

BOB EVANS FARMS ANNOUNCES PASSING OF MERL BEERY

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- Bob Evans Farms today announced the passing of Senior Vice President of Product Innovation and Technical Services, L. Merl Beery. Beery passed away Wednesday at the age of 62. He began his career with Bob Evans Farms in 1978. He was most recently responsible for product development, technical services, quality assurance and purchasing for the company's restaurants.

"Merl Beery has been an integral part of the Bob Evans Farms family for more than 30 years," said Chairman of the Board and CEO Steve Davis. "To say that his contributions and his presence will be missed is an understatement."

Beery was active in several professional and community organizations, including the Ohio 4-H Foundation, OSU Food Industry Council and State of Ohio Food Service Advisory Board. Beery graduated from Ohio State University in 1969 with a degree in food technology.

Davis told employees Thursday that the test kitchen at corporate headquarters in Columbus would be named "The L. Merl Beery Culinary Center" to honor his legacy with the brand.

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