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**B**arry Sugerman, Architect of Possibilities

Barry Sugerman, Bay Harbor, passed away on April 16, 2013. He was 75 years young.

Born on September 19, 1937, he was the son of Lourraine and George. He came to Miami Beach from Brooklyn at two years of age with his parents and his sister, Roberta. Since the time he was able to walk, he was fascinated with all of the construction sites in booming Miami Beach and the beautiful landscapes set against the sea and sky. He knew from a very tender age that he wanted to be an architect. He graduated from Miami Beach Senior High School in 1955 (Go Typhoons) where his athletic achievements are still the talk of the town to those that knew him. He was inducted into the high school's Hall of Fame in 2003. He graduated from Georgia Tech where he won almost every track and field competition in which he participated, including a state championship in the pole vault event. During his college years, his parents would drive up from Miami Beach to attend every event, and he talked about that often with great pride. Barry attained the rank of captain in the U.S. Air Force. After serving in the military, Barry started his architecture practice in North Miami, and launched his brilliant career which lasted the rest of his life. He specialized in designing custom homes, both new and remodeled, providing both architecture and interior design. He has been widely featured in both local and national magazines, and has won more than 140 national and regional awards, including the Golden Aurora Awards in 1992 and 2004, and the Best in America Living Award – House of The Year in 1993. He enjoyed the possibilities he always discovered when designing and renovating spaces all over the United States, Honduras, the Cayman Islands, and even Turkey. He delighted in his craft and wrote several books so that he could share his expertise with homeowners, designers and builders. With all of his successes, Barry remained a modest man of good humor and



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genuine sensitivity. He was a devoted husband to his adoring wife, Barbara (his honey-bunny), for 36 exciting, never-boring, wonderful years. He relished family gatherings and was an attentive and loving father, brother, and grandfather. His many friends admired his creativity and his unending enthusiasm. He often said that “if one has the patience, desire, proclivity, time, and talent to do something, the results will be astounding.” And for him, they always were. Barry is survived by his wife, Barbara, son Brett Sugerman (Giselle), son Andrew Huber (Jami), daughter Cindy Rose Burns (David), sister Roberta Kaiser, niece Abby Silverman (Rick), nephew Randy Kaiser (Gaby), and many dear and wonderful cousins who spent quality time with him. His beloved and precious grandchildren are: Samantha, Zachary, Taylor, Jarrod, Aaron, Hayley, Sophie, and Seth. They provided more joy than words could ever convey. He also loved and appreciated his long-time associate of 41 years, Arthur Pyle. Donations in Barry’s memory may be made to: The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinsons Research, Grand Central Station, PO Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777

[www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org) or Temple Beth Moshe, 2225 NE 121st Street, North Miami, FL 33181. Services will be held at: Temple Beth Moshe, Thursday, April 17 at 1:00 PM at: 2225 NE 121st Street, North Miami, FL 33181 (305) 891-5508.

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**Tracy Maisel** posted:

I am so sad to be finding out about Barry's passing at so late a date. Posting here may seem like a second thought, and of little condolence to his family. However, even with time, it is lovely to know the impact that people we love still make on the world. So, I just wanted to share how wonderful Barry was to me. As an architecture graduate from Miami, he took me under his wing, as he hired his first woman draftsman and intern (and as he asked me to keep secret, a Jew). He put a lot of faith in me, inspired me, and was a second father to me, in so many ways, when my own father failed me. I am sorry to have lost touch with him when I left town in the mid 90s, but I will forever be grateful for all that he taught me, about family, about life and about architecture. I am sure he is building mansions in the sky. Much love. Tracy Maisel

June 5 at 5:23 PM



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