

## Philip Klenk

July 31, 1927 - March 19, 2017

Philip Klenk passed away in peace on Sunday afternoon March 19, 2017 in Maitland, Florida. He was 89 years of age. He is survived by his wife Gerda, of 37 years, daughter Barbara, Cornelia, son Andreas, son-in-law Andrew and grandchildren Julianne, Garrett and Jake.

Philip was born on July 31, 1927 to Andreas and Rosina Klenk in Liebling, Romania, where he grew up. Toward the end of WWII, when he was 17 years of age, Philip was drafted at gunpoint to serve in the German army, where he and his unit were immediately sent to Berlin to hold back the advancing Russian army. His leg was badly injured in a landmine explosion, and he survived by convincing a German doctor to treat his wounds in exchange for contraband cigarettes. Once the Russian army overtook Berlin, Philip walked back to West Germany on a badly injured leg, and later emigrated to the United States. He came to the United States in 1952 working as an electrician, an electrical engineer at Siemens, and then an electron microscope service specialist at Carl Zeiss Inc. of Thornwood, NY for 22 years. He lived in Teaneck and Mahwah, NJ while employed and during retirement move to Apopka and eventually Maitland, Florida.

In his retirement he became an avid golfer and member of the Winter Park Country Club. Philip was known for his sincere and loyal demeanor to his friends and family and all who knew him. He will be greatly and immensely missed and remembered eternally by friends and family, (Pops, Daddy, Philip we love and miss you and you will always have a special place in our hearts).

In lieu of flowers any donations in memory of Philip Klenk can be sent to Hospice of the Comforter, c/o Donation Department, 480 W. Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

# Tribute Wall



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**DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory** - May 01, 2017 at 07:50 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Harry and Maripi Goldman** - March 22, 2017 at 07:06 PM

HG

“ Dear Gerda, Barbara and Cornelia,

*We are so sorry to hear about Philip's passing. We were neighbors for more than 12 years at the Moorings in Maitland and we always enjoyed his sense of humor and his sincere friendship. Philip was a strong man. We watched with admiration as he went to play golf every morning. We once asked about his medications and were surprised to learn he did not take any. He was always quick to offer help to us and other neighbors. He helped us put an exercise bike, he helped with some furniture assembly, and when I, Harry, had an small operation, Philip came down to our apartment each day with the New York Times and spent time talking. When Gerda was away in Brazil, we had Philip down to dinner several times. Each time he brought a little wine or beer or flowers and each time he dressed up as if he were going out to a quality restaurant. Philip was a gentleman!*

*Something which made Philip very happy and emotional was the surprise birthday party that Barbara and Cornelia made for him at Antonio's restaurant for Gerda's birthday He could not speak about this without tear in his eyes.*

*Yes, Philip will be missed. We have missed him since we moved two years ago. We thought about him from time to time. We always remembered his kindness and his attentive personality,*

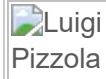
*We truly will always remember Philip.*

*With Love,*

*Maripi and Harry Goldman*

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**Harry and Maripi Goldman** - March 22, 2017 at 06:35 PM



Luigi Pizzola

*Dear Gerda,  
I just found out Phillip past away, I felt awful... he was a great men and I enjoyed the few moments we spent together on the golf course.  
My deepest condolences to you and your family.*

*With Love,*

*Luigi Pizzola*

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**Luigi Pizzola** - July 13, 2017 at 09:44 PM

JS

“ *Dear Cornelia and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. I know how much you love him. May he rest in peace.*

*Judy Schaefer*

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**Judy Schaefer** - March 22, 2017 at 03:56 PM

LR

“ *Dear Cornelia and Family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved father. Sounds like he was a very special, loving and caring man. May he rest in peace.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Linda Ryan*

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**Linda Ryan** - March 21, 2017 at 01:14 PM

SO

*Dear Cornelia and Family,*

*I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. I am happy that he was blessed with a long life. I am sure he achieved much, his greatest of course was you. We are thinking of, praying for, and sending our best your way. May your father find a wonderful place at the table that awaits, and may he rest in God's peace and light.*

*Love,*

*Susan and Danny OKEEFE*

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**susan okeefe** - March 21, 2017 at 07:57 PM