Half Staff – Benjamin Schellenberg Sheinwald

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Benjamin Schellenberg Sheinwald, 85, husband of Ann (Henderson Franklin) Sheinwald of 35 Broadway, Rockport, died yesterday morning, Jan. 21, at the Seacoast Nursing and Retirement Center.Mr. Sheinwald was born in Brookline on April 25, 1913, to the late Isaac and Mamie (Schellenberg) Sheinwald. He was the youngest of five boys.

He was a graduate of Brookline High School, class of 1932, and graduate of Purdue University in 1936, having earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. Mr. Sheinwald had also attended graduate school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, School of Architecture, and at Harvard University, School of Design.

Mr. Sheinwald had worked as a design and research engineer for the National Advisory Committee of Aeronautics at Langley Field in Virginia during World War II. He later opened his own architectural office on South Street in Boston, which he operated for more than 25 years until moving to Rockport in 1968.

He had developed a very well known architectural practice that encompassed commercial, industrial and residential design. Among his many projects, Mr. Sheinwald had developed the Kings Ridge and the Kings Grant in Marlboro, and the Northgate in Northboro.

Mr. Sheinwald was very active in many organizations, including being a member in the American Society of Civil Engineers, a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Boston Society of Architects. He was also a member of the Rockport Rotary, the Rockport Art Association, the Sandy Bay Yacht Club, Cape Ann Historical Association, Sandy Bay Historical Association and a member of the Rockport Democratic Town Committee.

In his spare time, Mr. Sheinwald assisted his wife Ann, at her shop, the Sheinwald Boutique in Rockport. He had helped her design various advertisements and was her financial consultant.

Mr. Sheinwald was also an avid photographer and was a mentor to his nephew, Richard Sheinwald, who is currently working as a photographer for the Associated Press.

In addition to his wife Ann, he is survived by his stepson, Bruce Franklin of Portland, Oregon; grandson Nathaniel Franklin of Portland, OR; nephew Richard Sheinwald of Bloomfield; special cousin Ruth Sheinwald Cowin of Brookline; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m., in the First Universalist Church, Cleaves St., Rockport. Burial will be private.

Please omit flowers. Memorial gifts may be made in his memory to a charity of one's choice.