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## **Michael Louis Newton, 53, DHS Class of '81, Restaurateur, New Haven Alderman**

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Michael Louis Newton, 53, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fl., passed away on March 2, peacefully at his home after fighting a series of illnesses.

Michael was born Sept. 19, 1963 in Norwalk. Son to David A. Newton of Middletown, Del. and the late Frieda J. Newton of Darien.

Michael's early childhood years were mainly spent in Norwalk, attending elementary and junior high. He graduated from Darien High School in 1981 and then from Eastern Connecticut State University in 1987 with a degree in business management.

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Any job Michael had, he would master. Mike was an accomplished chef and restaurateur. In his early years he was chef at The River Club in Wilton and went on to open his own restaurant, Tomatoes in New Milford. He moved on from that venture only to open another restaurant a few years later, when he opened Two Tomatoes in West Haven.

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— [an obituary](#) from *Edward Lawrence Funeral Home*

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Mike's passion for helping people extended to his real estate career, always going that extra mile to find the right property and helping his clients get the mortgage that fits their budget. The true testament to this was that most of his clients became personal friends who sought his services and advice when they were looking to upgrade.

In Michael's spare time he was active in the New Haven community, and for a while sat on the Board of Alderman for the city.

His passions included flipping houses, traveling and rescuing animals. He would never turn his back on a stray, a rescue or any animal in need. He always felt compelled to help, both people and animals without hesitation. Beloved by those who knew him, he will be remembered as a bright, kind and loving spirit, which he shared with compassion, consideration & selflessness.

He leaves sisters Tamzin Marchese of Roxbury; Michele Arnold of Cape Coral, Fl.; Laurie Boski of Ft. Myers, Fl.; Sandra G. Newton of Fairfield; Melissa A. Newton of South Glastonbury; and brother David C. Newton of West Haven; along with many uncles, aunts and cousins.

The family wishes to acknowledge with gratitude the outpouring of condolences, hand written-letters and cards and support from all the friends that were touched by Michael.

Calling hours for Michael will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday, March 16 at Edward Lawrence Funeral Home, 2119 Boston Post Road, Darien. A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, March 17 at 11 a.m. at St. John's Cemetery, Hoyt Street, Darien, for those wishing to attend.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Michael's name to his favorite organizations: [The Boxer Rescue](#) (800) 471-2030 and/or to [Animal Aid](#) (754) 223-5378 or any No-kill animal shelter in your area.