WEINER, Mark

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Mark was the loving father of Cathy, Steven, Zoë and Richard, father-in-law of Brian Bunnin and adoring grandfather to Maxwell and Bennett. He and his wife, Susan, shared a beautiful marriage for 26 years, and Mark would often say, "I love her even more today than the day we got married." He leaves behind his sister, Betsy, and his mother, Ruth, who both describe him as "the light of their life," as well as many friends whose lives he changed. With a radiant smile and infectious laugh, he was a loyal, trusted and exceptional friend to anyone who had the privilege to know him.

Services will be held on Tuesday, August 2 at 12pm at Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Ave, Providence, RI. Doors will open at 10:30, please plan to arrive early due to security. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Mark's favorite charity – the Clinton Foundation. Donations can be made online at https://bbis.clintonfoundation.org/Tribute. Shiva will be held at the Aurora Club on Tuesday evening at 6pm.

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Donations may be made to The Clinton Foundation in honor of Mark Weiner