



Bernard Meyer Feinberg

January 17, 1939 - July 9, 2023

Bernard “Bernie” Meyer Feinberg, of Asheville, passed away at his home on July 9, 2023. Bernie was born in Liberty, New York in 1939 to Morris and Freida Feinberg. In 1944, his family moved to Miami, Florida where he later attended the University of Miami. Bernie married the love of his life, Maxine, in 1963. Bernie and Maxine moved with their first child to Asheville in 1966.

As one of the few licensed structural engineers in the Asheville area, Bernie worked for Six Associates and later began his own firm, Bowen & Feinberg. In the late '70s, he began managing the Asheville office of Sutton-Kennerly & Associates (SKA). He stayed with SKA until the summer of 2022. Buildings throughout western North Carolina and surrounding states carry his professional signature.

Bernie was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine, in 2018. He is survived by his sister, Dorothy Wolfe (Larry) of Miami, his three children, Dove Walker (Scott) of Roswell, GA, Dr. Joseph Feinberg (Barbara) of Roswell, GA, and Hugh Feinberg (Lara) of Candler, NC as well as his seven grandchildren: Ari Walker, Connie Feinberg, Aliza Walker, Jared Feinberg, Raviv Walker, Leah Feinberg, and Eva Feinberg. He will also be missed by many dear friends including Danie Johnson, the Ward-Martin Family, and his SKA coworkers and engineering-world family.

Bernie, we will miss your stories, although we have heard them a thousand times, but even more we will miss your smile.

A graveside service will be held at Lou Pollock Memorial Cemetery (North Louisiana Ave, Asheville) on Sunday, July 23rd at 1 pm followed by a gathering of family and friends at Morris Funeral & Cremation Care from 2 pm -3 pm (304 Merrimon Ave, Asheville).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) in honor of his granddaughter, Leah.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

Lou Pollock Cemetery
North Louisiana Avenue
Asheville, NC 28806

Reception

JUL 23. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 252-1821
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<http://www.morrisfamilycare.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard Meyer Feinberg*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Jay G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Meyer Feinberg.*

Jay G. - July 29, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ *We came to know Bernie, Maxine and their family many years ago. Bernie was one of a kind! He was so full of knowledge that anytime you had a conversation with him you would come away knowing something new. His very dry sense of humor is what made him even more hilarious. I can still hear him and Maxine going back and forth in such a loving way, but each one getting their point across! He was a great man, father and husband. He will be greatly missed but knowing that his pain and suffering have ended is a blessing. Blessings come from our Heavenly Father and May His Grace and Peace keep and comfort this dear family in the days ahead. Amen*

Kevin Garner - July 23, 2023 at 10:11 AM

SF

“ I came to work for Bernie in August of 2000. My interview took place on a Saturday morning, and Bernie kicked it off by telling me an "off color" joke... I will never forget that. I think it was a test to see how I would react... I think I passed. It took me 2 years to finally "figure out" Bernie, and by the time I left SKA almost 12 years later, he was like a second father to me. Many a Saturday when I was in the office getting some extra work done, Bernie would show up in my office and talk my ear off for about 90 minutes. So many stories! One thing that always amazed me about the man was his memory of past projects. He would tell me to pull a detail from a set of drawings rolled up in "the vault"... and he would give me the exact project number, and what sheet I would find the detail on, and sometimes this was a project he had done 30 years before! Bernie always asked about my wife, and how and what the kids were doing, even after I had moved on from SKA and would see him once in a while. I always missed Bernie after I left, and still to this day I often relate stories about him to my current co-workers. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Feinberg family.

Stephen J Fritz - July 17, 2023 at 09:12 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard Meyer Feinberg.



July 16, 2023 at 11:53 AM

NW

“ In the Spring of 1979, I was finishing up my Civil Engineering degree and found myself interviewing Bernie with respect to his role in a then-new, intriguing concept for a national fast-food chain. Following the interview, he asked me what I was planning to do after graduation. I told him I'd be looking for a job and he said simply, "come back and see me". And so, I did. " The rest is history" is a common turn of phrase and in my case, I can attest to that truism. Bernie's hiring of me to join him and the nucleus of the recently formed SKA-Asheville office was indeed one of those once-in-a-lifetime markers.

The early years were a blur of learning from a master. His hand sketches, used as guides for preparing construction documents (then also done by hand), were complex and complete, and each along with his further instructions, taught me how to progress in my work and career. I could not have learned from a better mentor. Bernie had a passion for problem solving, an innate talent for visualizing complex solutions and a work ethic unmatched. His encouragement and support for me in the corporation over the years culminated in me having a seat alongside him on the SKA Board of Directors - a testament to his mentoring and leadership. Now and again, he would smile and call it his "leadershipmanship".

Over our 33 years of working together, I saw his expertise in action with clients and with new staff members as the office flourished. Bernie always spoke proudly of his children, of Maxine and their friends, and later, of his grandchildren. My life was immeasurably changed by Bernard Feinberg. I was and will always remain humbled by his choosing to hire me and to make me both a colleague and a lifelong friend.

Thank you, BMF!

Neal Weinmann - July 15, 2023 at 11:20 AM

KM

“ Karen M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Meyer Feinberg.

Karen M. - July 13, 2023 at 05:51 PM

AD

“ For 27 years, I worked for an architectural firm where I was always working with Bernie on multiple projects. We relied on him implicitly; he had such a quick grasp of the big picture when we launched a new project, plus an encyclopedic memory for specific techniques, strategies, details and building codes. I don't believe we ever presented him with a design challenge he couldn't find an elegant solution for. Bernie and I often discussed the details of our projects over lunch, and the conversation would inevitably run to other projects, past and present, and then he would invariably talk about his kids and grandkids. He ate, slept and breathed engineering, but his family was clearly never far from his thoughts. He was a superb engineer, a joy to work with, and I will miss him terribly.
Amy Dowty

Amy Dowty - July 13, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Bernard Meyer Feinberg.



July 11, 2023 at 07:46 PM



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard Meyer Feinberg.



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KM

“ I was thinking back to some family dinners we had with Bernie. It was great to sit across from him because he had so many stories to tell, one after the other, and I didn't even have to make any conversation, just smile and laugh because he was so entertaining! My husband Robert and I used to ride out to Waynesville with Bernie and Maxine to watch grandson Jared play football at Tuscola. Riding with Bernie was always an adventure because he knew every road and then some in both Buncombe and Haywood Counties. The last game we went to together was a complete and total gullywasher! He drove us back through the muddy parking lot, all around the back streets to avoid the roads that were flooding, across I-40 and safely back to Asheville. He was our hero that night. Most of all, I'll remember Bernie for always being wonderful to my daughter Lara. For that, I am forever grateful. Rest in peace, Bernie. We will always have fond memories of you and Maxine.
Karen Marcus

Karen Marcus - July 10, 2023 at 07:54 PM

JS

“ I worked with Bernie as a consultant of ours for all of my 20 plus years in Asheville. I learned a lot from him on every project. I was happy to reunite with him for one final go 'round in 2021-22. It was a joy to see, work with, and learn from him that last time. I'm saddened to hear of his passing, but far happier to have known the man at all. Much respect, Bernard. You live on in the minds and memories of all who knew you in whatever capacity that may have been. #legend

John Sunday - July 10, 2023 at 03:56 PM