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Michael A. Berger, 73

NORTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. - Michael A. Berger, 73, died Aug. 31. He was born in Providence, the son of the late Samuel and Frances (Orleck) Berger. He is survived by his sister Toby Puntar. He was a member of Touro Synagogue in Newport.

He was the owner of Newport School of Hairdressing. The epitome of the self-made man, he built a cosmetology school business single-handedly over 40 years, working until a few weeks before died. He was beloved by his staff, students and customers.

He was curious about other cultures and languages, especially Spanish. He became adept at conversational Spanish to the delight of the Spanish students and customers who frequented the school.

He enjoyed cooking, relaxing at home and swimming at the beach. He enjoyed the news, and was always abreast of current events. His love of travel took him around the globe. He recently completed a dream trip to his beloved Israel. His dry sense of humor and candid observations often put a smile on people's faces. Beyond his tough exterior, Michael had a compassionate and sensitive heart.

He will be greatly missed by everyone close to him. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.