



Rudolf "Rudi" Josef Metzger

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Rudi passed away at Castle Medical Center on December 15th, 2014, in the arms of his loving wife Pam. Rudi was born in Nordlingen, Germany on March 24th, 1932. He started learning to be a mechanic at the young age of 14. He worked in Switzerland and England before meeting Pam and moving to Honolulu in 1958. Reini, his brother, followed him to Honolulu and together they formed European Car Service, a Volkswagen repair shop in Kaka'ako. Rudi and Reini worked together for more than 40 years and at the young age of 70, Rudi retired. Rudi's life was filled with sailing, traveling, enjoying his beautiful home, his many German Shepherds, children, grandchildren and his beautiful sea green Jaguar. After retirement he enjoyed taking stain glass classes. He was very artistic and could fix anything. Everyone who met Rudi loved him, he was everyone's best neighbor and his yard was beautiful. Rudi was a wonderful loving husband, father, brother and friend to many. He left this world too soon. We will love him forever.

Rudi is survived by his wife Pam, his children Judy Matthews, Karen Umbhau, Heidi Metzger-Morris and Andrew Metzger, his sons-in-law Thomas Umbhau and Randy Morris, daughter-in-law, Gloria Metzger, his siblings Reini of Kailua, Hawaii, Paula, Elisabeth and Claus of Nordlingen, Germany. He was "Opa" to 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Rudi is preceded in death by his mother Rosa, father Josef, daughter-in-law Ruby and Sister Maria.

Visitation will be held 6:00p.m., Tuesday December 30, 2014 at St. John Vianney with Mass at 7:00p.m.

Family request No Flowers



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JB

Jenny Bogdan posted:

To Judy, Karen, Heidi and Andrew. I only met your dad once and am so sorry for his passing. May God be with all of you at this dark time but remember he is now on a new journey. Bless you all. Jenny Urrutia Bogdan and Family New Jersey

December 28 at 1:06 AM

KM

Kapialani Mcgurn December 30 at 12:53 AM

Dearest Karen, So sorry to hear about your Dad passing. He surely knew how to bring a smile to the faces of people he came in contact with. I will always remember his funny jokes and how he made us laugh (High School/ Madrigal Days). Great memories. Please give your Mom, Judy, Heidi, & Andrew my LOVE. Sending you much love my dear friend. Love Always, Kapua



Cora Butcher lit a candle in honor of Rudolf "Rudi".

December 26 at 8:22 PM



KM

Kay Morris sent a virtual gift in honor of Rudolf "Rudi".

December 25 at 7:53 AM



CC

Charleen Nako-Corwin posted:

Judy and Family: I read about your father's passing. You always shared wonderful stories about your dad and I'm sorry I never had the privilege of meeting him. My sincerest condolences to you and your family. Aloha, Charleen Nako-Cowin

December 25 at 3:53 AM

SD

Sabine Dirrheimer sent a virtual gift in honor of Rudolf "Rudi".

December 24 at 6:26 PM





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DS

Dee Stiers posted:

We will always treasure the memory of sitting by the pool at the end of a work day , eating squid ,drinking a beer and talking about his children's day. Rudi was my daughters godfather and for that I am thankful. Poke and Dee Stiers

December 24 at 1:09 PM



Nicole Young posted:

I'm so happy to have met you before u began your new journey in heaven . We send our love to you and your family your memories will always be saved in everyone's heart ! Love the young family

December 24 at 7:56 AM

JK

Jo Kam posted:

My prayers are with you all at this time and always. Rudi was a wonderful man.God bless you all,Jo Kam

December 24 at 7:54 AM

CF

Cece Fontaine posted:

It felt like Rudi became a member of my family when his beautiful daughter, Karen, became my sister-in-law. Over the years he has fixed cars for me and we have had many wonderful conversations! There was always a twinkle in Rudi's eyes and a smile that was genuine. To all my Metzger Ohana-- I love you; you are in my thoughts and prayers. I will never forget your kind father/husband. Sending love- Cece Umbhau Fontaine

December 24 at 7:22 AM

CK

Christine Kube posted:

When my family settled in Kailua and bought their first home, just around the corner lived Pam and Rudi. My mom, Annabella was from England so she bonded immediately with Pam, who was also from England. From then on every holiday was celebrated going to each others homes. Rudi took in my ex husband John to their shop and taught him to be an excellent mechanic. Rudi and Pam are the Godparents to my only daughter Noelle.The last time I was able to see Rudi was when he and Pam came here to Kauai for my dad's memorial.My love goes out to Pam and the rest of the family.Christine

December 24 at 7:19 AM



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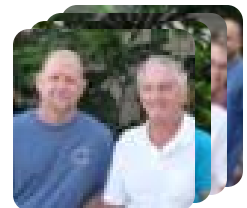
Karen Umbhau posted:

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December 24 at 4:13 AM



Karen Umbhau shared an album called **New Album Name**.



December 22 at 1:02 PM



Media

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Karen Umbhau shared 4 photos to the **New Album Name** album.

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