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IN MEMORIUM

PHILLIP KENNETH SEIDMAN

P. K. Seidman died on June 23, 1999, just five days short of his 92nd birthday. P. K. was a member of the Academy of Accounting Historians. P. K. had continued to go to his office and work every day until about three weeks before his death.

P. K. was born in Brooklyn, New York, the youngest of fourteen children. After graduating from Columbia University in 1927, he joined the accounting firm of Seidman and Seidman, which had been formed by his brother M. L. Seidman, now BDO Seidman. After six years, P. K. was managing the Grand Rapids office when the firm received a contract to monitor the lumber, milling, and furniture industries for compliance with the National Recovery Act. Since Memphis was a hardwood lumber center, the partners decided that P. K. should open an office there. Although he was to open fifteen other offices, Memphis became his home where he earned a law degree from the University of Memphis Law School, lectured on tax law at the Southern Law School in Memphis, taught accounting and economics at Southwestern at Memphis, now Rhodes College, University of Tennessee, Memphis, University of Memphis, and American Institute of Banking. During World War II, he was a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy Torpedo Bombing Squadron in the Pacific Fleet.

P. K. was a civic leader and a philanthropist and was described as a man of great character and dignity. He was also described as a tough businessman, a perfectionist, and did not tolerate anything less than the best. He created the Frank E. Seidman Distinguished Award in Political Economy which is now at Rhodes College, helped to start the Economic Club of Memphis, Memphis Crime Stoppers, and the first Alzheimer day care center in Memphis, served as president of Goodwill Industries Inc., Memphis Orchestral Society, and Memphis Little Theatre.

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