RICHMOND, Richard

Westerly

RICHARD J. RICHMOND, 95, of East Road, Delray Beach, Fla., former owner of Richmond Furniture and Richmond Realty, both in Westerly, and of several radio stations elsewhere, died Monday at Hospice & Care by the Sea, Boca Raton, Fla.

He was the husband of Barbara (Lownds) Richmond, and previously of the late Edythe K. Richmond. Born in Westerly on Sept. 1, 1905, he was a son of the late Charles and Rebecca (Elion) Richmond.

In his youth, he had acted in several movies filmed in Westerly, which starred Beverly Bayne and Francis X. Bushman.

Mr. Richmond was a graduate of Stonington (Conn.) High School, the Harvard University School of Business, the University of Malaga, in Spain and the New York School of Interior Design. He also had completed real-estate courses at the University of Rhode Island.

In addition to his former local businesses, he was a former owner of radio stations WMEX in Boston, WPGC AM and FM in Washington, D.C., and KBMI in Las Vegas, Nev.

A philanthropist, he gave to numerous national and local charities, including the Rhode Island Foundation and Johns Hopkins University.

He was a member and former president of the Board of Trade in Westerly, a member and former Man of the Year of the Dante Society in Westerly, and a member of the Elks and the Masons.

Mr. Richmond was a member of Congregation Sharah Zedek in Westerly.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Barry Richmond; three stepsons, David, Kevin and James Wynne; a stepdaughter, Kristine Fietze; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was the father of the late Jane Richmond, and the brother of the late Maxwell, Arthur, Robert and Dorothy Richmond.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at noon in the Byles Memorial Home, 99 Huntington St., New London, Conn. Burial will be in Beth-El Cemetery, Groton, Conn.

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