



Eric Meitzner

April 30, 1952 - July 31, 2021

Eric Paul Meitzner passed away in his sleep on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at his home in Monroe Township, NJ. He was 69 years old. He is survived by his loving daughters Erika Meitzner, of Brooklyn, NY; and Carolyn Meitzner Negri and her husband Patrick Negri, Jr. of Montclair, NJ. He was predeceased by the love of his life and wife of 33 years, Brigitte Lehnert Meitzner; and his parents, Erich and Virginia Meitzner. The youngest of four, he also is survived by his siblings and their spouses: Lee and Richard Bookbinder, Carl and Eileen Meitzner, and Martha and Ron Yocum.

Eric was born in Abington, PA, and enjoyed a childhood full of playtime with his doting siblings, helping his father with their impressive garden, and of course, academic excellence. After graduating from Abington High School, he attended bucolic Bucknell University '74 where he earned a B.S. in Chemistry; he later earned an MBA, Pharmaceutical Industry Specialization, from Fairleigh Dickinson University '83.

After college he took his love of chemistry to New Jersey and started a lifelong career at Merck & Co, Inc. where he worked in various pharmaceutical quality and laboratory management roles until his retirement in 2014. Predisposed to a love of travel, it was a joy that his work took him across the globe, most excitingly several assignments to pharmaceutical laboratories and manufacturing facilities in Brazil and India.

Eric met his beloved wife, Brigitte, at a gathering in Manhattan. They married in 1980 and enjoyed many years of happiness together, especially sharing their German heritage and raising their two children in Old Bridge, NJ. He was the family photographer/videographer, a hobby which his daughters bemoaned as children but appreciate dearly now. The family loved to host parties and cook-outs, where he could usually be found manning the grill. Eric loved to ski, play golf and go bowling, and he was also an avid watcher of tennis and figure skating. Despite his world travels, he was extremely proud to call New Jersey his home for many years; visitors were treated with trips to the beach, tours of Manhattan, and plenty of Jersey corn to eat.

Eric will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Friends may call on Friday, August 6, from 4-8pm at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey. Funeral Services will be Saturday, August 7, at 11am from the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 3139 County Road 516 Old Bridge. Committal will be private.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service
3377 US Highway 9
Old Bridge, NJ 08857
(732) 679-4422
hegartyfh@scaliahome.com
<https://www.hegartyscaliafuneralhome.com>

Service

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
3139 County Road 516
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Eric Meitzner*



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - August 05, 2021 at 04:15 PM

ZU

“ *Eric Meitzner ; one good man the world has lost. He offered me a Chemist job to work for Merck two times and two times I turned the jobs down, but the next time he saw me at the ACS conference, he said to me, "I like for you to come work for me" at Merck for the third time, adding that the salary for the position, had increased and that I would make a good addition to the pool, I accepted that job. There at Merck I made the highest salary in my career as a Sr. Chemist. I was devastated when I heard he no longer lives. May the LORD jeep his soul in perfect peace.*



Zephaniah Ugwuneri, Somerset NJ

Zephaniah Ugwuneri - August 20, 2025 at 09:14 PM



“ *Eric Meitzner*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM

RC

“ *I will always remember Eric's hearty laugh*

Rich Cervino - August 07, 2021 at 07:57 AM

MS

“ *My dear brother, Eric, you will be keenly missed by your siblings. All your efforts to keep us in touch with each other were appreciated and are treasured memories. Job well done. May you rest in peace. Lovingly, Marty and Ron.*

Marty Yocum, sister - August 06, 2021 at 07:55 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Eric Meitzner.*



August 06, 2021 at 03:45 PM

FD

“ *Frederick Dong purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Eric Meitzner.*



Frederick Dong - August 05, 2021 at 09:46 PM

CN

“ Thank you all for your memories and photos! The funeral service will also be live-streamed at 11am Saturday and can be accessed with this link:
<https://youtu.be/lgrVTvlgleg>
If the service does not begin automatically, please refresh the page.

Carolyn Negri - August 05, 2021 at 08:24 PM

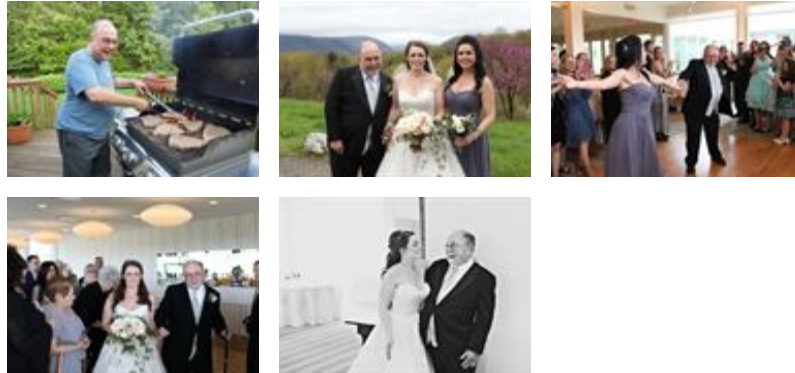
CM

“ Beloved Brother, we will miss your wit, inquisitive mind, and incredible memory, and we will never forget all the loving care that you and Brigitte gave Mom during her years with you in Old Bridge. All our love, Carl and Eileen

Carl Meitzner - August 05, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ 84 files added to the album Life Tributes



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - August 05, 2021 at 04:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric Meitzner.*



August 04, 2021 at 10:57 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Eric Meitzner.*



August 04, 2021 at 07:03 PM

JA

“ Dear Erika and Carolyn, So sorry for the loss of your beloved father. He was so proud of his girls. I hope you can take some comfort in knowing that he is with your mom.

Eric liked to dance and had quite the sense of humor. He was also a night owl. We often used a cardboard cutout of his likeness at staff meetings when he called into them in the morning! Surely, he will be missed. Attached are some pics from his work escapades!

My deepest sympathy, Janet



Janet - August 04, 2021 at 02:04 PM

AT

“ Aunt Chris, Uncle Wayne, Trisha, & Traci purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Eric Meitzner.



Aunt Chris, Uncle Wayne, Trisha, & Traci - August 04, 2021 at 12:08 PM