

# Justice Rudman Dies At 74

Justice Abraham M. Rudman, 74, active-retired justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine, died Wednesday Sept. 30, in a Bangor hospital.

He was the first jurist of the Jewish faith in the history of Maine to serve on both the Supreme and Superior Courts. He retired from active participation in the work of the Supreme Court in December of 1936 because of ill health.

Justice Rudman was born in Bangor the son of Lewis and Ida (Schiro) Rudman. He was educated in the Bangor Schools and was graduated from the University of Maine Law School in 1917 and admitted to the bar in that same year. During World War I he served as an enlisted man in the United States Navy. During World War II he served as a member of the Selective Service Appeals Board. He was a member of the American Legion.

Following Naval service he started a private law practice in Bangor and established a reputation as an outstanding trial lawyer. He was appointed as a justice of the Maine Superior Court in 1954 by Governor Burton M. Cross. In 1964 he was appointed to the Supreme Court by Gov. John H. Reed.

He served several terms as president of the Penobscot County Bar Association. He was also a member of the State of Maine and American Bar Associations; the American Judicature Society, and the Phi Delta Legal Society.

Justice Rudman was the first president of the Bangor Jewish Community Council; a life member of Pine Tree Lodge, B'nai B'rith, and a lifetime member of Beth Israel Synagogue.

Always active in Bangor community affairs, Justice Rudman served for 15 years on the Bangor School Committee. Since 1923 he was a trustee of the Louis and Sophia Kirstein Loan Fund. He was also a director of the Merchants National Bank from 1954 to 1961.

Surviving are: his widow, Irene (Epstein) Rudman, Bangor; three sons, Robert of Fairlawn, N.J., Paul and Gerald Rudman of Bangor; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Wolman, Bangor, and Mrs. Dora Weinstein, Lynn, Mass.; four grandsons, four granddaughters, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the United Jewish Chapel, Center Street, Bangor, Friday at 2:30 p.m.



## Judge Rudman Funeral Rites Held Friday

Funeral services for Abraham M. Rudman, active-retired justice of the Maine Supreme Court, were held Friday, Oct. 2, at 2:30 p.m. at the Jewish Funeral Chapel on Center Street, Bangor.

Rabbi Gerald Chirnomas officiated.

Interment was in Beth Israel Cemetery with Dr. Joseph Ornstein conducting the committal service.

Dignitaries from every walk of life, including members of Maine's judiciary system, attended the services.