



## Michael J. Becker

June 16, 1940 - May 9, 2025

Michael J. Becker, age 84, of Media, PA, husband of Betty J. (Wismer) Becker and father of Khristoph A. Becker, passed away on Friday, May 9, 2025 in Riddle Memorial Hospital.

Born Joachim Michael Becker in Hamburg, Germany on June 16, 1940, he was the son of the late Joachim Wilhem and Fridel Renate (Hermann) Becker. Along with his father, he immigrated to the United States at the age of 9 following the passing of his mother. They settled in Drexel Hill, PA upon their arrival, where Mr. Becker was brought up in the home alongside his maternal grandmother, Hedwig Gruenberg-Hermann, and his maternal great-aunt, Agnes Gruenberg, who were instrumental in his upbringing. It was during these early years that his connection to The Christian Community began.

Mr. Becker was a graduate of Upper Darby High School. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree in German and political science from Millersville University, and his master's in German literature from Villanova University. Mr. Becker taught German, history, and English at West Deptford High School in New Jersey, where he retired from after 33 years. During the 1975-1976 school year, he received a Fulbright Scholarship, affording him the opportunity to teach in Germany for a year, accompanied by his wife, Betty, before returning and completing his teaching career in the United States.

Mr. Becker loved spending time outdoors tending to his vegetable garden, taking care of his household property, and sitting on his porch under the shade of an old oak tree while enjoying a good book and a glass of German beer. He was an avid skier, having served as an ambassador for Killington Ski Resort in Vermont for over 20 years. He was an inveterate student of history, particularly European history, and traveled with his family to visit relatives in Germany and elsewhere nearly every year for most of his adult life. He enjoyed antiquing and collecting historical artifacts, evidenced by his collection at home. And, above all, he adored his son.

In addition to his wife and son, Mr. Becker is survived by his daughter-in-law, Avani Bhatt; two grandchildren, Rohan and Keya; a sister-in-law, Janet Wismer; and two nieces, Jill Ruth and Jocelyn Greener.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral service at Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc, 610 Main Street, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 11:30 AM. Officiating will be Rev. Jong Won Choi. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Christian Community of Pennsylvania, 212 Old Lancaster Road, Devon, PA 19333. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA. Condolences may be offered online at [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY 12. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc.  
610 Main Street  
Phoenixville, PA 19460

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Michael and I became friends when we were in 3rd or 4th grade. We lived about 4 blocks from each other, but we were usually together. We stayed close throughout our school years, but after college we both got busy with adult life and drifted apart. One Sunday many years later, I was working in my law office when the phone rang, and the voice on the other end asked if I was the Charles Banta from Drexel Hill. I said I was and he said this is Michael Becker. The memories came flooding back, and it was like the intervening 50 years or so just disappeared. We saw each other a few times, but I moved after retiring and thought so many times of how nice it would be to visit again. I planned to call on his birthday in a few weeks. So sad I didn't cll sooner. Safe journey Michael.

Charles Banta - May 26, 2025 at 12:55 PM

JU

“ Betty, I smile when I remember trying to convince you to meet Michael! How reluctant you were. Fortunately you agreed & look at the wonderful life you 2 had. Much love & many prayers for strength

Julie - May 17, 2025 at 10:18 AM

DS

“ Dear Betty, my sincere condolences for you and your family. I am so very sorry for your loss.



Dianne Scott - May 17, 2025 at 07:03 AM

BG

“ Michael and I became lifelong friends, starting in 1949. We ran and played together for years, enjoying outdoor activities in creeks and woods in our area. We kept in touch over the years, sharing our experiences and family events. I am shocked and saddened by his passing. May God bless his memory. I offer my condolences to his family.

Bob Greninger - May 13, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael J. Becker.



May 13, 2025 at 07:57 AM

MO

“ I know how much you and Michael loved being in your garden. Rob and I purchased 3 trees in Michael's name - one for him, one for you, and one for Khristoph. Send love and hugs. Monica

Monica - May 13, 2025 at 01:01 AM

MM

“ Monica M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael J. Becker.

Monica M. - May 13, 2025 at 12:57 AM

MG

“ We send our love, thoughts and prayers to Betty, Khristoph, & Avani. Michael will be greatly missed.  
Love, Milan & Mary

Mary & Milan Grove - May 12, 2025 at 12:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael J. Becker.

May 12, 2025 at 12:01 AM

BB

“ Bharati and Pankaj Bhatt purchased the Sympathy Meat & Cheese Gift Crate for the family of Michael J. Becker.



Bharati and Pankaj Bhatt - May 11, 2025 at 11:04 PM

BL

“ Bossone L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael J. Becker.

Bossone L. - May 11, 2025 at 10:17 PM

BJ

“ Betsy, Jon, Danny, Jules and Jesse planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael J. Becker.

Betsy, Jon, Danny, Jules and Jesse - May 11, 2025 at 07:54 PM

BJ

“ Betsy, Jon, Danny, Jules and Jesse purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Michael J. Becker.



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**Betsy, Jon, Danny, Jules and Jesse** - May 11, 2025 at 07:54 PM

RB

“ Robert B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael J. Becker.

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**Robert B.** - May 11, 2025 at 07:17 PM

EM

“ Remember when we would walk by and sit on your porch comparing travel stories? We stayed in cheap hotels, but you camped!

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**Emily** - May 11, 2025 at 06:27 PM

LA

“ Love - Peter & Ana planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael J. Becker.

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**Love - Peter & Ana** - May 11, 2025 at 06:17 PM

LA

“ Love - Peter & Ana purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael J. Becker.



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**Love - Peter & Ana** - May 11, 2025 at 06:17 PM