



Erika S. Peoples

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"If I can be half the grandmother ("Oma") my mother was to my children, to my own grandchildren someday, I will be a wonderful and extraordinary Oma"
Liz Peoples

Erika Schenkel Peoples (1940 - 2018) passed away peacefully at the HCH Hospice Care Center in Newport Richey FL with an incredible team of hospice caregivers and her daughter Liz by her side.

Erika Peoples, born in Germany, came to this country with her husband Wes in the early 1960's. She had a head for numbers and worked hard, first in the bank, followed by her book keeping, accounting and dedication to and for the family business: Peoples Laundry in Natick MA. Erika was also very proud to have worked for the Wellesley College Club for 20+ years before retiring in 2001.

For those who knew Erika, "Oma", "Tante Erika" or "Big Troubles", Feisty and Spirited are some words that have been used to describe her. She lived life on her terms no matter the doctor's orders; she was a lifetime pet lover, she loved to laugh, be with her family, friends and her dog "Happy". Erika was bold, uninhibited, courageous and always game for travel and amusement. She spent many joyful days in and around the Squam Lakes over the past decades.

Oma Erika especially loved to cook and have dinner parties. She loved to dance and attend karaoke. She used to like watching hockey and movies and had a knack for knitting and driving fast. Oma was crazy about her grandchildren Sydney and Graham and she also loved all of her friends and family here in the US and overseas.

Erika is survived by her daughter Elisabeth Peoples; grandchildren Sydney & Graham Pogue; Brothers Rudolph, Walter, and Erich Schenkel their wives Karen, Gabi, and Heidrun; Her nieces: Jutta, Susanne, Claudia and Daniela and their beautiful families.

Oma Erika attended the Lutheran Church and her expressed wishes were to be cremated and scattered over the ocean. She also wished that in the spirit of memorial, donations be made to The Home for Little Wanderers in Boston: <http://www.thehome.org/site/PageServer>
The family is planning Celebration of Life Memorials in the Boston area (Sept. 30th, 1pm -



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330pm at the Wellesley College Club - Wellesley College) and in FL (Heritage Pines Clubhouse) - within the next weeks. Please go to legacy.com for updated information.



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Linda Myers shared an album called **Heritage Pines.**



September 14 at 10:17 AM

DW **Dave Woodbury** September 27 at 2:39 AM

Liz, Sid, Gram, I am so sorry and I'm more sorry we haven't spoken. Please know I loved her like a mom, even when she was yelling at me, pinching me, smacking me on the back of the head or even telling me I'm a monster. We will miss her very much.



Linda Myers posted:

Liz, Sydney, & Graham, What a wonderful experience I had in knowing Erika. She was a true friend. She was always worried about me not taking care of myself. Of course, that gave her an excuse to cook dinner for me all the time. Of course I always gave her a bad time about her smoking habit, even to the point of refusing to buy cigarettes for her. In the end, I relented and bought cigarettes for her. We had many good times together at the clubhouse at Heritage Pines. I loved Erika and I miss her every day.

September 14 at 9:48 AM



Lauren Tracey posted:

To Liz and Family, I did not get to know your Mom well, but I truly enjoyed working with you. I wish that all your good memories come to you each day.

September 14 at 5:21 AM

JU **Judi** September 26 at 2:56 PM

So sorry Liz.



Dawn-Marie Jackson posted:

Thank you Oma for making me feel like part of the family. You will be missed. XO Dawn-Marie

September 14 at 4:51 AM



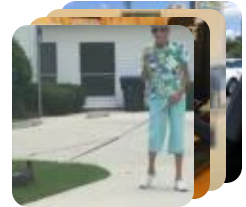
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Liz Peoples shared an album called **New Album Name**.



September 13 at 11:34 AM



Jutta Schenkel-Müller September 23 at 6:37 AM

Liebe Liz, liebe Sydney und lieber Graham wir möchten Euch von Herzen unser Beileid ausdrücken, es ist ein großer Verlust eine Mutter, eine Oma und eine Tante zu verlieren. Erika du wirst uns allen fehlen und einen großen Platz in meine Herzen immer haben. Ich denke zurück an die Zeit als ich in USA war, wir haben viel erlebt, besonders schätzte ich das du großes Vertrauen in mich hattest, das ich bei dir sein konnte, du super gekocht hast. Oft warst Du in Deutschland du warst bei unsere Hochzeit, warst für Moritz die Taufpatin, hast viele Reisen mit uns gemacht und hattest ein offenes Ohr für uns. Deine Sprüche wie Monster, Troubles usw. Werde ich sehr vermissen. Meine Familie Moritz, Anna, Roland und Jutta werden immer an dich denken in Liebe Jutta



Linda Myers shared 3 photos to the **Heritage Pines** album.

September 14 at 10:17 AM





Liz Peoples shared 11 photos to the **New Album Name** album.

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