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Guenter Hennig passed away peacefully on March 28, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on August 7, 1940, in Berlin, Germany, to Fritz and Erna Beer. He spent his childhood in Berlin, then moved to the United States with his mother and stepfather Robert Salter, a member of the U.S. Army. He attended Hughes High School in Cincinnati, Ohio and Munich American High School in Munich, Germany. Guenter attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he studied engineering. It was there, after a football game on November 22, 1961, that he met the love of his life, Diana. They married at West Point on June 13, 1965, shortly before Guenter was stationed in Berlin, Germany, as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. While stationed in Germany, they welcomed their first child, Angela. While expecting their second child, Robert, they relocated to Philadelphia. There, Guenter awaited deployment to Vietnam where he served for a year and attained the rank of Captain. After his service, the family moved to Washington, Pennsylvania, where Guenter worked as a ROTC instructor until his military discharge in 1970. Following his military career, Guenter and his family moved frequently, living in North Carolina, Georgia, Wisconsin, and Michigan as he made a career in the wood products industry. Upon retirement, he and Diana settled in Palm Coast, Florida, before making their final home in St. Augustine in 2000. They became devoted members of St. Anastasia Catholic Church. Guenter enjoyed singing, cooking, (especially German

dishes), and working crossword puzzles. He also enjoyed long walks on the beach and afternoons spent watching soccer. He was handy with tools and remodeled the family houses, repaired appliances, and dabbled in wood working. He was active in the Catholic Church and a member of the Joyful Family Prayer Group. He found gratification volunteering his time and effort to the choir, RCIA, the prison ministry, and the House of Prayer. Above all Guenter was a family man: his wife and children were his life's purpose and principal joy. He is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 60 years, Diana Hennig; his daughter, Angela Poovey, her husband, Chad; his son, Robert Alan Hennig and his husband, Steve Endo; cousins Gisela Helmle, Hans Wolff, Wolfgang Beer, and other relatives in Germany. A memorial Mass will be held on Wednesday, April 9, at 9:00 AM at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in St. Augustine, Florida. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to St. Anastasia Catholic Church or Bailey Center for Caring in Guenter's honor.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anastasia Catholic Church
5205 A1A South
St. Augustine, FL 32080

Tribute Wall

CG

“ *What a nice person and genuine spirit Guenther was. He had one of the greatest smiles I have ever seen on a person. Our prayers go out for Diana and all of her family during this sad time. We are so sorry for your loss and are sad that we cannot attend the services. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." Amen*

Clay & Terry Gooch

Clay Gooch - April 08, 2025 at 04:56 PM

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“ *ERDC EL planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Guenter Hennig.*

ERDC EL - April 08, 2025 at 12:55 PM

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“ *ERDC EL purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Guenter Hennig.*



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“ *He was a kind and quiet soul and I will keep him and Diana in my prayers.*

Diane Torchia - April 07, 2025 at 10:54 PM

RC

“ *My fondest memories of my uncle Guenter are from my time staying with him and my aunt in Michigan. My uncle gave me my 1st Swiss army pocket knife when he thought I was ready to have one. My aunt and uncle also were kind enough to start up a mutual trading account for me when they wanted me to have a foundation to build on. I truly appreciate everything he has done for me. My uncle Gunter was respected and loved by many. I will see him again one day when we are all together again.*

Richard Chiappetta - April 04, 2025 at 04:58 PM