

BERGER,
ARTHUR

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ARTHUR BERGER, 87, of West Shore Health Center, West Shore Road, a retired poetry therapist, author, and college professor, died yesterday in Kent County Memorial Hospital.



He was the husband of the late Harriet (Meltzer) Berger. Born in Manhattan, New York, a son of the late Max Berger and the late Tienne (Pagowitz)

Moscowitz, and stepson of the late Samuel Moscovitz, he had lived in Rhode Island for 20 years.

Mr. Berger was a poetry therapist for the State of Rhode Island for 20 years, retiring in 1997. He was a therapist in the Rhode Island school system at the Adult Correctional Institutions, the former Institute of Mental Health, and the Veterans Administration Hospital.

He taught at the University of Rhode Island and in various colleges in New England and New York. He received a bachelor's degree from Queens College, N.Y.; a master's degree in education from Rutgers University, in New Jersey; and a Ph.D. from Boston University.

He was a published author of several poetry books. He was a founding member, and member of the board of directors, of the National Association of Poetry Therapists, and the editor of its poetry journal.

He was a founding member of the Miramar Yacht Club and the Miramar Ski Club. He enjoyed sailing.

He was a member of the merchant marine during World War II.

He leaves two sons, Marc Berger of Staten Island, N.Y., and Karl Berger of Los Angeles; a daughter, Karen Berger-Bernier of Paris, France; and four grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Stanley Ira Berger.

A graveside service will be held today at 10 a.m. in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Burial will follow.