George A. Teitz dies; lawyer, probate judge

NEWPORT — George A. Teitz, 70, a lawyer in Newport for 45 years who was a former probate judge and school committeeman, died Thursday at Newport Hospital. He was the husband of Miriam (Feinstein) Teitz, and the father of Rep. Jeffrey J. Teitz, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

He was a 1932 graduate of Brown University and 1935 graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was a member of the Felix Frankfurter Law Club. He was a member of the Rhode Island and Newport County Bar Associations.

Born in Newport, he was the son of the late Jochanan and Anne (Wolosow) Teitz. He lived in Newport all his life, except for his World War II Army service.

He was active in school sports, particularly football and wrestling, and at Brown was a New England intercollegiate heavyweight wrestling champion. During the 1960s, he coached the wrestling team at St. George's School in Middletown.

He served as chairman of the Zoning Board of Review and as a member of the Newport Publicity Commission. For many years he was an active member of the Newport Rotary Club.

He also served as commander of the local chapter of the Jewish War Veterans, secretary of Touro Synagogue, president of Judah Touro Lodge B'nai B'rith, chairman of the Jewish Cemetery Commission, and a member of the board of the United Hebrew School.

Besides his wife and son he leaves a brother, Harry Teitz of Newport.

Funeral services will be tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the Jewish Memorial Chapel on Fowler Avenue. Burial will be at the Beth Olam Cemetery on Wyatt Road in Middletown.

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