Louis B. Rubinstein dies at 79; lawyer, ex-official in state DES

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Louis Baruch Rubinstein, 79, of 299 Northwest 52nd Terrace, former head of the divison of temporary disability in the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security, and its chief legal counsel before retiring six years ago, died yesterday at Boca Raton Community Hospital. He was the husband of Dorothy (Gotlieb) Rubinstein. His first wife was the late Lillian (Berger) Rubinstein.



Born in Providence, a son of the late Rabbi Israel Rubinstein, and Fanny Rubinstein, he moved to Boca Raton three years ago.

Mr. Rubinstein, a lawyer in Rhode Island for 50 years, who practiced in the Federal District Court and the U.S. Supreme Court, was honored in 1981 and in 1985 by the Rhode Island Bar Association, and received its Award of Merit. He was a member of the Washington, D.C., Bar Association. He contributed numerous articles to various law reviews, law journals and national periodicals. He had been editor-in-chief of the Rhode Island Bar Journal.

He was a past master of Redwood Masonic Lodge, F and AM, and recently wrote a 50-year history of the lodge. He was a member of the Palestine Shrine and the Kirkbrae Country Club.

Mr. Rubinstein was secretary of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and at the time of his death its honorary secretary for life. In 1982, he was honored by the organization for his years of outstanding service. He was listed in Who's Who in the American Law Review and Who's Who in the East.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, Providence, its Men's Club, and was honored in 1976 for many years of service to the temple and community. He was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged. He was a former national assistant judge advocate of the Jewish War Veterans. He was a World War II Army veteran. He was a past vice president of the Bureau of Jewish Education and a member of the board of directors of the Anti-Defamation League.

Mr. Rubinstein was a 1931 graduate of Yale University and graduated from its law school in 1934. As a teenager, he was a Talmudic scholar, teaching Hebrew school in Providence. He was a past president of the Rhode Island Division of the Zionist Organization of America.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Dr. Michael L. Rubinstein of Providence and Louis H. Summerfield of Coventry; a sister, Bella Rubinstein of Providence, and four grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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Louis B. Rubinstein, retired R.I. lawyer and Jewish leader

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Louis Baruch Rubinstein, a prominent lawyer in Rhode Island for more than 50 years, died on Tuesday at his Boca Raton retirement home. He was 79.

Mr. Rubinstein retired as chief legal counsel and head of the Division of Temporary Disability for the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security about six years ago. He moved to Boca Raton three years later.

He was born in Providence, R.I., and was the son of Fanny and Rabbi Israel Rubinstein. He graduated from Yale University in 1931 and its law school in 1934.

He was a past editor-in-chief of the Rhode Island Bar Journal

During World War II, Mr. Rubinstein served in the Army and later was a national assistant judge advocate for Jewish war veterans.

Mr. Rubinstein also served as secretary of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and was named the organization's honorary secretary for life. He was a past vice president of the Bureau of Jewish Education, served on the board of directors of the Anti-Defamation League and was a past president of the Rhode Island division of the Zionist Organization of America.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy of Boca Raton; two sons, Dr. Michael L. Rubinstein of Providence and Louis H. Summerfield of Coventry, R.I.; a sister, Bella Rubinstein of Providence; and four grandchildren.

Services are at 1:30 p.m. today at Temple Emanu-El in Providence. Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel is handling arrangements.

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