REGENSTEINER, MAX

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MAX REGENSTEINER, 79, of Rockville, Md., formerly of Providence, a retired administrative law judge and volunteer in helping Jewish people, died yesterday at Suburban Hospital, Rockville, after an illness.

He was the husband of Dorothy (Greene) Regensteiner. Born in Munich, Germany, in 1925, a son of the late Lisl and Ludwig Regensteiner, he came to the United States in 1937 with his family to escape the Nazis. He settled in Providence.

From 1952-1956, he was an editor for the Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Co., in Rochester, N.Y. In 1956, he joined the Securities and Exchange Commission as a staff lawyer, and in 1974 was appointed an administrative law judge for the commission, where he remained until his retirement, in 1994.

A member of the Rhode Island and New York bar associations, he was an active volunteer for the Jewish Social Services Agency (JESSA), reading for the blind and dyslexic; Pnai, Parents of North American Israelis; and the Brotherhood Lodge of B'nai B'rith, where he was president for several terms.

Mr. Regensteiner graduated from Hope High School, where he won the Anthony Medal after speaking English for only three years. He attended Brown University and Harvard Law School.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as an interrogator for intelligence.

He was an active tennis player and violinist all his life, and loved classical music and the beauty of the outdoors. He began studying the Hebrew language in his retirement.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Judy Regensteiner of Denver and Naomi Mizrahi of Jerusalem; a son, Jeremy Regensteiner of Tel Aviv, Israel; a sister, Hannah Greenwood of Hartsdale, N.Y.; a brother, Dave Regenstein of North Dartmouth, Mass.; and six grandchildren.