

Wolfgang Theodor Geiger

February 6, 2023

Wolfgang Theodor Geiger (June 7, 1933 - February 6, 2023)

Wolf was the beloved husband of Kathleen (Kitty) Geiger as well as a father, step-father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He passed away peacefully in his sleep at 89 years of age after a long battle with Parkinson's and Lewy Bodies Dementia. He enjoyed a full and happy life and retirement in the sun, playing his favourite sport - golf - which he loved and excelled at.

Wolf was the first member of his family to migrate to Canada from Bremen, Germany at the tender age of 19 with \$25 in his pocket and spoke very little English. He liked to say that he learned to say "bananas" very quickly because that is what he lived on till he got a job shovelling snow off driveways and then driving a bakery truck for Dempster's! He progressed to selling doors and windows for Albern Aluminum for many years and finally wound up working for his brother John Geiger of Geiger International when he asked Wolf to start up the American furniture plant in Atlanta, Georgia where he moved to with his wife Kathleen (Kitty) Geiger. The business thrived and was a huge success.

Our family will miss our Wolfie's gorgeous smile and irrepressible sense of humor - when asked "How are you today Wolfie?" he would always respond "I've seen better days!" We all loved him dearly.

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Tribute Wall

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Warren DiClemente - February 19, 2023 at 01:05 PM

KM

“ Wolfe a man with a twinkle in his eyes and true legend on the golf course .

We have wonderful memories of our times in both Naples and North Carolina with mum and Wolfe and our children.

He was always one for cracking jokes and telling heartfelt stories of his younger years.

He loved his Miss Kitty with all his heart.

Kitty you were his rock and the care that you gave has showed us all the meaning of true love ❤️ Wolf will be dearly missed by all

Ken Marshall - February 16, 2023 at 08:07 PM

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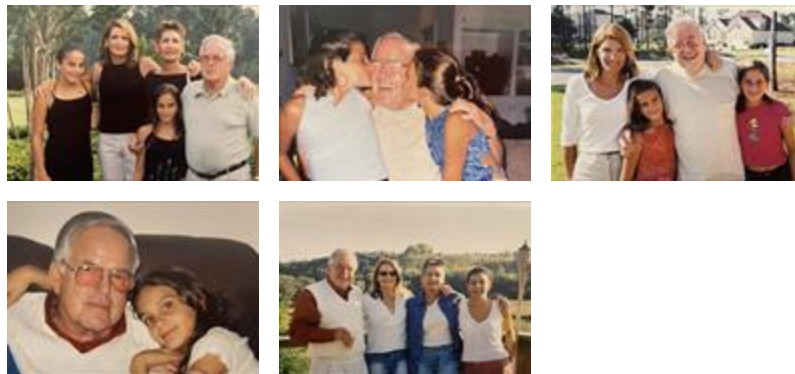
“ *My Dear Nana Kitty,
We wanted to reach out to you today - Valentine's Day which celebrates love to send you all of ours, and commend you for the beautiful example you and Grandpa Wolf set of a loving and dedicated partnership. Your devotion to each other was evident in every interaction I had with you and I know you dutifully cared for and supported him until the end. He was so lucky to have you in his life and I hope his passing can now bring you some sense of solace and of closure, as I know the last few years had been difficult for you both. I wish Josephine could have met grandpa before his passing, but she sends her love and best wishes to you now as well We will have to make up for the lost opportunities by having a lot of visits with you in the years to come. In the meantime, I hope this period of mourning ushers you eventually into a bright and beautiful new day full of anticipation for all that life still has in store. I hope we can be a small part of that adventure!*

Love, Travis and Josephine

Travis Pulchinski - February 15, 2023 at 07:22 PM

WD

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Warren DiClemente - February 15, 2023 at 12:36 PM

WD

“ Wolf was a man’s man with movie star good looks. A Robert Wagner look a-like who was always dapper and charming in his old school ways . A great story teller and joker who wasn’t afraid to look down the barrel of political correctness . We always enjoyed listening to his well told stories of his younger days in Germany and his colourful experiences with a number of jobs after arriving in Canada . Wolf later went on to become a successful executive in the furniture business who retired early to live life to the fullest . When Wolf wasn’t buying and flipping houses in Florida , he could be found on the golf course with his pals enjoying the game he loved always followed by a game of cards with the boys . I always admired Wolf. He was creative and innovative and was recognized for overseeing the building of one of the first state-of-the-art flood proof homes on pillars in Bonita Springs, which was written about in the local papers . Wolf later brought his charm to North Carolina and naturally it was to live and enjoy one of the highest-rated golf plantations in North America , St James Plantation , truly the Disneyland of golf . Although he loved his golf he still managed to find time to build another gorgeous home in St James . Our whole family always enjoyed our many visits to Florida and North Carolina to see Grampa Wolfie and his beloved Miss Kitty. Amazing times and lasting memories . We will all miss you my friend , rest in peace .
Warren

Warren DiClemente - February 15, 2023 at 12:24 PM

PD

“ Wolf and my mum, Kitty, were a very happy couple throughout their 43 years together. Like my sister Deirdre and her family, we had many enjoyable visits with them in the States. Wolf was a wonderful host and a generous person. He would take us on long ocean tours on the "Wolfkit", very likely going well out of his way to find dolphins, manatees, and horseshoe crabs for the kids. They were thrilled - we all were! So many good times. Later in life, Warren and I would golf with him in NC - his low straight shots, and putts, were an inspiration. Wolf was also a wonderful storyteller, regaling us with many stories of his youth, and his early years in Canada making his way alone in a new country. All of it fascinating. Once back in Canada, even with deteriorating health, Wolf was cheerful. When asked how he was, he'd always say he'd "seen better days" and "I just want another 10 years". Wolf was much-loved by his "Miss Kitty". Her devotion to him was complete. She was with him every day throughout his last very challenging years. We will all miss him. Hale fellow well met! Rest in peace, Wolf.

Penny DiClemente - February 15, 2023 at 11:47 AM

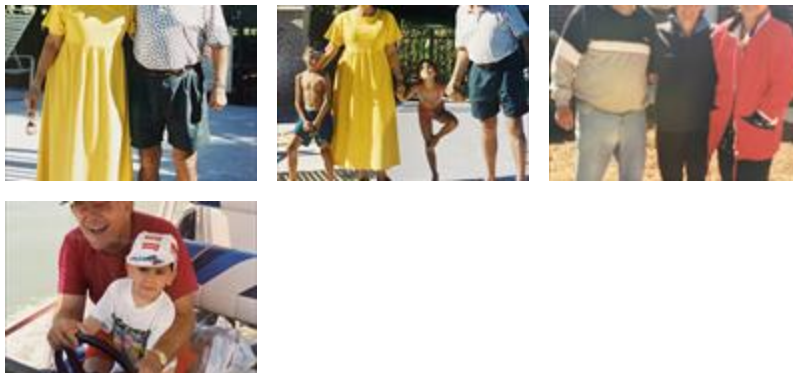
DP

“ My stepdad, Wolf, came into my life when I was about 15. I remember looking forward to his visits as it inevitably meant a bouquet of lovely flowers and a box of chocolate Turtles which we sisters pigged out on. One of his favourite meals and the one which he happily prepared himself was Rouladen accompanied by sauteed red cabbage & apples cooked up by mom. Yum yum! When I turned 17, he bravely lent me his big, fancy Cordoba for my driving lessons and seemed pleased when I (finally) passed my road test. He sure did love his luxury vehicles!

Once I grew up and had my own family, he and mom warmly welcomed us to their beautiful homes be they in Atlanta, Florida, N.C. or Toronto. In the southern U.S., he rented a deck boat for the 6 of us so we could travel through the inter-coastal waterways where we saw manatees and picnicked on secluded beaches. The kids and Derek and I always had a blast at the rec centre swimming pools. One summer, Grampa Wolf even lent us his Mercedes so mom and the 4 of us could drive to Disneyland - we arrived in style!

He really loved his "Miss Kitty" and always treated her with kindness and care. I will really miss his silly jokes, quiet chuckle and generosity. RIP xoxoxoxo

Dede



Deirdre Marshall Pulchinski - February 10, 2023 at 06:27 PM

“ Hey Wolf: You were one of a kind. I know the last couple of years were tough but you had the best caregiver and advocate anyone could ask for in your wonderful loving wife, Kitty.

We go back to when I started dating Deirdre and we drove to Florida to meet you. That was almost 40 years ago. Over those years we had the privilege of enjoying your wonderful hospitality, wisdom and insight. My fondest memories of you were when you would recount stories of being a young boy during WWII in Bremen, Germany. They were riveting and you had the ability to describe them with such incredible detail, like we were there with you and your family. I never knew you were such an accomplished soccer player in your younger years!

You proved yourself as a highly successful business man, entrepreneur and forward thinker. However, knowing this from personal experience, I would say your greatest achievement was your wicked game of golf. My friends still hold you out as a legend, having beaten all of us hot shots with that unstoppable short game and steely nerve and wryly grin when the chip shot holed out. Cha Ching, pay up boys...

I especially admired how you never feared anything in your life. Shipping your car over to Europe and taking your sons on a family tour. Who did that? Set up a huge furniture plant in Atlanta with 600 employees, from nothing. Few could match that. We loved the stories of when you came to Canada and started out by driving a bread truck and then selling aluminum doors and windows.

You lived life to the fullest, and never backed down from any challenge. These qualities have not gone unnoticed and even though you may be gone in your physical form, your spirit and energy and charisma will never fade. You lived life your way. Your life experience has helped others overcome their fears. You did it right. You will be missed.

All our Love Wolf.

Derek, Deirdre, Travis and Morgan

Derek Pulchinski - February 10, 2023 at 06:06 PM

DP

“*Wolf was a fun guy, a guys guy. He had a wicked sense of humor and a wicked short game in golf. One time at St James plantation, we were playing on the Nicklaus course and I asked for 2 shots a side; which he promptly agreed to. As it happened, I won the dollar NASSAU sans the 4 strokes. He handed over the 3 bucks and said " here you sandbagger; don't spend it all in one place" on the ride back to the house he kvetched the whole way but in a kidding way, there was no mean spiritedness in the man. A good guy! R.I.P. Bro in law, May you ace the first hole in that great course in the afterworld.*

*Love you,
Darryl.*

Darryl Peterson - February 09, 2023 at 01:54 PM

CL

Condolences to Kitty and the Family. I know that Wolfe loved his Golf and loved playing Golf with his wife and buddies. Love the Locker Family.

carol Locker - February 11, 2023 at 12:18 PM

DM

We first met Wolf when Brian and I reconnected with Kitty after losing touch for about 30 years - thank you, Internet. Kitty invited us to come to St. James in North Carolina and after some discussion we decided to visit. Both Kitty and I were a little concerned that our spouses might not like each other as much as we always did. Both of them were charming (and knew it), loved to shoot the breeze and, most of all, played a mean game of golf. But our worries were all for naught - they hit it off right away. And that was the beginning of a wonderful friendship - great visits, lots of laughs and many, many good times. And then when I was alone, Wolfie always made me feel welcome and loved. He was a great guy, and I can only imagine how much Kitty misses him. I hope that whatever incredible golf course Brian and Wolf are on now, they are still having a wonderful time. Rest in Peace, Wolfie, and may your memory always be a blessing. Much love, your friend Bunny (Dolores Marolly) xoxox

Dolores Marolly - February 11, 2023 at 09:15 PM

KG

Thank you all for your loving and caring support in my time of need. I miss my sweetheart "Wolfie" terribly and sometimes feel as if the pain will never go away.

Kathleen Geiger - August 14, 2023 at 12:30 PM