



Franz Ratschki

August 28, 1923 - October 22, 2015

Franz Ratschki, born in Hornberg, Gottschee 8/28/1923 died in Willowick, Ohio 10/22/2015. Franz loved his wife, Johanna Zekoll and family. His strong work ethic, perseverance and honesty inspired all. Immigrating from Klagenfurt, Austria in 1962 he worked as a machinist in Cleveland. In 1980 he collaborated with daughter Elfi Stames to establish Frank's bratwurst at the West Side Market. Daughter, Ilse Sheppard continues to serve the tasty bratwurst, while grandson Ryan Sheppard expands the family business. His generosity and wisdom blessed many. He will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts. Survived by wife, Johanna Zekoll, daughters, Elfride Angelo Stames, Hilde Kraxner, Ilse Richard Sheppard, Romy Bruce Riebe, grandchildren, Angelo Jr. Susan Stames, Rebecca Stames Robert Stowe, Kathy Scott Schluer, Joachim Martina Kraxner, Richard Jr., Amber Sheppard, Robert Sheppard, Ryan Sheppard, Kristy David Venne, Anthony fiancée Bobbi Riley And 11 great grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 10:30am at St Mary Magdalene's Church, 460 East 321 St, Willowick.

Visitation will be on Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 2 to 5pm at the Monreal Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Mary Magdalene Church and Western Reserve Hospice.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My uncle friedrich wolf from austria, also born in hornberg, was a very good fried. I often listen when they talk via telephone and wrote each other. IÂ likeÂ to convey my personal condolences to his family,Â alida harrich*

Alida Harrich - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Ilse, we grieve with you and wish you continued success. Even though we have been gone from Cleveland nearly 30 years and only rarely return, the highlight of every visit is to your corner of the WS Mkt to enjoy real brats. We hold you and your family "In The Light" until we can see you again. - Bob & AnnMarie Ketron Baltimore, MD*

Robert Ketron - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *So sorry to hear the loss of the Bratwurst king of Cleveland. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

chris - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM