



## Amy Kay Reisner Meleck

January 21, 2024

Amy Kay Reisner Meleck 73, of Allentown, PA, passed away January 21st at Kindred Hospital Haverford. Born in East Meadow, Long Island, Amy was the only daughter of Stanley M. Reisner and Ruth Herzfeld Reisner. She attended East Meadow High School where she made lifelong friendships and belonged to many clubs. She graduated Cum Laude from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Amy had a great appreciation for music and loved to dance. She saw the Beatles at Shea Stadium, attended many shows at the “Church of Rock and Roll” the Fillmore East and went to Woodstock. She believed in progressive social change and majored in social work in college and volunteered at Planned Parenthood before it was fashionable to do so. Amy created deep rooted friendships in New York and moved to Allentown with her husband Peter where they worked together at the Pennsylvania Stage Company. Amy had a long career in the arts and fundraising; she worked at Valley Youth House, Desales University and Touchstone Theater Company. Amy continued her philanthropic work in Allentown where she was a “mover and shaker” She was on the Board of The Allentown Rotary Club, The Allentown Arts Commission, Board of Associates at Muhlenberg College, the Fund to Benefit Children and Youth and CASA. Those who were close to Amy knew she loved to Kibitz which in yiddish means “to gather.” Many people will miss her voice on the other end of a phone call and her infectious laugh. She was a bright star in the sky.

Survivors: Husband Peter Wrenn Melck; daughter Jennifer Wrenn Klein  
Jennifer's wife Bella Klein and her beloved poodle Reese.

A memorial service will be held at the J.S Burkholder Funeral Home, 16th and Hamilton Sts. Allentown, on Saturday, February 3rd at 11:00 A.M. A calling hour will be held on Saturday, February 3rd from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. in the funeral home. A celebration of life at her residence will be held directly after the services.

Memorial contributions can be made to Planned Parenthood in Amy's name,  
[www.weareplannedparenthoodaction.org](http://www.weareplannedparenthoodaction.org).

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

J S Burkholder Funeral Home Inc  
1601 W Hamilton Street  
Allentown, PA 18102  
(610) 433-5161  
info@jsburkholder.com  
<https://jsburkholder.com>

### Memorial Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

PS

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Amy's family & loved ones. Amy was lovely in so many ways. We met while working at DeSales years ago & connected immediately. We shared thoughts on a variety of subjects, from family, career choices, current events, drama, music, among other things. Although I didn't know Amy in the 60s & 70s, we shared common experiences, such as Woodstock '69, Beatles at Shea, Fillmore East & love of NYC. There was always something to talk about & share. We loved reminiscing. Amy will be missed. May her memory be eternal.*

*Penny Savakis*

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**Penny Savakis** - February 02, 2024 at 04:43 PM

RS

“ *So, so sorry to lose such a vibrant, intelligent, ever-young lady. She is finally at peace after all she has gone through. And Peter, your steadfast, never waning support, makes you a model for all of us to follow.*

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**Rolf Schlake** - January 31, 2024 at 04:30 PM

NY

“ *I've known Amy for over 30 years. When she was with you, the world was brighter. She was a joy to be with, smart, sassy and a real friend. You made the world a better place.*

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**Nan Yarrish** - January 28, 2024 at 07:20 PM

KF

“ Peter and family - I knew Amy through Rotary and she was always friendly and kind, and I enjoyed being in her company. She also was an accomplished woman and will be missed.

*I am deeply sorry for your loss and wish you comfort.*

*Kathy Frazier*

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**Kathy Frazier** - January 28, 2024 at 10:17 AM

RO

“ My sympathies to Amy’s family. Our paths crossed professionally many times and I was always a joy.

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**Robin** - January 28, 2024 at 09:01 AM

KB

“ Ken and Bonnie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Amy Kay Reisner Meleck.



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**Ken and Bonnie** - January 27, 2024 at 11:33 AM

KB

“ Ken and Bonnie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amy Kay Reisner Meleck.

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**Ken and Bonnie** - January 27, 2024 at 11:33 AM

RJ

“ *Ruth and Jeremy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Amy Kay Reisner Meleck.*



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**Ruth and Jeremy** - January 26, 2024 at 05:54 PM

RJ

“ *Ruth and Jeremy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amy Kay Reisner Meleck.*

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**Ruth and Jeremy** - January 26, 2024 at 05:54 PM