

*By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,  
and confidently waiting come what may,  
we know that God is with us night and morning,  
and never fails to greet us each new day.  
(Dietrich Bonhoeffer).*

Heartbroken, we say goodbye to my dear husband, to our beloved father,  
father-in-law and grandfather

# Josef Meerpohl

\* 23 January 1932 † 6 March 2017

We are thankful for the time we had together. You will be missed dearly.

With love and gratitude

Hety Meerpohl

Eva and Chrise Bitter with Moritz and Nicole, Leo, Paul, Marlene

Bernd and Silja Meerpohl

Dirk and Dr. Jutta Meerpohl with Helena, Conrad, Emma and Dirk Moritz

Anne and Matthias Koos with Rasmus and Greta

The funeral will take place at the cemetery chapel in Langförden on Saturday, 11 March, at 10 a.m., followed by a requiem in the St Laurentius church in Langförden. We will pray for the deceased on Friday, 10 March, at 6.30 p.m. in the St Laurentius church in Langförden. Everyone who felt close to Josef is invited to accompany him on his last journey.

Instead of wreaths and flowers for the grave, we would like to ask for donations for charitable purposes/to the refugee relief society Langförden (Katholische Kirchengemeinde Langförden, IBAN DE70 2805 0100 0070 3404 76, purpose of transfer: Josef Meerpohl) or to the community foundation Bürgerstiftung Vechta (IBAN DE31 2806 4179 0100 3003 00, reference: Josef Meerpohl).



**Big Dutchman**

The employees of the Big Dutchman group mourn the loss of their senior CEO

# Josef Meerpohl

With deep affection and much respect, we say goodbye to an extraordinary person and a courageous and visionary businessman. Josef Meerpohl turned a small sales agency into a world market leader – and never tired of expressing the appreciation he felt for his employees.

Humorous and motivating, always focused on his cause, he was a great role model for all of us. Approachable at all times, he was happy to provide his invaluable advice until the end, but also gave warning whenever he saw the need.

He will be remembered with gratitude and admiration.

We extend our special condolences to his family.

Management and staff of the Big Dutchman group