



Ralph C. Meima Jr.

March 29, 1927 - July 7, 2021

Ralph C. Meima, Jr. was born on March 29, 1927 in Chicago. Blessed with a remarkable memory, he loved to tell stories of the family during his early years in suburban Oak Park. As the depression gripped the country, the family moved to the Washington, D.C. area where his father worked for the government and his mother taught art. Ralph attended area schools and graduated in 1944 from Landon. He immediately enlisted in the Navy and served for the duration of the war.

His first two collegiate years were spent at Yale University and he obtained his BA from Mexico City College in 1952. In 1964 he received an MBA from The American University. He joined the State Department, serving as an economic counselor in Dusseldorf, Germany and Consul General in Marseille, France. Upon retirement he engaged in small businesses.

His marriages to Nancy Meima and to Barbara Hewes Meima ended in divorce. In 1994 he married Elizabeth (Barrie) Frazier and they moved to Annapolis and to Chestertown, Maryland. He died July 7, 2021 and is survived by his wife, three children and two step sons: Martha Ann Ricklin (Rand), Ralph C. Meima III (Michelle), Steven Meima (Rachael), David B. Frazier, Christopher A.Frazier.

A memorial service will be held at Heron Point, Chestertown, at a later date. In

lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the Kent County Humane Society.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph C. Meima Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ralph C. Meima Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ralph C. Meima Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

PW

“ Oh my, I just tried to send Ralph an email and it came back to me. I checked for him on line - thinking perhaps he had moved. And I see that he has moved.....moved on to a better place.

Ralph was the person who introduced people in Fredericksburg, Virginia to Francois Leotard who was at that time the Mayor of Frejus, France in 1979 when they came to Virginia seeking a Sister City group to partner with Frejus. And now - more than 40 years later, thanks to Ralph, we are a thriving Sister City with Frejus with many student exchanges, exhibitions by artists, honoring WWII Veterans who served in their area, cooking their signature 5000 egg omelette in Virginia, bringing French businesses to our area, and much more.

He is often on our minds - always in our hearts.

I have a photo of Ralph at one of our activities several years ago that I will attempt to include in to "Photos and Videos section of this tribute.

I can tell you Ralph is often on our minds - always in our hearts.

Sincerely,

*Phyllis Campbell Whitley
Past President - Fredericksburg Sister City Association
acpcw1@gmail.com*



Phyllis Campbell Whitley - October 02, 2021 at 07:56 PM

DB

“ Dear Barrie,

We were so sorry to learn of Ralph's recent passing. After getting to know him at Landon, we're especially glad that our paths crossed once again in Chestertown (of all places). He had a long and remarkable life, and we are fortunate to have had occasion to rekindle our friendship, if only sporadically. Please know that we are thinking of you during this difficult time, and we send along our sincere condolences. Perhaps when your life settles we might find another occasion to get together and reminisce over a glass of wine.

Love,

Odette and Damon

Damon and Odette Bradley - August 04, 2021 at 12:20 PM

MJ

“ *Wonderful memories of Ralph - he was there when I needed him. Many pictures and fun times. Comfort to his family. He was a very special man!*



ML Johnson

ML Johnson - July 18, 2021 at 11:19 AM

SJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Ralph's family.* ”



Suzanne Jackson - July 12, 2021 at 03:59 PM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Ralph C. Meima Jr.* ”



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - July 12, 2021 at 12:32 PM

CF

“ *Chester River Health Foundation lit a candle in memory of Ralph C. Meima Jr.* ”



Chester River Health Foundation - July 12, 2021 at 12:31 PM