence Public Schools graduating from Hope High School in 1939 and subsequently graduating from Boston University School of Law in 1947. He later received his Masters Degree in Philosophy from Brown University. He served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during WWII.

A Past President of the Rhode Island Bar Association, he began his law career with his partner and lifelong friend, Milton Stanzler, as a principle partner in the law firm of Abedon, Michaelson and Stanzler retiring in 2010 from Michaelson & Michaelson, where he was a partner with his son Jeffrey. Among his many accomplishments and recognitions, he

In 1971, it was pointed out that you concentrated much of your efforts on bills to help the ordinary citizen, such as the Fair Housing Law, consumer protection, anti-pollution, conservation and for school teachers rights to collective bargaining, (the bill named the Michaelson Act), and that your work in these areas attracted much attention beyond the borders of Providence. It has been said that whatever the issue, you seemed to instinctively side with society's less fortunate, not always a popular or pragmatic position to take. You followed the star of social justice regardless of the consequences.

In a larger frame, you served on the National Institute for Democracy under Madeline Albright to promote democracy in third world countries, were a delegate to the 1980 Conference on Security and Cooperation in Madrid, and in 1988, you participated in American-Russian bilateral talks in Moscow. In a break with partisanship, President Reagan appointed you to the Foreign Service Grievance Board. Throughout your distinguished career, you rose above party politics to do what you thought was the right thing. You truly represent the State's Independent Spirit."

Mr. Michaelson is survived by