



Heinz H. Zimmermann

November 7, 1930 - November 11, 2021

Heinz H. Zimmermann, passed peacefully into the arms of his Savior, on November 11, 2021, Veteran's Day, at Hospice Home of Hope.

He was born in Harnau, West Prussia, Germany on November 7, 1930 to Eduard and Martha (Hartkopf) Zimmermann. At the age of 14, in January 1945, his family fled their village as the German and Russian armies advanced. The first night, it was minus 47 degrees and many froze to death. They were on the road in horse drawn wagons for three months, navigating road blocks and sometimes dodging air attacks and enemy soldiers. His family, along with his future wife's family, eventually settled in the northwest of Germany near Bremen. His father never returned from the war, leaving his mother with five children.

In 1951, at the age of 20, Heinz came to Fond du Lac, sponsored by his Uncle Gustav Hartkopf. He had \$25 dollars in his pocket. His first job was at the Northern Casket Company. In 1953, he joined the US Army. He married Irmgard Siebert in Germany on June 5, 1955. They returned to Fond du Lac where Heinz was proud to buy a home for his family. Heinz worked for the US Postal Service for over 30 years. He served in the US Army for 36 years, attaining the esteemed rank of Sergeant Major. The holder of this rank is the most senior enlisted member of the Army. He was very proud of his service to his country and was a true patriot. It is fitting that he left this earthly life on Veteran's Day.

Heinz was known to be a hard worker and had many varied handyman skills.

He often helped his friends with home and car maintenance and providing transportation. We joked that his car doors should say "Heinz's Handyman and Transportation Service."

He will be lovingly remembered by his daughter Sigrid (John) Holman of Fond du Lac. He was loving Opa to grandsons Erik (Vasilena) Holman of Milwaukee, Blake (Anna-Michelle) Holman of South Bend, Ind, granddaughters Amy (Matt) Baumhardt of Fond du Lac, Jenny (Chris) Svehlek of Prairie Village, KS; four great grandchildren and another great grandson arriving any day. He is also survived by his sister Irmtraut (Kurt) Lange and brother Ernst (Anneliese) Zimmermann and many nieces and nephews in Germany.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Irmgard in 2004, his son Rolf in 2008, his brother Siegfried and sister Ingrid.

VISITATION: Friends may call from 9:30 – 11:00 AM, on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at Kurki Funeral Chapel, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac.

SERVICE: Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM, on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at Kurki Funeral Chapel with Rev. Phillip Enderle officiating. Burial will follow at Ledgeview Memorial Park. Trier-Puddy American Legion Post #75 will conduct Military Graveside Services.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Hope Lutheran Church or Hospice Home of Hope.

Heinz had a strong faith and often commented on how the Lord had watched over him his entire life. He was a long-time member of Hope Lutheran Church. Derr Herr is meine Stärke und mein Schild, auf Ihn hofft mein Herz, und mir ist geholfen. Psalm 28:7

Cemetery Details

Ledgeview Memorial Park

N6250 County Trunk K
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory
31 E. Division Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Funeral Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Shari and Kevin Bahr purchased the Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet for the family of Heinz H. Zimmermann.*



Shari and Kevin Bahr - November 16, 2021 at 09:47 AM

WK

“ *With my deepest sympathy - Ann Kaun purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Heinz H. Zimmermann.*



With my deepest sympathy - Ann Kaun - November 15, 2021 at 12:34 PM

DK

“ *Meine Tante Irmtraud und ich hatten die grosse Freude, Heinz noch einmal vor 2 Jahren besuchen zu können, ehe die Pandemie persoenliche Kontakte unmöglich machte. Ich werde mich immer gerne an meinen Onkel erinnern, seinen Humor, seine positive Lebenseinstellung und seine Begeisterung an Reisen, die ihn immer wieder nach Deutschland fuehrte, werden ich und meine Frau Sabine stets in Erinnerung halten.
Mach es gut, lieber Onkel Heinz
Rest in peace*

Dr Heiko Klaaßens - November 13, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Heinz H. Zimmermann.*



November 13, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ *I NEVER MET THIS WONDERFUL MAN, BUT HE MUST HAVE BEEN SOMEONE VERY SPECIAL. WHAT A BEAUTIFUL OBITUARY AND TESTIMONY FOR A MAN WHO HAS MADE SUCH AN IMPACT ON SO MANY PEOPLE. AS A VETERAN MYSELF, I THANK HIM FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. I KNOW HE IS WITH THE LORD JESUS, SO ONE DAY I WILL MEET HIM FACE TO FACE. KEN (John 11:25-26)*

Ken Huelsman - November 12, 2021 at 04:58 PM