



## Mr. Dietrich Meyerhofer

September 19, 1931 - September 30, 2022

Dietrich Meyerhofer, 91, of Lenox, MA, died Friday, Sept. 30th at Berkshire Medical Center of old age following an extraordinarily rich life that he shared with his wife, Laurel, his grown children, grandchildren and ever-present animal companions.

Born in Zurich, Switzerland September 19, 1931, the son of Ernst A. and Margaret Hanington Meyerhofer, he attended the prestigious Zurich Gymnasium (high school). After moving to the US, he attended Cornell University where he received his BS degree and later earned his Master's degree and PhD in Physics from MIT in just three years.

A resident of Princeton, NJ for much of his life, Dietrich raised two children with his first wife, DMay and was a Solid-State Physicist for the RCA Company throughout his career. While in Princeton he was a member of the local school board and a member of the board of directors for McCarter Theater.

He and his second wife, Laurel Meyerhofer, were set up on a blind date in the summer of 1982 and married just six months later on January 8th, 1983. They remained blissfully in love for 40 years, always by one another's side as they lived a life full of travel, opera, gourmet food and wine, walks in the woods, and special times spent with family and friends. After retirement, they left Princeton for Somers, NY, but the Berkshires was always a favorite getaway. They kept a second home in Great Barrington for more than 25 years. In recent years, they made their home at Kimball Farms in Lenox.

Above all, Dietrich was the kindly patriarch of a large family. Survivors include his wife of Lenox, MA; children Dr. David D. Meyerhofer (Joan Lucas) of Los Alamos, NM, Sandra J. Meyerhofer (Peter Englert) of Berlin, VT, James E. Blechman (Tania) of South Salem, NY, William P. Meyerhofer (William Kwok) of New York, NY, and Andrew D. Blechman of Great Barrington, and his beloved grandchildren Margaret, Peter, Tatiana, Lillie, and Talia. Besides his parents, Dietrich was predeceased by his first wife, Dorothy Swan Meyerhofer on February 12, 1981 after 27 years of marriage; and by his brothers Nicholas and Christopher Meyerhofer.

A celebration of the life of Dr. Dietrich Meyerhofer of Lenox will be announced later. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to the A.S.P.C.A. in care of ROCHE FUNERAL HOME, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.