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91 son of Dora (Finkel) and Abraham Stanzler died March 6. He was a principle partner in the law practice of Abedon, Michaelson, Stanzler & Biener. He argued before the R.I. Supreme Court, the First Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S Supreme Court.

An avid theater lover, he cofounded Trinity Repertory Company serving as it's first board Chairman. In 1959, he founded the RI Affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union. He was president of the Jewish Community Center, Chairman of the American Veterans Committee, Public Relations Chair of the R.I Bar Association, Chair for Israel Bonds. In 1972, he represented RI at the Democratic National Convention. He was in the RI Heritage Hall of Fame and honored by the RI ACLU in 2009.

He is survived by his wife Selma (Schmuger-Klitzner) his children, Jonathan Stanzler, Jill Stanzler-Katz her husband Jeff Katz. and step children Stephanie Penzell, David Penzell ,his wife Nannette, and grandchildren Alexandra and Samantha Katz, Robbie and Jaclyn Penzell. He was predeceased by his brothers, Max, Joseph, Meyer and Harold and sisters Mollie Fisch and Helen Waldman.

Donations may be made to the Stanzler Society at Trinity Repertory Company or the R.I. Chapter of the ACLU Suite. His funeral will be at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, Friday, March 9, at 11am. Reception and Shiva immediately following the burial will be at Temple Beth El. The family invites guests to visit on Saturday, March 10 at 2-4pm & 7-9pm at the home of Arthur Richter and Peter Neivert, 47 Lorraine St., Barrington. Shiva will continue at the home of Jill Stanzler-Katz and Jeff Katz, West Roxbury, MA, Sunday, March 11, 2-4pm and 7-9pm, and Monday, March 12, 7-9pm.

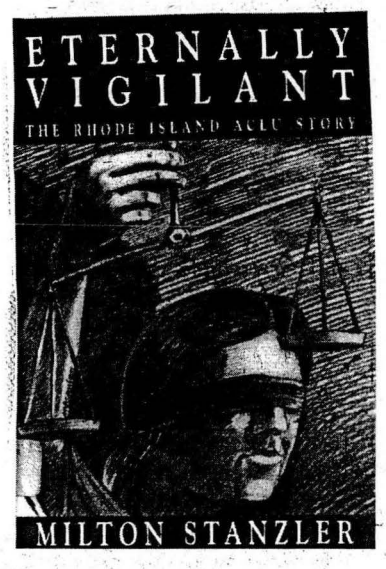
Abraham Stanzler, he was born in Bronx, N.Y. in 1921.

A member of the Rhode Island and Massachusetts bar associations, he co-founded the law practice of Abedon, Michaelson, Stanzler and Biener, practicing law for many years with his friend, the late Julius C. Michaelson. He was active as a trial attorney in practice from 1948 to 1991, arguing before the R.I. Supreme Court and the First Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

He attended Hope High School and R.I. State College and graduated from Ohio State University, Boston University School of Law and the Military Japanese Language program at the University of Michigan to serve as an interpreter during World War II.



An avid theater lover, he originated the idea of bringing a professional regional theater to Rhode Island, and gathered the original members of the group that founded Trinity Repertory Company, now known as Trinity Rep. He enthusiastically served as its first board chairperson for six years, and remained an active board member and supporter for many years thereafter.



In 1959, he founded the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

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He had served as president of the Jewish Community Center, chairman of the American Veterans Committee, founder and chairman of the Rhode Island Chapter of the ACLU, public relations chair of the Rhode Island Bar Association, chair for Israel Bonds and he was active in many other organizations.

In 1972, he represented Rhode Island at the Democratic National Convention in Miami, as the Democratic National Committeeman from Rhode Island, and delegate for Senator George McGovern.

He was the author of "Providence is No Longer Just a Train Stop: the Trinity Repertory Company; Its First Twelve Years" and "Eternally Vigilant: A History of the R.I. Chapter of the ACLU."

He received many awards including the Joseph W. Ress Community Service Award, the Ralph Semenoff Award of the Rhode Island Bar Association and an award from the NAACP.

In 2005, he was inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame and was honored by the Rhode Island Chapter of the ACLU at its 50th anniversary in 2009.

He and his wife Selma were jointly honored by the Council of Jewish Women in honor of their long-term commitment to the community.

A fighter for human dignity and civil liberties, he gave hours of his time pro bono to help those in need. His historic victories for women, winning tenure for women professors at Brown University and protecting women at the University of Rhode Island against discrimination, were among his proudest achievements. He was an Associate Resident Fellow at Brown University during the Vietnam War era and was given an honorary degree by the students of the class of 1970.

He is survived by his wife Selma (Schmuger-Klitzner); his children Jonathan Stanzler of Cranston, Jill Stanzler-Katz and her husband Jeff Katz of West Roxbury, Mass.; his stepchildren Stephanie Penzell of Warwick, David Penzell and his wife Nannette of Chicago; and grandchildren Alexandra Stanzler Katz, Samantha Stanzler Katz, Robbie Penzell and Jaclyn Penzell. He had many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brothers Max, Joseph, Harold and Meyer Stanzler, and his sisters Mollie Fisch and Helen Waldman.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El, Providence.

Donations may be made to the Stanzler Society at Trinity Repertory Company at 201 Washington St, Providence or the R.I. Chapter of the ACLU at 128 Dorrance St., Suite 220, Providence, RI 02903.