

## **John W. Durna, employment counselor**

John W. Durna, 83, of 200 W. Prospect St., Hackettstown, died Thursday, May 15, in his home after a long illness.

He was an employment counselor with the State of New Jersey Employment Agency until retiring in 1975. He was Hackettstown's tax assessor from October 1956 to December 1958, and owned Hackettstown Cleaners from 1946 to 1955. He served on the War Production Board in Washington, D.C., from November 1940 to October 1945.

Born Feb. 8, 1914, in Orange, N.J., he was a son of the late Joseph J. and Fareeda Dartley Durna. He lived in Newark and Falls Church, Va., before moving to Hackettstown in 1946.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown, where he served as an elder, trustee and deacon.

He was a 1933 graduate of Southside High School in Newark, a 1939 graduate of Bridgewater College in Virginia, and a 1941 graduate of George Washington Law School.

He was a member of Mansfield Lodge 36, F&AM; Warren County Forest 14, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; and was president of the Hackettstown Kiwanis Club in 1952.

His wife, Lurene M., died in 1980.

He is survived by two sons, Joseph J. II of Hackettstown and Edward H., at home; a sister, Mariam Bediguian of Belmar, N.J.; and three grandchildren.

A grandson, Raymond, died in 1969.

Services will be held at 11 this morning in Scala Memorial Home, 124 High St., Hackettstown. Call 9:30 this morning to time of services in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Pequest Union Cemetery in Great Meadows.

## **OBITUARY**

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He graduated from Southside High School, Newark in 1933; Bridgewater College, Va. 1939; and George Washington Law School 1941.

He was on the War Production Board, Washington, D.C. November 1946-1955; owner of Hackettstown Cleaners 1946-1955; Hackettstown tax assessor from October 1956 to December 1958; retired as employment counselor with the State of N.J. Employment Agency in 1975.

He was a member of Mansfield Lodge No. 36 F&AM; Warren County Forest No. 14 Tall Cedars of Lebanon; president of Hackettstown Kiwanis Club 1952.

He was predeceased by his wife, Lurene M., July 31, 1980;

and a grandson, Raymond, Aug. 13, 1969.

He is survived by two sons, Edward H. Durna at home, and Joseph J. Durna II of Hackettstown; a sister, Mariam Bediguian of Belmar; and three grandchildren.

Services were held at Scala Memorial Home, Hackettstown. Interment was in Pequest Union Cemetery, Great Meadows.

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NAME: John W. Durna

DATE OF DEATH: May 15, 1997

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