

Morton E. Ruderman, 75, MEDITECH Co-Founder, Developer, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist

Morton E. Ruderman, of Boca Raton, FL, who co-founded global health care technology firm [MEDITECH](#), and who later became one of the Jewish community's leading philanthropists, passed away Wednesday at age 75 after a lengthy illness. His charitable endeavors included the endowment of a Jewish Studies chair at Northeastern University and the creation of the Ruderman Family Foundation, which is focused on the issues of disability and continuity in the Jewish community.

Mort, as he was known by many, was born and raised in Malden and graduated from Northeastern University with a degree in electrical engineering. After service in the Army as a second lieutenant, he became Digital Equipment Corporation's first ever medical technology salesperson. He founded MEDITECH with three other partners in 1969, and the company went on to enormous success. Mort later founded Cres Development Company, a real estate development firm, and several other companies. Mort became a mentor to many young business people, using his wisdom to help them launch their own ventures. He viewed as his greatest achievement, however, the work he did to give back to a Jewish community that he believed gave him so much.

Philanthropy became his focus in his later years, as he and his wife Marcia, supported many causes in the community, particularly in organizations that helped people with disabilities and those less fortunate in society. Their creation of the Ruderman Family Foundation provided a means to focus their philanthropy on innovative, new approaches to enabling Jewish people with disabilities to realize full inclusion in their community.

He leaves three children and ten grandchildren. A funeral service was held in the Boston area Sunday, October 16. The family will sit *shiva* beginning Saturday evening, Oct. 22, through Oct. 28. Donations may be made to the [Alpha-1 Association](#) and [Gateways – Access to Jewish Education](#).

