SEMONOFF Ralph

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OBITUARIES

Ralph P. Semonoff, lawyer; served on judicial selection panel



PAWTUCKET — Ralph P. Semonoff, 73, of 40 Lowden St., a partner in the law firm Licht and Semonoff, Providence, since 1985, died yesterday at the Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Hinda M. (Pritsker) Semonoff.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Judah C. and Luci (Perlow) Semonoff, he moved to Pawtucket several years ago.

Mr. Semonoff practiced law with his father in the firm Semonoff & Semonoff from 1947 to 1960, and with the firm Levy, Goodman, Semonoff & Gorin from 1961 to 1985.

He received his bachelor's degree from Brown University in 1939, and his LL.B., *mcl*, in 1947. He was admitted to the Rhode Island Bar in 1947, the U.S. District Court in 1948, and the U.S. Tax Court in 1949. He was a member of the R.I. Governor's Commission on Judicial Selection from 1977 to 1992.

He was president of the Urban League of Rhode Island from 1957 to 1959, a member of the Citizens League of Pawtucket from 1961 to 1963, and the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Rhode Island from 1974 to 1977.

He was a trustee at Miriam since 1971. From 1979 to 1983 he was the hospital's vice chairman of the board of trustees, and chairman from 1983 to 1985. He was a trustee of the Rhode Island Bar Foundation since 1980. He had been a board member of the Rhode Island Legal Services. He was chairman of the Miriam Foundation since 1985, and a member of the Iolta Commission since 1985.

He was a member of the American Bar Association and the Rhode Island Bar Association, serving as president from 1978 to 1979. He was a member of the Pawtucket Bar Association and its president in 1963. He was a member of the American Law Institute and the New England Bar Association, and a director from 1979 to 1984. He was a member of the Rhode Island Bar Foundation.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Besides his wife he leaves three daughters, Susan A. Semonoff of San Francisco, Calif., Ellen M. Semonoff of Cambridge, Mass., and Judith W. Semonoff of Providence; and five grandchildren.

The funeral service will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue at Sessions Street, Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

SEMONOFF, Ralph P.

April 2, 1992. Beloved husband of Hinda M. (Pritsker) Semonoff. Dearest father of Susan A. Semonoff and Steven Sagar of San Francisco, Ellen M. Semonoff and Daniel Meltzer of Cambridge, MA, and Judith W. Semonoff and Alan Flam of Providence. Loving grandfather of Lucy, Ezra, and Gabriel Flam, and Joshua and Jonathan Meltzer. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Ave. at Sessions St. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman Ave., Providence. Shiva will be Observed at his late residence, 40 Lowden St., Pawtucket, Sunday through Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Michael D. Smith Associate

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