



GERHARD LENGEMANN

December 31, 1932 - October 14, 2010

Obituary of GERHARD LENGEMANN

Mr. Gerhard Adam Lengemann, age 77, born December 31, 1932 in Dissen, Germany, passed away Thursday, October 14, 2010. He began his apprenticeship at the age of 14 as a precision mechanic for optical instruments. This was the beginning of his lifelong involvement with surveying instruments. Growing up in a war torn Germany and experiencing the later difficult economic times, Gerhard and his wife, Hannelore, decided to leave Germany for a better future. He moved his family first to Canada in 1958 and then to Michigan in 1962, where he started his own business, G Lengemann Co in Niles, Michigan. Tiring of the cold Michigan winters, he brought his family to Altoona, Florida in 1975 and started Lengemann of Florida, Inc. He was a loving man who believed family was the most important thing in life. Gerhard truly lived the "American Dream" and was most proud of his citizenship and new country. He is an inspiration to us all and will always be remembered for his generosity, wisdom and humor. Gerhard was predeceased by a daughter, Angelika Lengemann and a son, Michael Lengemann. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Hannelore Lengemann of Altoona, FL; daughter: Susan (Robert) Croft of Umatilla, FL; son: Ralph (Elke) Lengemann of Umatilla, FL; daughter: Heidi Estes of Atlanta, GA; nephew: Guenter (Barbara) Lengemann of Umatilla, FL; grandchildren: Melissa and Robert Croft, Stephanie, Andrea, and Paul Lengemann, Amber and Bradley

Estes, and great granddaughter, Hannah Hopkins.

Visitation

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, October 22, 2010 at the Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

Services

Funeral services will be held 11:30 a.m., Saturday, October 23, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church of Umatilla with Mr. Billy Owens officiating.

Interment

Private interment will be at Hinson Cemetery, Altoona.

In lieu of

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to the Florida Society of Surveyors and Mappers, 1689-A Mahan Center Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32308-5454 for the Gerhard Lengemann Scholarship.

Tribute Wall



“ GERHARD LENGEMANN

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart goes out to the Lengemann family, please accept my sympathies for your loss. Gary was a true gentleman and a real class act. He will be dearly missed.*

Bill Gilbert - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a wonderful man and such an asset to the survey profession. Since I began surveying at the age of 18, this name was one that meant quality and professionalism. I was lucky enough to meet Mr. Lengemann on several occasions, and he will be missed by all who knew him.*

Jonathan T. Gilbert, PSM - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are greatly saddened to hear about Gary's passing. He was a wonderful man who had many friends in both the survey and mapping community. He will be sadly missed by everyone. Myself and others from ACA send their condolences to the family during this time of sorrow.*

Jim Humphrey/ ACA - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ We were deeply saddened to learn of Gerhard's death and we would like to express our sincere sympathy to you and your family on behalf of everyone at Wantman Group, Inc. A contribution will be made to the Florida Society of Surveyors and Mappers in his name. With sincere sympathy, Wantman Group, Inc.

Wantman Group, Inc. - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ It is with a heavy heart I send my condolences to each and every family member. You are all in my prayers as you go through this time of sorrow. I will pray the Lord continues to bless you with memories of what a wonderful and kind man Gary was for only through those memories can you continue to honor him and keep him in your minds and hearts.

Beverly J. Sutphin, PSM - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ We were very saddened to hear of Gary's death. He was such a joy to know and work with. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences are with the entire Lengemann family. Larry & Delane Delk

Larry & Delane Delk - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ I was deeply saddened to hear that Gerhard had passed away. I first met Gerhard over twenty five years ago while attending the Michigan Land Surveyors convention on behalf of TOPCON. I remember that he was very gracious and patient with me as a young and inexperienced Regional Manager. Through the years, when I had the opportunity to speak with Gerhard, I always came away from those conversations feeling a little bit smarter and uplifted. I will miss him. He was a wonderful man. My sincere condolences to the Lengemann family.

David Norris - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ The staff extends our deepest condolences on the loss of Mr. Lengemann. He was a very special person and it was always a pleasure to see him when he came to our office. Deepest sympathy, Jane, Sharon, Tom, Don, Larry, Jack

Lake County Expo Center/Fairgrounds - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Gerhards passing. He was a remarkable man both professionally and personally. I always loved his happy smile and cheerful personality. He will be truly missed. I offer my deepest condolences to the family.

Bradley Minnix - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I was saddened to hear of Gary's death. We met many years ago at a Topcon meeting and became friends. We always enjoyed each others company, and I always admired Gary's business ethics, character, and humor. When we got to share the Spirit of Excellence award that Gary was awarded, I really knew that he was a one of a kind person. I had a deep respect for him after watching the video, and that respect only grew with time. Gary will truly be missed by the Topcon and Lengemann families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Regards, Tom & Karen Walrath

Tom & Karen Walrath - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ Biscayne Engineering Company, Inc. family will like to send our condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Gerhard Adam Lengemann. May our prayers and thoughts be with the family in this difficult time of bereavement. Please remember to be encouraged and May God Bless you all.

Biscayne Engineering Company, Inc. - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ So many in the surveying community are better for having known Mr. Lengemann. He always had a smile on his face and entertained us with his historical tales. "It is a rare person who comes along and raises the standards of excellence, who captures the hearts of many, and who inspires a group of individuals on to achieve the impossible". Our thoughts are with Mr. Lengemann's family.

MaryHanna Clodfelter - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Ralph, We are very slow sending our condolence, but just wanted you to know that we KNOW how it feels to lose a parent. You and your family must be very proud of your father. Sincerely, Kay Pederson*

Pete & Kay Pederson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Hanna, Susan, Ralph and Heidi and families - We were sadden to hear of Gary's passing. We often speak of the times we had when visiting Mom and how Gary always had a joke or 'lesson' to tell us. We know that he is deeply missed. Not only by family, but his many friends and coworkers. Bless you all. Dave and Jo Marshall*

Dave & Jo Marshall - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *I was saddened to learn of Gerhard's passing. In my many years with Topcon I came to respect his knowledge, keen business sense and unshakeable loyalty. A man I considered a friend has left us and my condolences go out to Hanna, Susan, Ralph and Heidi and the extended Lengemann family.*

Jim Curran - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family. Gary was a kind and wonderful person, he always had a smile and a story to tell. I will truly miss him coming in the cabinet shop. He could really brighten your day. God Bless Mark and Sue Daigneau*

Mark and Sue Daigneau - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We are deeply saddened and pray that God watches over all of the family in this sorrowful time.

Mike and Linda Straughan - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Knowing Gary was an absolute honor and pleasure for us. Gary was a very rare breed these days...a true gentleman with a kindness of spirit and heart. Please accept our condolences to family, friends, and co-workers. We have lost a man among men.

Lynn & Donna Nelson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Hanna, Susan, Heidi, Ralph and the entire Lengemann family: Michelle and I had great admiration and respect for Gerry; his attitude, laughter, and friendship will be greatly missed. His love for friends and family was very evident and the times shared with him will be remembered fondly. His obituary notes that he was proud of his US citizenship, it is safe to say that individuals like Gerhard are what makes America great. Our condolences for your loss.
Sincerely, David & Michelle White

David & Michelle White - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ With our deepest sympathy to all of you, he was a great person and will be truly missed in the surveying industry. Your friends at Sokkia!

Sokkia Topcon Corp - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I was so sorry to hear that Gary had died. He was such a wonderful human being. He always radiated joy and could light up a room. David and I had stimulating conversations with Gary at the Topcon meetings. He was so curious about " what's it all about". Now he knows. He will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of his presence. Our deepest sympathy to his beloved Family and wife. I know there will be a huge void that can't be filled. Know that he lives on and will always be with you. I know David will be thrilled to see him. All my love always. Barbara

Barbara Reitmeyer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ It is with sincere sadness that I hear of Gary's passing. He has had an immeasurable impact on all of us in the surveying community. I am thankful for having known him and I will fondly carry with me all that he shared. My thoughts and prayers are with the Lengemann family. May god bless.

Mike Garcia - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Gary will be missed by all who met him. Always with a smile is a great way to be remembered. We are sorry for your loss but glad Gary is with God and not suffering anymore. Mike and Suellen Maxwell

Mike Maxwell - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ We have known Gary for the past 22 years through the surveying profession and we will miss him greatly! He always had such great stories and could bring a smile to anyones face. We were honored to know him. Our condolances to the entire family as we know he will be sorely missed.

Russell & Pam Hyatt - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers, Mr Lengemann was a great man, always had a joke. He had a big heart and I will truly miss talking to him. He gave me a list he had made and it is on the wall in my office at home. Christians for Good Citizenship By Gerhard Lengemann This is just one oof them We beleive that life is a privilege and so is the grace of God and should never be looked upon as and ENTITLEMENT. then he had a P.S. We return our shopping carts to its proper place. Love ya and will miss ya.

Donna Gardiner - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM