



Herbert Samuel Silverstein

July 23, 1929 - December 23, 2011

Herbert Samuel Silverstein (Herb), age 82, recently of 108 Forest Glen, Cedar Crest, Pompton Plains, NJ, passed away on December 23, 2011 in the Renaissance Center.

He was born on July 23, 1929 in the Bronx, NY, the only child of Regina and David Silverstein. He graduated from Music and Art High School in Manhattan and attended the University of Nebraska and New York University, where he was a member of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity. He graduated from the Northern Illinois College of Optometry. On June 24, 1954 he married Judith Linda Klein after a 4 month courtship. They moved to St. John's, Newfoundland, where he was the chief Optometrist for the Northeast Strategic Air Command. His son, Jeffrey Harold, was born on August 13, 1956. After he finished his stint in the Air Force in 1957, he moved his family to Hudson, NY, where he became the optometrist for the Rip Van Winkle Clinic. When the clinic closed he joined Dr. Joseph Sichernman in a private optometric practice. He was active in the community as a member and eventually president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Lion's Club. He was president of the Eastern New York Optometric Society and was a member of the State Board. Herb was an active member of the board of trustees of Anshe Emeth. On September 21, 1961, his daughter, Suzanne Kate was born. In 1965, he received the Distinguished and Service Award from the Junior Chamber of Commerce. In the 1970's he was elected a member and served for 10 years eventually serving as president of the school board of the Hudson City School District, where he was instrumental in consolidating a series of regional school districts into the large current school district encompassing the City of Hudson, and towns of Greenport, Stottville, and Claverack. He was an avid golfer. The family enjoyed boating. Judy and Herb loved to travel and visited all 50 states as well as many other destinations, including Europe, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

Herb was a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather. He had a delightful sense of humor and had great compassion for his fellow man.

He is survived by his wife, Judy, his son, Jeffrey, currently of New York, NY, and Suzanne

of Upper Grand View, NY, and three grandchildren, Erin Rebecca Santana currently of San Francisco, Chirona Rose of Portland, Oregon, and Emanuel Philmore, a freshman at the University of Miami.