

**BERTRAM BERGER****1931-1982**

Bertram Berger was born in Boston, Massachusetts on February 3, 1931 and died on April 3, 1982. He resided for most of his adult life in the town of Sharon, Massachusetts where he died suddenly while exercising.

Mr. Berger received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Northeastern University in 1954, was in military service for two years, and in 1956-1957 took graduate courses in transportation and soils at MIT. He started in 1957 with Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, Boston, as a junior engineer, acquired good experience in field and office on transportation and in other fields, and rose to project engineer level before long. His interest in and self-study of traffic engineering led to his being instrumental in forming a traffic engineering department at FS&T. He was responsible for acquiring and managing many major transportation projects, from planning through to construction, and in his career was involved in projects with a construction cost of over a billion dollars.

He became a company director in 1973 and vice president in 1974. At the time of his death he was a key figure for FS&T in the joint venture handling the Southwest Corridor project in Boston, and in the planning phase of a third vehicle tunnel under Boston Harbor.

Mr. Berger became an ASCE Member in 1965, has been active in several committees and chairman of the committee that arranged the national ASCE meeting in Boston in 1979. He was also active in the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, worked for the 1974 merger with the local section of ASCE and was president of the merged society in 1976-1977. He also held membership in the Massachusetts Society of Professional Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, and the Society of American Military Engineers.

Mr. Berger was married shortly after graduation to S. Frances Forman and they had four daughters. He was devoted to his family, as well as to his profession, but made time also to serve on town committees and as a director of Temple Israel in Sharon, of which he was president in 1979-1980.

Bert Berger was always available to talk with younger people and counsel them. He was truly a *Man for All Seasons*, and he will be sorely missed, not only by his family and associates, but also by his host of friends in many areas.

*Prepared by his associates in Fay, Spofford & Thorndike*