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MARVIN FELDMAN, 66, of Red Cross Avenue, Newport, president emeritus of the Fashion Institute of Technology, died at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center on Nov. 26. He was the husband of Dorothy Feldman.

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Marvin

Born in Rochester, N.Y. a son of the late Max and Blanche (Perlman) Feldman, he had lived in Montclair, N.J. for most of his life.

He was president of the college from 1971 until his retirement in Aug. 1992. He was the school's fourth president and had served the longest term. He led the Institute through its evolution from New York City's garment center college for fashion design to a broad-based art and design, business and technology institute which increased enrollment from 5,000 to 12,000 students during his 21-year tenure.

In September of this year, the Fashion Institute of Technology community honored him by naming its administration and technology center the Marvin Feldman Center. He became known as a nationally recognized proponent of vocational studies through his articles in newspapers and educational journals and his involvement on important panels and commissions.

He was named special consultant to the commissioner of education of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in 1969, and created and developed programs for community colleges and designed legislation for the comprehensive Community College Career Education Act of 1970. In 1970, he was appointed chairman and executive director of the planning and review committee of the Office of Economic Opportunity, where he oversaw the development of OEO's five-year plan.

Besides his wife he leave two sons, Brian Feldman and Michael Feldman, and a grandson.

The funeral was held Nov. 29 at Temple Nertamid, Bloomfield, N.J. Burial was in East Ridge Lawn Cemetery, Clifton, N.J.