## WARREN BERG(1922 - 2016)



BERG, Warren Former Boston business and community leader. Warren Berg, passed away peacefully, August 21. at his home in Sanbornville. NH. He was 94.

Warren was born in Lynn, MA, January 17, 1922, and graduated from Cambridge's Rindge Technical High School in 1940. In 1943, he received an engineering degree after three years from Harvard College as

World War II raged. Warren enlisted in the Marines in 1942 but stayed in college to take courses preparing him to become a military radar specialist. He was Harvard's baseball captain and signed a professional contract with the Red Sox as a pitcher but delayed his professional career to enter the Marines upon the wartime-accelerated graduation. In March, 1944, he married Marjorie Coleman of Cambridge. As a Marine Captain, he was about to ship out for the invasion of Japan when Japan surrendered in August 1945.

With the war over, Warren joined the Single A Lynn Red Sox of the New England League in the spring of 1946. However, at the end of that season, with one child and another on the way, he saw better career prospects to support his family as a college coach than a player. He coached the Harvard freshman baseball and basketball teams, then was recruited to be MIT's first varsity baseball coach as well as head basketball coach. In 1951, Warren left coaching for a job at the Cambridge consulting firm Arthur D. Little where he spent 15 years and eventually headed the company's business development and public relations areas. In 1966, he joined Boston's Shawmut Bank as their head of development and community affairs. In 1986, he retired from the bank, which had become part of Fleet, as a Sr. Vice President, but continued as a consultant into 1994.

Warren relished the opportunity to contribute to the quality of life in Boston. He served as President of the Museum of Science Board of Trustees, a member of the Wang Center Executive Committee, a Director of Freedom House, and President of the Freedom Trail Foundation.

He was a co-founder and Chairman of the Harvard Student Agencies, a student-run company that began in 1957 which provides employment opportunities and business education for Harvard students. In 1973, Warren was inducted into the Harvard Varsity Club Hall of Fame.

Warren is survived by his wife of 72 years, Marjorie, and three children, son, Peter Berg and his wife, Mary, of Westport, MA; daughter, Carolyn Spengler and her husband, John, of Watertown, MA; and son, Dana Berg and his partner, Robert Minturn, of Boston, MA, as well as 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Warren and Marjorie resided for more than 40 years in Arlington and Winchester, MA before retiring to their Sanbornville farm in the 1990s.

A memorial service will be held Sat., Sept. 17, 11a.m. at The First Congregational Church of Wakefield in Sanbornville. Gifts in memory of Warren may be sent to the church at 2718 Wakefield Rd., Sanbornville, NH 03872 or to Boston's Museum of Science at Science Park, Boston, MA 02114.

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