



Helmut Welker

December 28, 1940 - February 9, 2021

Helmut Welker, 80, formerly of 104 Plumleaf Court, Griffin, passed away Tuesday (February 9, 2021) in his home, surrounded by his wife Nancy and his daughter Ann Marie.

He was born December 28, 1940, in Tschervenka, Yugoslavia, the son of the late Ambrosius and Christine Hinkel Welker. Helmut immigrated with his parents from West Germany to the United States on August 6, 1955. He became a US citizen and graduated from Jamestown High School. Later in life, he earned a bachelor's degree of Mechanical Engineering Technology from Rochester Institute of Technology, with highest honors. He was last employed as a research and development engineer for Heidenhain ACU-RITE Co. Inc. in Jamestown, NY, a manufacturer of precision measuring instruments. Throughout his career at that firm, Helmut made several advances to the reading head technology, for which he held seven patents. Helmut was a lifelong avid runner and ran many marathons, including the Boston Marathon in 1976. He also was a prolific builder and designed and built the home his family lived in by hand. Even after retirement, his love of projects was unabated, and he and his wife Nancy restored two historical Victorian homes.

Surviving are his wife Nancy Ann Hornsten Welker of Griffin, GA; a daughter, Dr. Ann Marie Welker (Dr. Karl H. L. Welker) of Frankfurt, Germany; and a

grandchild, Alexandra Welker of Frankfurt, Germany. He was preceded in death by his younger daughter, Dr. Christine Welker.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Jamestown, NY. Inurnment will be in Lake View Cemetery in Jamestown, NY.

For online condolences please visit www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com.

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Road, Griffin, GA is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Lake View Cemetery

Jamestown, NY

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Helmut Welker*

October 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *In fact, you rarely meet people you never forget. Once and only a few weeks but these were full of generosity, full of love of life, full of experience.*

I have never forgotten the time, I always think back to it. No matter how many years have passed.

You were and you will always be a reference of humanity.

I am deeply grateful to you and your wife Nancy.

Michael

Michael Sanne - April 10, 2021 at 04:34 PM

DK

“ Nancy - it has been very many years! I met Helmut when we both worked at Jamestown General Hospital. He almost talked me into sky diving and invited me to your home where he put his parachute on my back and I almost fell over backwards! I weighed about 90 pounds at the time and I never did get to go sky diving. Then Dan and I were to be married and we were trying to find an apartment, all we could find was one that was unfurnished and we had no furniture. You and Helmut were about to go to Germany and had to get your furniture out of your apartment. He said to me "Give me \$20.00 and get all out of there right away". Dan was working at the Ambulance Service and they used the Ambulance to move the things to our place. This gave us a start to our marriage without a lot of debt - what a blessing for us. Dan and I have been married for 56 years now and we often think of the two of you and your generosity at the beginning of our marriage. Neither you or Helmut have been forgotten. We are so sorry for your loss.

Dan and Kathy Kelly

Dan and Kathy Kelly - February 13, 2021 at 01:50 PM

AW

Thank you for your kind words, Dan and Kathy, and sharing this wonderful memory! All the best!

Ann Marie Welker - February 26, 2021 at 02:49 AM

MW

“ Nancy and the Welker Family, I was so sad when I heard of Helmut's passing. Helmut was so nice and he was a very good runner. My husband and I met Helmut when we were members of the Jamestown Roadrunners Club. I remember when we all went to Boston in 1996 for the Marathon. Helmut drove and he was so patient with us (meaning myself and Holly).

We enjoyed talking about our running experiences all the way to Boston and then we all talked about our marathon experiences on the way back to Western New York. We probably bored you so much Nancy with our stories. I will never forget that event and as we were all kind of nervous about running.. Nancy you were the one who was so calm and relaxed and had to put up with us. Rest in Peace Helmut!

Marilyn Wright - February 12, 2021 at 10:20 AM

AW

Thank you for your kind words, Marilyn, and loved your story about the marathon. He was indeed a patient and encouraging running buddy, the best ever. I showed your note to my mom and she said she was not bored! All the best to you - Ann Marie

Ann Marie Welker - February 26, 2021 at 02:52 AM