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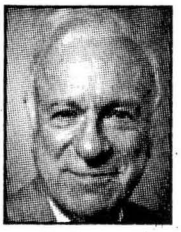
Lawyer Ira Lippman Schreiber, 71; Democratic Party candidate, activist

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December 30, 1998. Residence: 65 Orchard Dr., Cranston. Beloved husband of Joyce (Cohen) Schreiber. Devoted father of Bruce J. Schreiber, Royal Palm Beach, FL; Kenneth A. Schreiber, Cranston, Jill A. Schreiber, Hamden, CT and Judith L. Rowland, New York City, NY. Adored grandfather of Jennifer, Max, Abby and Haley. Funeral Services Monday at 1:30PM at Temple Sinai, Cranston. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Ira L. Schreiber Memorial Fund, c/o Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston, RI 02920. Shiva will be observed at his late residence Monday 7-9 and Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9PM. Arrangements by MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St. (cor. Doyle Ave.), Providence.

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CRANSTON — Attorney and longtime Democratic activist Ira Lippman Schreiber, 71, of 65 Orchard Drive, died Wednesday at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence. He was the husband of Joyce (Cohen) Schreiber.



The senior partner of Schreiber & Schreiber law offices, he was a familiar face on the Cranston political scene — long active in the local Democratic Party.

Over the years, Mr. Schreiber ran for a number of offices and also energetically supported other Democratic candidates. Most recently, he was involved in businessman Joseph A. Maria's attempt to win a Democratic mayoral primary.

A resident of Cranston for 41 years, Mr. Schreiber won his own Democratic primary for mayor in 1984 and ran against Mayor Michael A. Traficante in a special election.

Yesterday, Cranston Democratic City Committee Chairman Michael Sepe praised Mr. Schreiber as a dedicated citizen and a gentleman.

"When he ran for mayor, he ran a top-notch campaign and was able to get local Democrats unified behind him," Sepe said. "He was a bright, articulate person."

A devotee of the law and politics, Mr. Schreiber had an irrepressible spirit and could always be counted on to lighten up fundraisers and other events, Sepe said. "He was someone who was always a lot of fun."

"Ira was not only active in government, but in the community," said Sepe, adding that he and Mr. Schreiber were able to maintain a relationship that spanned more than 20 years, despite political differences that cropped up from time to time.

"He was the kind of person who always wanted to do the right thing," Sepe said.

Mr. Schreiber first ventured into politics while still a student at Brown University, when he ran for a Providence state representative seat. In 1966, he ran as a Democratic state representative from Cranston.

Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Jack G. and Ethel (Lippman) Schreiber.

After graduating from Hope High School in 1945, he received his bachelor's degree from Brown in 1950, when he was class vice president. He was alumni class president from 1970 to 1975, and president of the Brown Club of Rhode Island in 1972 and 1973.

An Army veteran of World War II, he attained the rank of first lieutenant while serving in the Army Reserves from 1955 through 1958.

He graduated from Boston University Law School in 1965 and was a member of the American, Rhode Island and Massachusetts Bar Associations. He also served as chairman of the medical-legal committee, a branch of the state Bar Association and the Rhode Island Medical Society.

In 1967, he was appointed legal counsel to the Rhode Island of Department of Social Welfare, and served for two years. In 1972, Gov. Frank Licht appointed him to the Advisory Commission on Correctional Services. He served until 1977.

In January 1995, he was a candidate nominated by the Judicial Nominating Commission for chief justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

He began practicing law in Providence in 1966 and moved his office to Cranston in 1986. In January 1978, he opened Rhode Island's first legal clinic, The R.I. Legal Clinic, which eventually expanded to five offices. He served as president of the American Legal Clinic Association from 1980 through 1982.

A theater fan and accomplished actor, he appeared with the Barker Players through the years.

He was a member of Temple Sinai, Cranston. Over the years, he served on the board of trustees for Temple Sinai, Ledgemont Country Club, the Turks Head Club, Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society and the Roosevelt Lodge. He was a 32nd-degree Mason of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Providence.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Bruce J. Schreiber of Royal Palm Beach, Fla., and Kenneth A. Schreiber of Cranston; two daughters, Jill A. Schreiber of Hamden, Conn., and Judith L. Rowland of New York City; and four grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. in Temple Sinai, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston. Entombment will follow at Swan Point Cemetery, Blackstone Boulevard, Providence.

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Will be closed on Monday, January 4, 1999
to mourn the passing of their
Senior Partner, Friend & Founder

IRA L. SCHREIBER

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