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Douglas Donald Meng, 71, of Kansas City, Missouri died unexpectedly at his home on Saturday, December 28, 2013.

He was born on February 24, 1942 in Sandusky, Ohio to his parents Frances (Red) Meng and Donald Meng.

Mr. Meng graduated from Sandusky High School in 1960 and Park College in 1969. He completed classwork for a Masters Degree in Public Affairs at the University of MO, Kansas City, and was certified as a Professional Specialist in Organization Development by the National Training Laboratories.

He married Lenore Kaufman in 1963 and they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. After pursuing independent careers for a time, they joined forces to operate their own consulting and training business, Trianco Inc., for many years. Mr. Meng stayed active all of his life, carrying on his love for swimming, a sport in which he was accomplished from a young age. The Mengs also enjoyed traveling to exotic locations, and ballroom and country-western dancing. They also volunteered at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art as art-lovers and collectors themselves.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Meng is survived by his two children, Lisa Meng Bakely (and her husband Pete Bakely) of Kansas City, Missouri and their sons Andrew and Matthew; and Douglas Christian Meng of Grand Island, New York, and his two sons Eric and Jonathon. Also surviving are his sisters and

their husbands, Jacquelyn Abbott and James Abbott of Houston, Texas and Sally Meng Maddox and John Zell Maddox of Raleigh, N.C. Also surviving is his beloved cairn terrier, Toto, one of a long line of cairns who enhanced his life. Another cairn, Possum, was named in honor of his mother – a family tale he loved to tell.

Mr. Meng never knew a stranger, and his larger-than-life heart touched many a friend and neighbor. His pursuit of knowledge and enjoyment of science, technology, and people served him well in his educational and professional endeavors. No matter the subject, his oratory abilities brought life to all topics, including the simple act of having peanut butter stuck on the roof of one's mouth – another of those family stories.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art , 4525 Oak Street, Kansas City, MO 64111 in his name. Online condolences may be left at: www.CashattFamilyFunerals.com

Arr: Cashatt FH 816-587-8200

Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas Donald Meng*

October 04, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ *Dearest Lenore,
So many good memories of Doug, his family, and First Presbyterian
youth group
and, of course your Dad and the SHS A Cappella Choir.
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family --- and my
glass is raised to
Doug..
Lynn Mayer
Richmond, Indiana*

Lynn Mayer - January 10, 2014 at 07:31 AM

CF

“ Lenore, Lisa, Chris, and families,
Gretchen and I send our heartfelt condolences on Doug's sudden passing. He was one of those "most unforgettable characters" to be sure. Chris's LinkedIn note caused me to flash back to our database design days – certainly the most intellectually challenging period of my life. The time at Cincom with Ocie and Donna. The time in Jeff City working at Westinghouse – "On a pole or on a pad, we're the best you ever had!" Making up rules for naming data elements – I still have the plaque! Frying Lake Erie perch on your back deck – and consuming many of same. That huge Irish Wolfhound who preceded the Cairns – and the fiber art wall hanging you made from dog hair. Being introduced to the round of Stilton in the fridge. Raquetball. The office and Sherman. Surely they were interesting times...

Know that we are thinking of you in these trying days. We wish you peace.

Love and Light,

Cory and Gretchen Foster

Scottsbluff, Nebraska

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Cory Foster - January 03, 2014 at 09:48 PM

JM

“ To Lenore and Doug's Family...another fond memory of Doug...

One of Doug's "way stations" in life was MRI where I first met him. I had not been at MRI very long when I met Doug and then Lenore. I hosted a Fall party which both Doug and Lenore attended, where Doug and I got into a long, deep discussion about why we elected to spend time at a Midwest Research Institute- type of place vs a university. It wasn't the only thing we shared -- both of us wore our beards longish. Somewhere I have a picture but being of relatively the same age as Doug, I am not sure where they are currently stored.

We did not have many opportunities to work together despite being in the same division but we shared a philosophy about the work we wanted to do and did. He left and started his own little firm and we talked about working together there but little materialized. After a time, I left MRI as well, going in a direction good for me and Doug might have enjoyed hearing about.

He was brilliant, insightful, funny, possessed a wicked sense of humor but was never mean; in fact, I didn't think he had a mean bone in his body. He gave freely of his intelligence, knowledge and project wisdom while at MRI. He was just the best! I know he will be missed by his many loved ones. I did miss him when he left MRI and will miss him now, too.

And the world has lost another "good man"....to the next life, whatever that may be for him, I expect the Good Lord/Spirit welcomed him proudly as a good and faithful servant, and probably has a "job" or two he hoped Doug would take on. He'll fit right in, just as he did everywhere.

Peace to his Family and Friends in this time of sorrow and adjustment. Doug will also be remembered in a Book of Prayer maintained by a group of which I am a member.

Blessings to All,

Jim Maloney

Jim Maloney - January 02, 2014 at 02:11 PM

AG

“ *Jacquie, Sally, Lenore and family,*

Oh, I was so sad to read of Doug's passing. Thinking back, I remember the day he packed us younger kids in the car (probably on orders from our folks) and drove us to McDonald's--my introduction to fast food. So long ago, but a memory which surfaces when I hear his name-- or when we pass one of those restaurants on the road.

Know that the Meng family holds a special place in my family's hearts. My thoughts are with you all.

*Anne (Krepps) Guignon
Canton, CT*

Anne (Krepps) Guignon - January 02, 2014 at 01:42 PM

RS

“ To the family : my sincere condolences.
There is no greater pain than the death of a loved one.
Sometimes it seems almost more than a person can bear.
Jehovah God helps us with this in His Word,
He promises us that He will put a stop to all sickness
and death will be no more (REV 21;3.4) Jehovah also
shows His love for us through the ransom sacrifice
of His beloved son Jesus Christ. What a wonderful gift to be given !
Then the hope of seeing our loved ones again
on this earth, transformed into a paradise. The Bible tells us
this was Jehovah's will when He created Adam & Eve.
Please read:
(Genesis 1:26,27; John 5: 28,29; Psalms 37:11,22,29).
If you have any questions or comments,
You contact me at: ricruiz@aol.com
Sincerely:

Rick Schwebel - January 01, 2014 at 08:08 PM

KC

“ Lenore, Lots of memories of you and Doug, looking back over more than 60 years of life at Campbell School and SHS. I was saddened to read of Doug's passing. It came all too soon. Know that there are lots of prayers going out to you and your family. May you find some peace in all the memories you have of Doug that will stay with you.
Karen Evans Cassidy

Karen Evans Cassidy - January 01, 2014 at 02:15 PM

JF

“ Dear Lisa,
Your face always lit up so when you talked about your dad. I know he means the world to you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss. Remember the good times and the love. Those things never go away. Thinking of you all. Janie Fopeano

Jane Fopeano - January 01, 2014 at 10:21 AM

CS

“ My husband went to Park College when Doug was head resident of Copley Hall. We followed him to Copley and became head resident. We remember his dog and him showing us the apartment we would live in. Good memories of those days. May Doug rest in peace.
Carolyn and Russ Shandrowski

Carolyn Shandrowski - January 01, 2014 at 09:57 AM

AK

“ Lenore and family,

May his gracious love cover you as you experience this of most sad times.

Alice Klinger
Sandusky, OH

Alice Klinger - January 01, 2014 at 07:36 AM

JH

“ *Lenore and family,*

We were saddened and shocked to learn of Doug's passing. We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to you and your family.

*Joe and Diane Harbrecht
Sheboygan Falls, WI*

joe harbrecht - December 31, 2013 at 07:49 PM