



Rolf Basler

March 8, 2018

Rolf Basler, 75 of Salisbury NC passed away Thursday March 8, 2018. He was born in Stuttgart, Germany and immigrated to the United States at age 13 in 1955. Rolf was proud of his family and especially proud of his country and the opportunities it provided. As a young man he served in the Army, which provided a strong foundation for his career managing manufacturing companies in the United States, Canada, and Ireland.

After retiring in 2002, Rolf and Beverly enjoyed traveling for many years. They also enjoyed time at the beach in Delaware and Florida, and until recently at their home at Lake James, Morganton, North Carolina.

A loving husband, father, and family man, Rolf will be remembered as a generous, passionate, and hard working man. He was especially enthusiastic when encouraging young people to improve themselves through education. This was due in part to his needing to drop out of high school to help his father in the fur business then completing high school and college at night while working. He was a strong advocate for the American Dream through education and hard work.

Rolf volunteered with several organizations such as serving as a Board of Director for the Children's Home in Easton, PA, member of the Board for St. Vincent DePaul Pharmacy, active with the Burke County United Ministries

Soup Kitchen and Habitat for Humanities in Morganton.

Rolf is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Beverly who he met in New Jersey when they were 15 years old. He is also survived by his brother, Michael and wife Linda.

Rolf is the father of Dwayne (Maureen) of Old Lyme, Connecticut and Robert (Jennifer) of Lancaster, Pennsylvania and grandfather to Patrick, Colin, Brendan, Grace, Ben, and Paige.

He will be missed by his family and friends at Trinity Oaks and Lake James.

The family will gather with friends from 10-11 AM Monday, March 12, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 AM in the church; officiated by Father Lucas Rossi. Following the service a reception will be held at Trinity Oaks.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Basler family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

DI

“ Only today did I see that Rolf Basler has sadly passed to his eternal reward. I worked with Rolf in Tarkett Ireland at end of 1990's, he was a gentleman and so nice always. I met his lovely wife Beverly many many times during their stay in Ireland. He was so proud of all his family and spoke so lovingly of them always. To Beverly and all his family I send my deepest sympathy. Dympna Gibbons Mullingar Co Westmeath Ireland

Dympna Gibbons, former work colleague in - September 02, 2021 at 06:19 PM

LS

“ Beverly and family, I just heard that Rolf passed. He was such a real gentleman to everyone. I loved how he could say the alphabet in German! My heart goes out to you and your family. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting him. Please accept my prayers and condolences. Sincerely, Lynn Sanderson, NC ALS Association.

Lynn Sanderson - April 02, 2018 at 03:20 PM

LF

“ Rolf was a man of values which is so very missing in today's world. We last spoke a couple of weeks ago and I could tell that his strength was less. He was more concerned about Bev because of how his health weighed on her.

Rolf was a good man.

Len Franckowiak

LEN FRANCKOWIAK - March 11, 2018 at 10:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rolf Basler.*



March 09, 2018 at 06:30 PM



“ *Prayers and comfort to everyone. My first memory of Uncle Rolf was at my Grandfather's funeral. I was 9 years old and crying and my Uncle Rolf told me not to worry, your Grandfather is in a better place. I never forgot and repeat the same advice.*

My Uncle also taught me how to ski. I remember him being very patient and understanding. It was very nice growing up because Uncle Rolf, Aunt Beverly and Dwayne and Bobby lived just down the street.

A last memory was when Uncle Rolf took us all out on their boat into the Bay area when they lived in Punta Gorda, FL. It was quite a ride with each of my kids sharing the pilot duties.

We may be missing you Uncle but everyone who got to heaven gets to see you again and share some really good beer!

Ken Zielinski - March 09, 2018 at 06:08 PM



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March 09, 2018 at 05:58 PM

KE

“ *My grandfather died when I was 9 years old and Uncle Rolf comforted me by explaining that my grandfather was in a better place. I never forgot that.*

My Uncle also taught me how to ski! It was very convenient to have your Aunt, Uncle and cousins living down the street!

The last memory was of going out into the Bay on my Aunt Bev and Uncle Rolf's boat when they lived in Punta Gorda, FL. My children really appreciated piloting that boat!

I remember my Uncle Rolf as a kind and compassionate man and know that he will be missed by many. But.....so many others in heaven now get to meet and greet him again!

The family will be in my prayers. Comfort to all.

Ken - March 09, 2018 at 05:53 PM

AC

“ Dearest Beverly, Michael and children of my dear, dear friend, Rolf. He was a mentor, slightly older and, as such, an "elder brother" to me, who did not have one. I learned so much from this giant of courage, intelligence and talent. He led the way for us on completing term papers in high school, neat penmanship, determination, soccer expertise, hard-headed practical application of our energies, good humor and acceptance of reality. And, did I mention romance? I remember teaching him how to dance - up on a high wooden platform in a gigantic tree out in the middle of the woods we used to hike in our early teens. And I remember him, Dave Goodwin and me peddling our bikes from Hamilton to the former Cuban-style Cigar factory over on Adeline to rendez-vous with, guess who?, Beverly, of course! We spoke French together; we lived a stone's throw away from each other; we were as much brothers as my own siblings are to me. Godspeed on your journey, old pal. May your deep love sustain your beloved wife, brother, children, grandchildren and so many others you touched. Huge hug to you, Bev. Angelo

Angelojohn Chianese - March 09, 2018 at 10:40 AM

KH

“ Dwayne and Family, our condolences on your family's loss - Kevin Harris and Family

Kevin Harris - March 08, 2018 at 06:26 PM

JG

“ Dwayne & Family - With my deepest sympathy on your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers your way. You have a new Guardian Angel watching over. Cherish your memories. Jackie



Jacqueline Grier - March 08, 2018 at 01:25 PM