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Gerald A. Oster, lawyer town's first administrator

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May 30, 1997. Residence: 18 Parker St., Lincoln. Beloved husband of Alice (Kutz) Oster. Devoted father of State Senator Jonathan F. Oster, Robert D. Oster, Esq. and Juliann Oster, all of Lincoln and Nancy A. Mullen of Pawtucket. Dear brother of the late Alan Oster. Loving grandfather of seven grandchildren. Funeral Services will be held Sunday at 2PM at the MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St., (Cor. Doyle Ave.), Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to COVE Unit of the Groden Center, Mt. Hope Ave., Providence or the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, c/o Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Shiva will be observed at his late residence Sunday 7-9PM; Monday and Tuesday 2-4; 7-9.

LINCOLN — Gerald A. Oster, 82, of 18 Parker St., town clerk from



1954-58, the town's first administrator, 1958-60, and the senior partner in the law firm of Oster and Sawyer before retiring, died Friday at the University of Rhode Island while attending his 60th class reunion. He was the husband of Alice (Kutz) Oster.

Born in Melrose, Mass., a son of the late Abraham and Lillian (Edelstein) Oster, he moved to Lincoln 50 years ago.

Mr. Oster was a practicing attorney in Lincoln for more than 50 years. He was recently honored by the Rhode Island Bar Association for his 50 years of legal practice. He was a president and long-time member of the Pawtucket Bar Association. He was a 1937 graduate of the former Rhode Island State College, now the University of Rhode Island. He attended Brooklyn Law School and was a 1946 graduate of the University of Maryland Law School. He was an Army veteran of World War II, and served as a captain with the Army Corps of Engineers in both the European and Pacific Theaters.

He was a founding member of the non-partisan Lincoln Civic League, a founding member of the Industrial Development Foundation in Lincoln, and a member of the Lincoln Lions Club. He was a founder of the Rhode Island Society for Autistic Children, and was a pioneer in the State of Rhode Island for the rights of handicapped children and adults. An avid golfer, he was a charter founding member of the Lincoln Country Club.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, state sen. Jonathan F. Oster and Robert D. Oster, both of Lincoln; two daughters, Nancy A. Mullen of Pawtucket and Juliann Oster of Lincoln; and seven grandchildren. He was a brother of the late Alan Oster.

The funeral service will be held today at 2 p.m. at the Max Sugarman Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Temple Beth El Cemetery, Providence.