The , the code of Jewish law, describes the qualifications for a . These qualifications are stated at the beginning of the laws of the High Holy Days,

Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur.

The law states

and the congregation should thoroughly seek after a man to serve as the emissary of the congregation. A manwho is the most fitting in his personal and public life as a Jew. In one of the glosseries to the Code of Law, the following words are added: "He must be acceptable to the entire congregation.

Was a man who fitted these requirements.

He knew and understood the responsibility of his position when he chose to act as the representative of a congregation. As his daughter recalled, her fathers feelings as acting as a was that he felt he was setting an example for the congregation to follow the whole year. He was truly concerned for his fellow man. His life in Portland was always devoted to communal life, at first he served as the director of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and later,

as director of the

(Chevrah Kadisha).

The twopositions he held in the community were from a Jewish point of view, two very important ones. Both of them are forms of charity( loving kindnesses to be involved in this work and be with the new years and a second of the aged and the departed are constantly onguing acts of charity. Theody There is no greater act of charity in the eyes of Judaisman that that of actively participating in the preparation and burial of a fellow Jew. It is the ultimate act of The selicular second a president of the for with giving of money, there is always of recognition by the recipient of the charity received, but in the case of one who has passed away, there is no recognition or thanks. So great is the of helping with the burial of a fellow Jew is that even a when he finds a dead person whom stall popular is ill de . nobody is available to bury him, the Cohen may bury him.

To him, attendance of services in this building was very important for him. It was a part of his life. Shavous, he stood on this Bima. He had come to Yizkor. Eugene's respect for his

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parents of blessed memory was a lesson for all of us. He never referred to his father but with the correct title

Our teacher. Eugene instilled in his household the love of being

Jewish, never to speak bad of any person. Nexaerxanx

/ Le Eugene was a most devoted and loving husband to Eva, and father to Mona and Earl: and a most proud grandfather.

I remember of clearly in my minds eye as a Jew steeped in the traditions of our people, knowledgable of all facets of our religion, respectful of the sanctity of man, not only in life but in death.

with you through life. May G-d give you strength to live your life as Jews in the spirit as your father did. May the Holy one, blessed be He, comfort and protect you from all further sorrows together with all Israel.

AMEN

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