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# O&H Danish Bakery History



In 1949, Christian Olesen of Racine, Wisconsin founded the O&H Danish Bakery. Christ partnered with Harvey Holtz, a bookkeeper, until in 1963 Christ's son Raymond purchased Holtz's interest. Home to one of the largest Danish populations in the United States, Racine is located on the shore of Lake Michigan between Chicago and Milwaukee.

One of thousands who emigrated here from Denmark, Christ brought with him the "old world" Danish pride and commitment to quality that have become O&H Danish Bakery hallmarks. Loved by those who long for wonderful baked goods reminiscent of old Denmark, O&H Danish Bakery grew. From the start, son Raymond was helping Christ and learning. Having mastered the skills taught him by his father, Ray's natural abilities and love of baking assured this tradition would continue.

Over the years, a strong sense of family commitment evolved, as Ray, his wife Myrna, and their three sons, Dale, Michael, and Eric, all devoted their time and energy to produce the finest, authentic Danish Bakery in the country.

The wonderful aroma of fresh-baked breads, cinnamon rolls, pies, Kringle, cakes, and a host of other delicious bakery fill the air throughout the neighborhood.

Today the O&H family of companies continues to grow. The successful mail-order business at [ohdanishbakery.com](http://ohdanishbakery.com) delivers delicious baked products and gifts throughout the world. O&H's second bakery shop on Racine's south side includes a deli featuring homemade salads, sandwiches, soups and other Danish foods. The Danish Uncle Marketplace at the same location offers specialty gifts, gourmet coffee and foods for their wonderful customers.

Pastry aficionados outside of Racine can satisfy their discriminating taste buds with the Olesen Family Bakery brand of Kringle and bakery products found at many fine food retailers.

Over fifty years after its founding, a fourth generation of Olesen's is entering the family business. That's great news for all who have come to enjoy their wonderful creations, especially their world-famous Kringle! 🍞

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