

## Leukert, Gerold F.



Gerold F. Leukert

Entered into eternal rest on July 17, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Rosa Haimerl Leukert, dearest father of Stephan Leukert, loving brother of Waltraud (the late Joseph) Pfeifer, Gerlinde (the late Otto) Allmendinger, Irma (the late Ludwig) Eder, Erika (Gary) Allen, as well as the late Elisabeth Trivundza (Bill Buxton) and Helmut (Janet) Leukert. Our dear Onkel, Godfather, brother-in-law, cousin and friend to many.

Gerold was born on April 21, 1945 in Schoenwald, Sudetenland. When World War II ended, shortly after his birth, his family was one of many driven out of Sudetenland, in exile. Taking only what they could carry, his family moved to a town of many refugees in Moernsheim, Germany. It was there he spent the first half of his childhood. In 1955, his family embarked on a journey to a new life in America. They set roots in St. Louis, where Gerold completed his schooling and became a United States citizen.

Gerold served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1968. It was in his first year of his overseas tour in Germany that he met the love of his life, Rosa. They were married in 1967 in Muenschen, Germany. In 1968, Gerold returned to America, followed by his new wife. In 1975, they welcomed a baby boy, Stephan, into their lives and their long time home in Fenton, Missouri.

Gerold spend his many working years as a tool and die maker, providing well for his family. He maintained his German heritage as a lifelong member of the St. Louis Schuetzenverein (Shooting Club), building lifelong friendships and displaying his exceptional marksmanship.

In the rest of his free time, Gerold embraced his love for the outdoors. He was an exceptional hunter and fisherman. Whether he was on his mountain with family or hunting mushrooms in the local woods, his appreciation of nature was without question. Even with his late in life diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease, he let nothing stop him, still enjoying the outdoors. To those that knew him, it was no surprise to learn his final moments were surrounded by trees, enjoying God's creation. Ruhe in Frieden.

Services: Funeral at KUTIS SOUTH COUNTY CHAPEL, 5255 Lemay Ferry Rd., Mon. July 27, 10 a.m.  
Interment J.B. National Cemetery. Visitation Sun. 4-8 p.m.