

Dr. Maurice Berman

BARRINGTON - On Saturday, November 12, 2022, Dr. Maurice (Maury) Berman of Barrington, RI passed away at 78 years old. Maury was born in Philadelphia on August 7, 1944 to David Berman and Pauline Needleman Berman, and grew up in the Oxford Circle neighborhood of Northeast Philadelphia along with his older brother Stuart. Maury graduated from University of Pennsylvania, completed his MD at Tufts University and his Internship at Boston City Hospital (now Boston Medical Center). He completed his residency in Psychiatry through Harvard University at Cambridge Hospital.

Maury came to Rhode Island to serve as the Chief of Psychiatry for the Rhode Island Group Health Association, the first HMO in Rhode Island. He worked as a Psychiatrist for more than 40 years at RIGHA, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Landmark Hospital and finally in private practice. He loved his work and it brought deep meaning to his life.

Since childhood, Maury lived with renal failure and received the gift of life from his brother Stuart who donated his kidney as a living donor in 1988. Miraculously Stuart's kidney continued to function and sustain Maury for the next 32 years. Maury was predeceased by his brother Stuart in 2007 at the age of 70.

Maury was brilliant, understated, forever curious, and an enduring presence with his family and friends. He loved music of all kinds, especially classical. He was an enthusiastic subscriber to the RI Philharmonic for decades. His children grew up listening to him play Gershwin on the piano. His entire life, he was an avid sports fan and to the surprise of some, a scrappy competitor on the court. He was a lover of food and his friends knew him as a world class eater. He loved to dance and even after two hip surgeries, nothing could keep Maury from the dance floor. More than anything, his family and friends were the world to him.

Maury is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Louise Berman, his children David James Berman (Jessy Needham) of Long Beach California and Susan Elizabeth Stewart-Berman (wife Becca Stewart-Berman) of Jamaica Plain, MA, and his niece Jennifer Berman, of Marina Del Rey, CA.

His Funeral will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 11:00AM in Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd., Barrington, RI 02806. Contributions in his honor may be made to HopeHealthHulitarHospice Center, 1085 N. Main St. Providence, RI 02904 or to Temple Habonim. Burial in Forest Hill Cemetery, Barrington, RI. For tributes and the zoom link, please visit: www.sugarmansinai.com

