



## Harry Charles Meyerhoff

February 14, 1929 - February 11, 2016

It is not easy sharing a birthday with a holiday but, big-hearted as he was, it seems fitting that Harry Meyerhoff was born on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1929.

Son to Jack and Beatrice Meyerhoff, born and raised in Baltimore, MD, he graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute after which he attended Lehigh University where he earned a degree in engineering and All-American honors in Lacrosse. He was also newly married, and eager to make his mark on the world.

Mr. Meyerhoff, in partnership with his older brother, Robert E. Meyerhoff, found success in residential real estate development. The brothers built numerous homes and apartment housing in and around Baltimore. His love for the city was expressed through numerous charitable acts. He and his wife, Marilyn S. Meyerhoff, with whom he had his three children, gave quietly and generously to several of the city's leading cultural institutions over the years including being a founder and board member of Center Stage.

By the age of fifty, accomplished and prosperous, Mr. Meyerhoff turned his formidable talents and keen focus to a long standing passion for thoroughbred horse racing. Among a lifetime of good times, perhaps one of the best happened in 1979 on the Churchill Downs racetrack. That year, Spectacular

Bid, a horse he owned with his son, Tom, won the Kentucky Derby. "The Bid" went on to capture the second leg of the Triple Crown at the Pimlico racetrack winning The Preakness. A hometown victory was particularly satisfying and celebrated in grand style. Spectacular Bid was declared The Champion Two Year Old, then the following year The Champion Three Year Old and, in his fourth and final year of racing, Spectacular Bid was named Horse of the Year with nine wins in nine starts. Other notable winners owned by the Meyerhoffs were Dispersal and Sunny Sunrise. His devotion to the sport remained undiminished over the years.

For the last forty years, Mr. Meyerhoff made his home at Hawksworth Farm on the Miles River in Talbot County. Among his many achievements in the community, he developed and built the Inn at Perry Cabin in St. Michaels with his sons Tom and Jack. For the last two decades, he lived happily with his wife, Mary Jo Meyerhoff, who was taken too soon from him, succumbing to a stroke in 2013. In his later years, he preferred the quiet of the country, but was always glad to see good friends and family. He enjoyed lively conversation and was always quick with a quip. The sparkle in his eye and a sly grin would always forecast the imminent arrival of a joke that would keep the recipient smiling for days.

In addition to his brother, Robert; sons, Tom (Cynthia Volk) and Jack (Jill), he is survived by his daughter Karen Sweet (Robert W. Jr.); his stepson, David Williams; five grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

All services are private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Foxie G Foundation ([www.thefoxiegfoundation.org](http://www.thefoxiegfoundation.org)) or Talbot Special Riders, Inc. ([www.talbotsspecialriders.com](http://www.talbotsspecialriders.com)).



# Tribute Wall



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“ *So sorry to hear about Harry He was always kind to me Robin Hopkins Stevenson*

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“ *Harry and I were born three days apart in February 1929. We lived on the same street, Ocala Avenue, a street just north of the present Mondawmin Mall in northwest Baltimore. Growing up together we played regularly, most often in his house or yard, which was directly across the street from my family's apartment home. Until our family moved from there in 1936, we were the closest and best of friends. The hours and hours we spent in his home or backyard made me feel like a real part of the Meyerhoff family. Although time and place have separated us over so many years, I recall those days very fondly, and have always kept them in my memory as part of a happy childhood. May you rest in peace, my dear old friend.*

*Richard (Dickie) Greenspun*

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**Richard Greenspun** - February 15, 2016 at 01:46 PM

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“Karen, Tom and Jack, Skip, Cynthia, Jill, Noah, Mackenzie, Lance, Cole and Chloe, Steven and I send our deepest regrets on passing of Harry. On his passing creates a huge hole in your hearts but your fond memories we'll last forever. Love you all. Jamie and Steven

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**jamie miller** - February 14, 2016 at 07:40 AM