

Iris and I moved to Sharon to raise our family in this quiet, peaceful community when our son Michael was two years old. It was 1964, but standing here in front of Sharon Town Hall today, it feels very much as it did back then: Timeless.

Our daughter Rhonda was born the following year, and we lived here happily, for more than 20 years. We made lifelong friends. And we were grateful for the fine education our children received in Sharon.

Michael and Rhonda went to East Elementary, the Wilbur School, junior high school and Sharon High.

Michael graduated in 1980 and went on to McGill University for his bachelors and masters degrees in math and computer science.

Our son Michael had many gifts....He was a devoted son and grandson, a loving brother and a loyal friend. He excelled in his position on Wall Street and was always there to give a helping hand to those in need. He did this in his own quiet, unassuming way.

The only gift that Michael did not have was the gift of time. He was taken from us on Sept. 11, 2001 when he was only 39 years old.

But Michael spent his 39 years wisely, using every precious minute he had to make a difference to his parents, his sister, his friends, and to mankind.

It's not the amount of time that we have on this earth, but how we spend our time that counts. We try to hold on to this thought.

Today, May 27th is Michael's 45th birthday. This clock is a symbol to remind all of us that no matter how much time goes by, we will always remember Michael...

And so...It is with great honor and much pride that the Rothberg family dedicates this clock to the Town of Sharon in memory of our beloved Michael. Thank you.