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Samuel H. Slosberg

GARDINER — Samuel H. Slosberg died peacefully Monday, Sept. 28, 1998.

Sam was born in Randolph on May 12, 1910, the son of Louis and Sophie Dion Slosberg. The family moved to Gardiner six months after his birth and became an integral part of the business and social community of the city. His parents were well-known for the clothing and shoe stores they opened in 1910 in Gardiner and were very active in the Jewish temple.



1962 photo

In 1926, Sam was a member of the first class to graduate from the then-new high school on School Street. He attended Bowdoin College and graduated cum laude in 1930. He went on to Harvard Law School, graduating in 1934. He was admitted to the Maine Bar and established a law office in Gardiner in 1935.

Shortly after opening his law office, Sam married the former Lynn Weitz of Weehawken, N.J., in October 1936. Gardiner has been their home for the past 62 years.

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cans were loud in praise of the gentleman they called a "friend to all people."

In 1974 "Mort" Havey, executive director of Associated Industries of Maine, heard of Sam's pending retirement and wrote him stating: "I believe it behooves you morally and legally — to write an amendment to the retirement laws of Maine stating: It shall prohibit any faithful servant of such distinguished ability, high integrity, outstanding personality and loyal friendliness as Samuel H. Slosberg from ever severing official state relationship before 100 years of age." With the Slosberg sense of humor, there was a response but it was not recorded.

Just days before his death, Sam received word that Cedars Nursing Care Home in Portland had received a valuable collection of 15 oil paintings "in appreciation and gratitude to honor Samuel H. Slosberg, recognizing his contribution of overseeing legislation that protected the people and the constitution of the state of Maine." The gift was given anonymously.

Sam leaves his devoted wife; sons, David of Paris, France, and his companion, Annie Heideiger and grandsons, Jared and Adam; Kenneth of Santa Cruz, Calif., and his wife, Bertine and granddaughters, Rebecca and Sophie.

A private family burial will be Friday in Portland. A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Sunday at Temple Beth El in Augusta.

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A newspaper article in February, 1945, stated: "Samuel H. Slosberg of Gardiner, the present revisor, has shown marked ability in his present, part-time status; he should prove invaluable to the state administration, to practicing attorneys and indirectly, to the public in the full position he will assume."

From that day until he retired in 1974, Sam lived up to all that was expected of him in supporting the workings of the Maine government and the Legislature.

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