



## Mr. Raymond F. Meisberger

October 6, 1937 - December 25, 2021

Raymond Frederick Meisberger, 84, passed away on December 25, 2021, after a long illness. He died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family. He was predeceased by the love of his life, Mary Ann, in 1996, who he loved to the end of his days.

Ray was a self-made man who held several patents for products he created during his time as owner of Bruce Lake Steel in Pennsylvania from 1968 to 1979. Originally from Pennsylvania, Ray moved with his family to Williamstown in 1979, where he and Mary Ann opened a bakery and an antique store. In 1988 he and Mary Ann purchased Different Drummers Kitchen and transformed it from a gift store to a gourmet kitchenware store, expanding from a single location to three stores in Massachusetts and New York.

Ray had a fondness for 18th-century American furniture and ran Clark-Frederick Antiques with Mary Ann. In 1988, they purchased the Holcombe Homestead, an early 18th-century farmhouse in Stephentown, and meticulously restored it to its original condition.

A member of Berkshire West Athletic Club until he became too ill to exercise, Ray developed a circle of friends wherever he went. He was friendly, kind, generous, and known throughout the community for his positivity. He was a

lifelong learner who shared his passion for reading with friends and family.

He is survived by his son Andrew Meisberger (Courtney), his daughter Pam Tworig, and his son Erich (Laura Webb), as well as his grandchildren, Maggie and Shannon Meisberger and Stephen Tworig IV. He will be sorely missed by all whose lives he touched.

There will be a memorial service in the spring. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Berkshire Human Society or Hospice Care of the Berkshires in his name.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I will always remember Ray fondly. It was a pleasure getting to know him in my time at BWAC. He always had new words to test me on and we had many wonderful conversations about art, literature and life. What a wonderful soul. Peace be with you.

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**Amanda Garceau** - January 02, 2022 at 07:07 PM

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“ Every spring I would get a phone call from Mr. Meisberger asking me to remind my "layabout" husband (Tom) to get up and start his job at Different Drummer. And every Christmas, he would stop by our home and personally deliver a Christmas gift. Tom loved his job working there, he loved the people in the store and he especially loved his friendship with "Ray". Our most sincere condolences go out to all his family. He was so proud of his granddaughter's prowess in running and track.

*Tom and Lorita Bosworth*

*as above .....*

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**Thomas & Lorita Bosworth** - January 02, 2022 at 11:33 AM

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“ I met Ray a few years back while working out at Berkshire West. Right away I knew he was a gentleman and a good person. It was almost instantaneous that I considered him my friend. His good nature and positive attitude was always encouraging and it was always a pleasure to catch up with him whenever we would meet. Peace to you Ray and peace to your family.

*Benjamin Wood*

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**Ben Wood** - December 30, 2021 at 01:22 PM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear about Ray. He was a delight and will be missed. I enjoyed hearing about his work outs when he would come inside the bank. Condolences for your loss. Prayers to Andrew, Courtney and family.*

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**Becky Besaw** - December 30, 2021 at 12:13 PM