SAUBER, ROBERT

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Providence

ROBERT SAUBER, 80, of One Regency Plaza, a former community activist, teacher and comptroller, died yesterday at Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center.



He was the husband of Ruth (Butler) Sauber. Born in Philadelphia, a son of the late Samuel and Mary (Mesirov) Sauber, he had lived in Providence for 40 years. Mr. Sauber began his career at Gimbel Bros., Philadelphia, as an accountant. He later worked in Rhode Island as comptroller for the former Outlet Co., and for Mister Donut, in Massachusetts.

He later began a long and varied second career as a community activist, teacher and organizer of community projects. He taught as an adjunct professor at Rhode Island School of Design and Brown University, and later for the University of Rhode Island.

He organized the first televised town meetings in Rhode Island, on Cox Cable. He also worked on projects for the Opportunities Industrialization Center of Rhode Island, a local affiliate of the National OIC dedicated to increasing opportunities for inner-city populations. He was also a building-project manager for the financing and construction of the local OIC building.

Active in political affairs, he was a campaign manager for John Daluz, a candidate for state treasurer in 1972 and 1974.

He later became associated with a group of international industrialists trying to introduce Cellular Concrete, a new building product, into this country's construction trades. He designed and organized a mobile cellular concrete demonstration that toured the United States.

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II.

He was a graduate of Temple University Class of 1943.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Richard Sauber of Washington, D.C.; a daughter, Amy Quinlan of Hingham, Mass.; a sister, Olga Goldstein of Philadelphia; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. in Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave.. Burial will be private.

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December 22, 2002. Beloved husband of Ruth (Butler) Sauber. Residence: 1 Regency Plaza, Providence. Dear father of Richard Sauber, Washington, DC and Amy Quinlan, Hingham, MA. Loving brother of Olga Goldstein, Philadelphia, PA. Devoted grandfather of 5. Memorial Service 11:00 A.M. Tuesday at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Robert Sauber Endowment, c/o Ann Paton, Brown University Medical School, P.O. Box 1893, Providence, RI 02912. Following the service visitors are welcome in the conference room at 1 Regency Plaza, Providence. Shiva will also be observed at his late residence Wednesday and Thursday 7-9 P.M. The family was assisted with the arrangements by SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.