LERNER, STEVEN

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LERNER, STEVEN L., 65, of 72 Prospect St. Providence, RI passed away at home surrounded by his loving family and friends on Friday November 20, 2009.

He was born in Providence, the son of Samuel and Ethel Lerner. Steven attended RISD as an undergraduate with a degree in Architecture and received his masters from MIT. After receiving his degrees, he returned to Providence and joined the firm founded by his father. Over the next 30 years, he transformed the small engineering business into a prominent New England architectural firm, Lerner Ladds + Bartels. LLB was responsible for many projects across New England, among these were the Stuart Theater and new English Department at Brown University, as well as numerous public libraries. Steven and the firm were the proud recipients of many local and national awards for their designs.

Steven was a prominent member of the Providence community. His philanthropy included an active role at RISD; he endowed a scholarship, served as a trustee and supported the museum passionately. Steven notably served as the American Institute of Architects RI chapter president as well as a committee member of both the Providence Preservation Society and The Providence Art Club.

Steven leaves behind a lasting legacy in both the buildings and designs he created across New England as well as his signature bow ties and unique sense of style. He is survived by his loving wife Nancy, dedicated step-sons Irving and Jacob and cousins Martha Simensky and Marjorie Platzker.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Steven L. Lerner Scholarship and sent to RISD attn. Louise Olson, 2 College St., Providence, RI 02903. Services will be held at Temple Beth-El on Sunday November 22 at 2pm. Shiva will be observed at his late residence Sun. 7-9 and Mon. 2-4 and 7-9. Arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.