



Gunther Rodatz

March 18, 1944 - March 1, 2016

Gunther Rodatz, 71, of Bloomington, Ind. and Hamburg, Germany passed away on March, 1 2016. He was born on March 18 1944 in Ludwigslust, Germany to parents Gunther and Sabine.

Having immigrated to the USA he started his business, GR Wood in 1976. The Rodatz family would especially like to thank the GR Wood family, Gunther was very proud of you. Gunther loved hunting and sailing, sought out adventures in remote places, but most of all, a good talk and laugh with close friends.

Gunther is survived by his brother Hans Georg Rodatz of Hofheim, Germany; sons Henry and Max; wife Doris Rodatz, of Hamburg, Germany; former wife Sabine Rodatz of Bloomington, Ind.

Visitation will be held Sunday, March 20, 2016 from 2:00PM to 3:30PM with a memorial service to be conducted at 3:30PM at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 Old State Road 37, Bloomington, IN.

The Rodatz family wishes that instead of flowers donations be made to the Coast Guard Foundation (give.coastguardfoundation.org).

Online condolences and memories of Gunther may be shared with the family

and friends at www.allencares.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

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Service

MAR **20**. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am very saddened to learn of Gunther's passing. I just found out today. My daughter & her family wanted to go out to the property that we lived on, which is owned by Gunther....she tried to find him and found his obituary. My family lived on his property outside of Rockville, IN. back in the woods. We lived there many years, raising our 5 children. My children, who are all grown and scattered still to this very day, love going out to the old property to remember the good times we had out there. Gunther was so wonderful to our family. When he'd return from Germany he would always stop by the house and give the children the most delicious german chocolate Santas.He never missed a year, he always brought them some delicious treat from Germany around Christmas time. They loved watching from the house windows when Gunther and his sons would be on the side by sides riding around. We also loved the annual G.R. Wood picnic in the Fall. What a treat it was to watch so many cars go up that winding little road to the big hill where the cabin was. One year Gunther invited our family to attend the annual picnic. The children had a blast, he made us feel like a part of the family. I'll never forget the day I accidentally set the woods on fire.....I had overloaded the trash cans and before I knew it, the woods were ablaze...the woods that Gunther owned! I was crying hysterically,, waiting for the fire department, then I saw Gunther coming down the hill on his side by side.....I ran in the house scared he was going to be mad and kick us out! He had my husband bring me outside, I was crying and said, I'm so sorry, are you going to kick us out? He laughed and put his arm around me and said, "I am not going to kick you out and it's alright, some of the brush needed burned down anyway." He laughed and I laughed. He could look very intimidating, but really, he was one of the kindest men I've ever known. Sometimes Gunther would stop when the children and i were outside, he would tell me what a nice job I was doing of taking care of the house. I would invite him inside to see some of the changes we'd made. wallpaper, flooring....he was very pleased. Gunther hired me to clean the cabin so that it would be ready for any guests or hunters that he'd let stay for a few days. Those were fun times, because the kids and I would walk up to the cabin while I

was cleaning, they could experience more of nature. So many great memories of living out there. All because of one simple newspaper ad stating an older couple was wanted to live in the house, maintain the property, and keep trespassers out.....my husband and I, at the time had 3 young children....we were the only ones who answered the ad and we met Gunther up at the cabin on a very cold, snowy March day. He approved and we moved in the 1st of April 1989 until 2006. Our kids at that time were 4, 3 and 6 months old. We had 2 more children while living there and this was "home" to everyone of them. I hope that Max, Henry, and Doris will be able to read this memory and may it bring you all a smile, remembering what a wonderful man Gunther was to all. The best memories my kids and I have are of the times we'd see Gunther at the farm. God bless your family and I know you will carry on his very kind legacy.

Sincerely,

Jan Knoblett Frame (we were the Knoblett family when we lived out there).

Jan Frame - October 22, 2016 at 02:30 PM