

WERNER ETZINGER

Our deepest sympathy to The family. Werner was a lovely gentleman and he will be missed but leaves a wonderful legacy through his sons and grandchildren.

Kathleen Simpson & Wayne Swarbrick

February 22, 2021

Die Erinnerung bleibt, in unseren Herzen wird Werner weiterleben!! Unser aufrichtiges Beileid, Christian mit Andrea und Noelle

Christian ETZINGER mit Familie

February 22, 2021

So sorry for your loss Irene and family. I can remember lots of stories that Werner told when I worked for you all back in my teens and young adult days. Miss you all. Take care. Colleen Bunker (Coulter)

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February 22, 2021

Dearest Bernie and family: Maria and I send to you, your mother and siblings our deepest condolences on your father's passing. His obituary attests to a remarkable life of achievement notwithstanding the hurdles associated with the immigrant experience. His dedication, integrity, commitment to family and the value of hard work clearly have influenced the man you are today. Your father was no doubt very proud of you. May warm memories of him bring comfort at this difficult time. With our sympathies, Robert Peck and Maria Pantazi-Peck

Robert and Maria Peck

February 22, 2021

Dear Bernie and family, my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your wonderful father and reading his story told me a lot about the person you became. I hope he is baking for God now and he is reunited with old friends.

Richard Logan

February 22, 2021

My condolences to Irene and sons.

Wendy Turner

February 22, 2021

Our deepest condolences to the Etzinger family from the entire Ezman family who all will remember our always friendly and hospitable Werner. He always tried to make sure he has a Polish beer available when I would pop in for a visit ,especially when World-Cups and Euro Cup matches were playing when the Germans national team would always beat the Polish teams. So I wouldn't feel so bad, he

would say that Klose was born in Poland or Lewandowski is the top European sticker this year. :) His generosity was very well established the first year I was fortunate enough to have Bernie as a roommate in University, When Irena and Werner would drive all the way from Paris to Ottawa to do Bernie's laundry and bring care packages for the entire dormitory from Paris Bakery. ...I can still taste those first brownies and apple strudels today. His intellect and wit with that Bavarian accent will be greatly missed.

Lucian and Brenda Ezman & family

February 22, 2021

Very sorry to read about this. What a fine man he was, and is. My thoughts and condolences to the entire Etzinger family. He will be truly missed.

Stephanie Marie

February 23, 2021

Dear Chris, Carol and family. Condolences to you from your Edwards neighbours. Your father created a fantastic bakery whose reputation is legendary and has travelled with tourists across many towns and palates. I'm sure you are proud. Thank you for sharing stories of a most interesting life well lived.

Kelly Edwarss

February 23, 2021

What a lovely, rich story. I feel so honored to have read it. Thank you for all of the years that of devoted service, to Werner and his lovely wife Irene. Elmvale has been blessed, and been a better place because of you. Thank you. To Irene, Michael, Fred, Chris and Bernd, our deepest sympathy.

Rosemary Mead

February 23, 2021

Irene & the Etzinger families: Please accept our sincerest condolences. Your Community support was always appreciated, especially for the Elmvale Fair.

Flos Agricultural Society

February 23, 2021

So sorry for the loss of this kind hearted husband and father. My family was welcomed into the Etzinger home in the late 90's, by way of Stephanie Hall and Fred. The bakery was fascinating and such fun for my daughter Caitlin who was given the opportunity to talk to faithful customers to buy such delicious baked food. I will always hold onto the fond memories. Much Love, Diane

Diane Hayes

February 23, 2021

Dear Bernie and family, Please accept my sincerest condolences on the passing of your dad. May so be comforted with the beautiful memories he left behind. With love and prayers. Marina Castro - Canadian Consulate General New York

Marina Castro

February 23, 2021

My deepest condolences to Irene and Family, you treated my daughter Sarah as family and she loved working in the Elmvale Bakery. May you find peace in the treasured memories.

Simonne M Coenye-Storms

February 23, 2021

Irene, Chris and family; sending my condolences for a wonderful man. I have so many great memories of my time at the bakery and am thinking of the entire family during this difficult time.

Sarah Tubman

February 23, 2021

Etzinger family, We are saddened for your loss. Werner's eulogy, which has been written so eloquently, is a beautiful story that serves as a true testament of Werner's incredible journey. I have no doubt his legacy will be told with love for generations to come. I did not know him, but It sounds as if he was a wonderful man; he loved and was loved by his family You are in our thoughts & prayers, in your time of grief, Jonathan, Laurie and Adrian Stamos

Stamos Family

February 23, 2021

My sincere condolences ☹️ to all of you ..Werner was is and always will be a very special person his love for Opra Music him singing away or Watching the Winter Olympics are such memorable times for me .He will be truly missed ☹️ .May he Rest in Peace among his Family. God Bless Him .I know all of his beautiful memories will comfort you each day.. Kathy Patterson .former Employee

Kathy Patterson

February 24, 2021

Dear Irene and family, We are sorry to hear of your loss. Your wonderful bakery has added so much to the Elmvale community. Deepest condolences to all of you. Pat & Barry

Pat & Barry Navarra

February 24, 2021

My condolences to the family. Werner was always such a kind-hearted, clever character who brought a smile to my face every time I was with him. I have many fond memories of him. Such a loss...

Paul Farrell

February 25, 2021

It is with a heavy heart& sadness we send our love and prayers to your family . Werner& Hans were not only superior ,in their craft , but also demonstrated the true meaning of friendship. Both Hans & I will forever be indebted to your kindness & generosity at our time of need .We will carry ,in our hearts ,precious memories of Werner , Always & Forever ..Hans & Ingie someday we generosity when we needed it the most Werner will certainly live forever in our hearts .Both Hans & I only hope , that one day we can reciprocate your many kindness & generosity . Our entire family has benefited from that wonderful ,endearing

Hans & ingie

February 26, 2021

Arrivederci Werner, you will truly be missed by all that have had the pleasure to know you. I suppose it has been many years for me, having had the good fortune to have been befriended by Bernie in University. And so it followed that I eventually met Chris, Fred, and Mike; your true legacies. Gentlemen, deepest condolences on the passing of your papa. Losing a father is never easy, no matter how old we are, the loss leaves a hole in our lives that cannot be filled. Hang in there boys, and relish the memories of your wonderful father. Werner, your reputation preceded you as I first got to know you through your baking, which you would send to Bernie on a regular basis via Greyhound parcel delivery throughout the university year. And yes although your brownies were perfection and the rye bread was exceptional, my favorite treat eventually became your simple jelly donuts which I could only enjoy at your bakery. Over the years, I would try to drop by the Elmvale bakery when I was in the vicinity for a quick hello. But the visits were never quick, both you and Irene insisted that I stay to have more than just coffee and usher me out of the bakery into your residence in the back. And if you were sleeping when I arrived, as you bakers do keep odd hours, I was compelled to wait until you woke up " otherwise you would be very upset if you missed me. So the visits would turn into full meals and you would pull out the wine, because you just had to have wine with all your Italian friends, and often not, my visit would become hours long, or I would be snowed in, or be too "tipsy" to continue on my way until the next day. Your generosity knew no bounds, I always felt at home at your house; it was almost like visiting my own parents. And like all good parents, you would never let me leave your shop without forcing a generous box of baked goods upon me for the road. Too generous, as always, thank you. Now, despite your big, beautiful, generous heart, when it came to sports and games of chance you did have a competitive streak, did you not? The trash talking and the bravado when it came to discussing Formula1 racing or the FIFA World Cup were at times overwhelming, but all in good fun. You were very gracious and congratulated me when Italia took the 2006 World Cup in Germany and likewise I congratulated you when Germany won in 2014. Of course the plays, the refs, the bad calls, the dives, etc., were loudly discussed and reviewed sitting on your patio with you free pouring that Magnota wine you were so fond of. Ah good times. But your true competitive spirit was fully exposed when you played board games. I had quite the shocking experience playing European Edition Monopoly with you, Irene, and your sons one Christmas season at the house Bernie and I rented. Had I known that you would employ guerrilla tactics, I would never have agreed to playing that game. The systematic side deals, secret treaties, and private loans to others that you cooked up were very effective in taking me out first. I never knew what hit me. Then one by one you eliminated each of your sons and won. Well played Werner, well played. It was always a pleasure to see you and Irene in Ottawa over the years when you visited Bernie & Mar. I was often asked to join the group when you would take them out for dinner as you treated me as one of the family. Of course, your appreciation of fine food and brutal honesty was always evident as you did not sit quietly when something was not quite right. I recall an overpriced, overhyped, and overrated restaurant on the Quebec side where the entrees were quite salty. We all knew it, but only you said it out loud despite Irene asking you to behave. I looked at you, smiled and agreed, so did Bernie, then we all laughed about it and agreed that it was a lot to pay for salty French cuisine. A strange thing would happen every time I would be out with Bernie and you would call him on his cellphone. If you found out I was with him, you would ask to speak to me. Why? Just to say hi or talk some trash or make a joke. That was special, none of my other friends fathers would do that. It meant a lot, I will miss those little things about you. The things that you did to make everyone feel special or that they were in your good books. As I often tell Bernie, "family don't end with blood" and you are proof of that. Irene, words cannot express my sorrow at the sudden loss of Werner. I was shocked and saddened when Bernie called to tell me the day it happened. Werner was a wonderful human being and together you two made an awesome couple, had a very successful life together, and raised four fine sons. Werner bakes for the angels now! Catherine and I send our heartfelt condolences, and once the world gets back to normal and I'm in the vicinity, I'll still drop by to say buon giorno to you. Unser herzliches Beileid

Tommaso D'Ippolito

February 28, 2021

I remember Werner as such a friendly and giving man. He often came in to Bandito Video with the gift of donuts from the bakery. I remember conversing with him about needing a new car and we both agreed that the Kia Soul was a sleek car and the one he would buy if he needed a new car. Please know that he was very fondly regarded and I send your family my deepest condolences

Lisette Hughes

March 4, 2021

Irene and Family, so very sorry for the loss of this wonderful man. He will always hold a special place in the hearts of many Elmvale residents, both past and present.

Janet Pritchard

March 25, 2021

My belated condolences to Irene. Chris and the rest of the family for your great loss.

Katy Austin

April 16, 2021
