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C OOPER, Marvin (Mike), 90, passed away on Tuesday May 13, 2014 surrounded by his children and grandchildren. Mike was a fine man, a larger than life figure, who had a spirit for adventure and an entrepreneurial spirit that was unmatched. He was kind, generous, and gave unconditional love to his family and friends. To those younger than him, he was simply known as "Poppa Mike." The arc of his life was tremendous - from his living in a one room apartment to traveling the world with his family. On August 14, 1923, Mike, a first-generation American, was born on a kitchen table in the Lower East Side of New York. He grew up in a tenement in the Bronx, often recalling that his toys consisted of a cardboard box being pushed down the street. Mike never left New York City until he entered the Army in World War II, and was sent to Hawaii, joking his role in the service was to guard the island, making sure it didn't float away. After the war, Mike moved to Miami Beach to join his family and work in his family's restaurant, Cooper's Romanian on 23rd Street. But Mike had insatiable drive. During the week, he would get in his car and make the commute up U.S. 1 to Daytona Beach where he built motels, starting with the Sea Breeze. And, on September 23, 1947, Mike married Betty Korash. For 66 years they remained best friends, parts of an integrated unit, until the day he died. Mike was the proud father of three children, Susan Zinn (Richard), Barry Cooper (Mary Billard), Ellen Channing (Jon); six grandchildren Warren Zinn (Nicole), Seth Spiegel (Rachel), Caryn Musaffi (Mike), Meredith Channing, Zachary Channing and Stephanie Channing; and three great grandchildren Kayley Zinn, and twins Luke and Logan Musaffi. As dedicated as Mike was to exploring and experiencing the world, he was equally as devoted to the well-being of his community here. Mike and Betty were amongst the pioneers of Temple Beth Sholom, where he served as a board member, and was a great friend and confident of Rabbi Leon Kronish. He was an active purchaser of Israel Bonds, a generous




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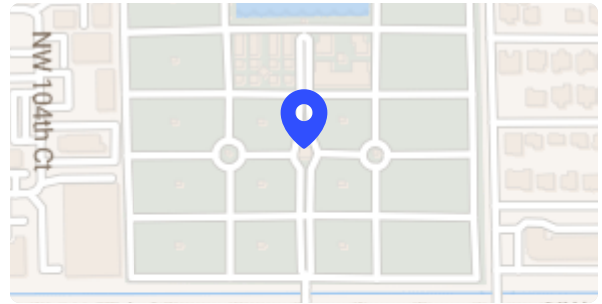
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contributor to the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, the Jaffa Institute in Israel and was a Founder at Mount Sinai Hospital. The greatest legacy of Mike Cooper was that he ingrained in his children and grandchildren the sense of family togetherness. The entire family has traveled the world together and it is our intention to continue the tradition. In lieu of flowers the family requests that a donation be made to Temple Beth Sholom. The funeral service will take place TODAY at Temple Beth Sholom, 4144 Chase Avenue, Miami Beach at 12:30 p.m. with interment at Lakeside Cemetery.
BLASBERG-RUBIN-ZILBERT
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Cemetery Details

 **Lakeside Memorial Park**
10301 NW 25th Street, Doral FL 33172





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