



Lothar Kurt Janke

September 19, 1940 - May 13, 2019

Lothar Kurt Janke (78) passed away peacefully on May 13, 2019 in the arms of his sweetheart and wife of 56 years and surrounded by family.

Lothar was born in Langfuhr/Danzig, Germany on September 19, 1940 to Kurt Paul Janke and Elly Ida Erna Eggert. Lothar was in East Germany when the wall went up, separating him from family members in West Germany and the USA. Longing to raise his own family beyond the reach of communism, he applied for permanent family reunification. After almost 20 years living behind the iron curtain, he was able to take his family out of East Germany, 9 years before the wall came down.

Despite losing the use of his right arm in a motorcycle accident when he was 19, Lothar was a force to be reckoned with. He started a furniture company, Old World Antiques, and finished beautiful custom furniture for many delighted customers. Being a product of post-war Germany, he was always working hard and making sure nothing was wasted. He would eat an apple down to the stem and probably would have swallowed the stem as well if someone didn't take it away from him.

Lothar was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and is fondly remembered as an amazing scout leader by his many former scouts. After all his years of hard work, building an amazing family business and big dreams for retirement, Parkinson's Disease took hold with a vengeance and governed the last few years of his life. While his life here has come to an end, his adventures continue on without the constraints of his broken and battered body. We are confident that he is reaching out right now to friends and strangers that have gone before. We can only imagine what kind of adventures he is getting himself into now. He may even be riding his favorite horse, Mon Cherie, only to realize that the afterlife may have calmed her spirit, but did nothing to her brutal staccato gait.

The family is grateful to the staff at Beehive Homes, especially Neri and Monika; to Sarah and all caretakers at Millcreek Signature Healthcare; and to neighbors, family and friends

who would visit him or take him walking.

He is survived by his wife Anita Gulla Janke; brother Fred (Becky); sister Hannelore; 4 children: Oliver (Julie), Matthias (Katie), Helena (Bret), Philip (Ashley); and 8 doting grandchildren. His whole family was able to be with him the evening that he passed. We will miss you, Opa!

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, May 18th at 11:00 am at the East Millcreek Stake Center, 3103 East Craig Drive, SLC, UT, 84109.

Comments



“ Kyle and I will always remember Lothar for his wit and humor and talent. He always had a twinkle in his eye and a wonderful story to tell. We have fond memories of his and Anita's lovely little home in Spring City and a few delicious, wonderful meals we had there with Kyle's Dad, Carl.

I know he will be sorely missed by his family and friends and he will be the topic of many stories around a campfire in the years to come.

Our deepest sympathies to Anita and all Lothar's children, grandchildren and family.
Kyle and Linda Timm

Linda Marie Timm - May 17, 2019 at 11:00 PM



“ Dear Anita,
We miss you and Lothar so much at the Beehive Home! You have been such a wonderful example of love and devotion to your husband and family!! You were there for Lothar every single day to help him and show him your love. You are an amazing woman and it's evident that you and Lothar loved each other so much! Your children are lucky to have you and I'm sure this experience has taught them so much about love for your family. You have been a wonderful friend and it's been so nice to have you to talk to when things felt hard! We love you so much and you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

May the Lord bless you every day!
Love,
Sandi & Dean Mackintosh

Sandi Mackintosh - May 17, 2019 at 05:49 PM



“ Dear Anita and family,
We love you all very much and we're sad to hear of Lothar's passing. He was such a fine man. I will sorely miss our visits. He was so compassionate to me when I was sick during some years. God bless. xo

Gwen Soper - May 17, 2019 at 05:17 AM



“ Lanny and I send all of you our love and sympathy in the loss of your dear husband and father. Lothar was always so friendly and kind. He was the consummate craftsman who's work was easily recognized because of his artistic antique finishing and craftsmanship that was the envy of all other furniture makers. To have one of his pieces was to own an amazing piece of art. We will miss seeing his smiling face. May God bless you all.

With love, Shirley and Lanny Britsch

Shirley Britsch - May 16, 2019 at 05:16 PM