



Henning Lorenz

June 18, 1938 - August 23, 2020

Henning Lorenz, 82, passed away early Sunday, August 23, due to complications of long term Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF). He was born in Berlin, Germany in 1938, the oldest son in a family of four children. Henning met the love of his life, Josée, on the beach in her hometown in Belgium and they moved to the Detroit area in 1968 with their two girls, Christine and Brigitte, to pursue his automotive career. Henning was a man of few words with a wry sense of humor and charm. He had exacting standards, for himself and others, and lived life in his own way...enjoying old cars, caring for his yard and the wildlife, watching German soccer, and eating a steady stream of home-baked cookies and cakes. He was a lucky guy - and he knew it. The pandemic sadly keeps us from celebrating his life with you now, but we will plan a time in the future when we can gather together in person to share our many memories. Donations may be made to a much-needed disease that's under-recognized and under-studied. The Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation is a volunteer organization dedicated to saving lives through medical research and educating the public about the need for more research and clinical trials. Memorial contributions may be made via the following website: <https://ipffoundation.org/donate/>

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“ *Henning Lorenz*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Liebe Josée, liebe Brigitte, liebe Christine mit Familien, nachdem wir kurz vor unser Ausreise zurück nach Deutschland von Hennings schwerer Krankheit erfahren haben, hatten wir immer Angst vor einer solch schlimmen Nachricht. Für solch einen schweren Verlust gibt es keine Worte. Wir sind still in Gedanken bei euch und wünschen euch ganz viel Kraft für die schwere und dunkle Zeit. Henning haben wir als sehr besonnenen, freundlichen und liebenswerten Menschen kennengelernt. Mit viel Geduld und Freude hat er uns seine Modell-Sammlungen gezeigt. Immer hat er sich über neue Informationen aus Europa und der weltweiten Automotiv-Entwicklung gefreut. Er war immer ein angenehmer Gesprächspartner. Wir vermissen ihn sehr und er wird immer in unseren Herzen und Gedanken bleiben. Wir sind sehr traurig und drücken euch alle ganz fest.*

In stillem Gedenken
Karin und Eberhard



Karin Langenbucher-Kurz - September 16, 2020 at 08:57 AM

AM

“ I met him only a few times but heard of him often. From his daughter, my friend whose hero he was. Always there by her side, steady as a rock, whether it was helping her reach her goals or getting her car fixed up. I remember his handsome face in his girls faces. The loss of a father is deep and such a caring one, even harder to bear. May his strength and support always be with all of you.



Ami Mavani - August 30, 2020 at 08:53 PM

CO

“ Dear Josée, Brigitte, Christine and family,
Thinking back to times gone by an unexpected memory popped up. Family visits from the US were few and far between but always exciting. On one occasion I met Henning after school, and we would go back home together. If I remember correctly, he had taken photos of the townhall for recollection. On the way home we talked, and Henning listened attentively to what in hindsight was probably some teenage girl's ramblings. Nevertheless, I will treasure how it felt to be taken seriously as an adult by Henning, which meant so much to me.
Love,
Cordula

Cordula - August 27, 2020 at 04:14 PM

BR

Cordula, Thank you for this special memory. I did not know he did this. My father loved you and your sister.
Your mom was so special to me as well, I have such fond memories of the summers we got to spend together. Brigitte

brigitte - August 27, 2020 at 09:48 PM

CB

“ Carl & Christa Braun lit a candle in memory of Henning Lorenz



Carl & Christa Braun - August 26, 2020 at 10:09 PM

CA

Sending prayers to you Josee, your daughters and all who loved your precious Henning. Our deepest condolences. 🙏❤️

Carl - August 26, 2020 at 10:15 PM

CF

“ Henning and us belonged to different generations and different cultures, Henning originally from Germany, and us from Chile, but connecting was easy, we were in front of the true engineer, and we spoke the universal language of science and technology, understanding was easy. Few years ago, we bought a lot from him and Josee where we have built our “dream” house. We have saved his perfect documentation and nice written letter, where with his sharp and almost perfect calligraphy, gave us a few recommendations and comments on the drawings we had shared with him earlier.

A few days ago, when we visited Josee, Christine, and Brigitte, one of us had the honor of sitting in Henning favorite chair. “Sit there, that was his favorite chair”, Josee told me. It was a good choice; I had never seen so many hummingbirds in such a short time. We will miss you, Henning, but you are still living with us in our memory.....and in the memory of a few hummingbirds that are still looking for you.

Pilar, Cristian

Cristian Fierro - August 26, 2020 at 06:36 PM

BR

Thank you so much Cristian you described my father to a T . Thank you so much. Brigitte

brigitte - August 27, 2020 at 09:45 PM

JH

“ *Dear Family-our hearts are heavy for you at the loss of this kind, engaging man who I know meant the world to you! Our families met through some events with the Hamby and Triest gang over the years, and we enjoyed his conversation and stories at the club fireworks a few times! Prayers for peace and comfort to you all. Casey, Jacki, Kailey and Lexie Hawkins*

Jacki Hawkins - August 26, 2020 at 08:55 AM

MG

“ *Dear Josee, Christine, Brigitte and families, I feel so lucky to have know Henning. He reminded me of my own father with his quiet demeanor and steady grin when overrun by all the women when our families got together. His twinkle and wit set him apart. He was a delightful human and you must miss him terribly.*

You are all in my heart, thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely

Maryann Griffith

maryann griffith - August 25, 2020 at 10:31 PM

AO

“ Dear Friend Josee and family. I always enjoyed your stories about how you met, how you lived your lives in Europe and the States. Just hearing the details of such demonstrated your deep love and commitment to each other and your loved ones.

With Love,
Anne O’Karma

Anne O’Karma - August 25, 2020 at 09:06 PM

DK

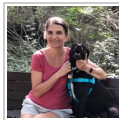
“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. Henning was truly one of a kind.

Diane Kapelanski - August 25, 2020 at 08:02 PM

JM

“ Henning will always hold a very special place in my heart. When I was a teenager visiting Christine, I’ll never forget how he would peek around the corner and give me a sweet smile. And Chris would say, “he really likes you”. That was our thing. I will miss him and am so blessed and grateful to have known him like family for most of my life.

joan maryin - August 25, 2020 at 03:44 PM



Thank you, Joan! You were ‘in’. 😊

Christine Santucci - August 26, 2020 at 05:58 AM

SF

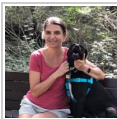
“ I’m so sorry to hear about Henning’s passing. I’m glad I got to meet him and spend time with him in a family setting. My heart goes out to you all.

Sarah Frommer - August 25, 2020 at 03:07 PM

TY

“ Dear Josee,
I think about how blessed I am to know & love, even just a tiny bit (in the grand scheme of the Lorenz Legacy), your family. The beauty of togetherness, humor, and generous compassion your family demonstrates, with each encounter into this world, is an indelible testimony to the wonderful life you and Henning created together. From your loving, smart, funny daughters/families - to their altruistic children, their gift/s ultimately become ours, as our lives enter-twine and your family pours their heart & soul (of what you and Henning gave them) back into this world. My heart breaks with so much love & grief for each and every one of you. And, I'm just grateful to be of witness and lucky enough to be considered a friend to a family that I admire and aspire to be like. My cup runnith over in happiness that you found each other so young and thankfully shared an amazing life together, and also, for the grief that comes with so much misplaced love in his heavy absence. Just know, as life still seems to whirl by as usual, our hearts have stopped in time with yours, and you are not alone in your grief or suffering. I'm so sorry for your loss.
Love you, Tina Yura

Tina Yura - August 25, 2020 at 02:10 PM



You are the most beautiful writer. I always take away something new from the way you look at things.

Christine Santucci - August 26, 2020 at 06:00 AM

CL

“ Liebe Josee, liebe Christine, liebe Brigitte, liebe Familie. Mein herzliches Beileid zu Eurem großen Verlust . In meiner Erinnerung sehe ich Henning lächeln. Ich kenne ihn als einen Menschen, der zuhörte, sich eher im Hintergrund hielt.Mt einem feinen, guten Sinn für Humor. Euch allen viel Kraft.

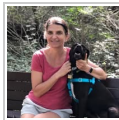
Christa Leese - August 25, 2020 at 01:47 PM



Caroline Kipps

“ I recall Floppy biting me, then curling up next to Henning in his chair; Josee’s warm smile, excellent cooking, and good humor; that sparkle in his eye when Henning was about to express his dry wit; the easy laughter in the Lorenz home. May he Rest In Peace. With love.

Caroline Kipps - August 25, 2020 at 01:12 PM



Floppi!! They are together again. Thanks for that. And that dog got away with murder. Henning spoiled him rotten!!! Even though Floppy more than once growled at Henning when he tried to get in his own bed at night!

Christine Santucci - August 26, 2020 at 06:08 AM

Jl

“ So very sorry to hear this. Henning was such a great neighbor. I loved the way he would walk out to the sidewalk and admire his home almost daily. I loved talking to him. It always ended with a laugh. He was one of the finest human beings I have ever met. God rest his beautiful soul. The John Ivers Family.

John Ivers - August 25, 2020 at 12:35 PM

JR

Josee, I didn't know Henning but through our mutual friend, Carol, I knew him to be a good and wise man! Please accept my condolences to you and your daughters! Love and warmest of thoughts, Judy Rizzo. Laguna Woods, Ca.

Judy Rizzo - August 25, 2020 at 01:03 PM

BF

my condolences to you and your family, Bridgett...Hugs, Bonnie Ferguson

bonnie ferguson - August 25, 2020 at 01:54 PM

BB

Dear Josee Christine and Bridget our deepest sympathy on the loss of an exceptional husband father grandfather and friend the communities of families friends and business relationships will greatly miss his being there. Praying that the void will be filled by his memories of his being such an honorable man.

Bill and Marie Breen - August 26, 2020 at 03:03 PM