



Anneliese Maria Dessart

March 1, 1945 - October 17, 2022

Anneliese Maria Dessart, 77 of Bluffton, passed away on Monday evening, October 17, 2022, at River Terrace Estates in Bluffton.

She was born on March 1, 1945 in Solingen, Germany to Rudolf & Anna Luise (Schadow) Schmitz. On April 20, 1978 in Bad Steben, Germany, Anneliese and Marcel M.P.J. Dessart were married, he preceded her in death on March 13, 2013.

Anneliese lived in United Kingdom, France, Algeria and Brazil before immigrating to Columbia, South Carolina, United States with her husband and son. She was a resident of Columbia since 1980 before moving to Bluffton, IN in 2021 due to health reasons. She worked at the University of South Carolina for nearly 30 years as an administrative and immigration specialist. She also attended the university and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree. She was an avid traveler and visited several dozen countries for work and pleasure throughout her life.

She is survived by a son, Martin P. (Becky Ellis) Dessart and a brother, Rolf Schmitz of Kussaberg, Germany.

Anneliese was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two sisters Gisela and Helga.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials be made in Anneliese's memory to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (<https://www.theaftd.org/>).

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can share online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Tribute Wall

CF

“ We met and were instant friends, it is still hard to believe that she has left this earth but I have fond memories of our many conversations and get-togethers over wine and food. Anneliese also helped me walk my Gracie at times and was always willing to help if needed.

We had fun times when she came for a visit as I moved away from Columbia almost 5 years ago.

Her time here was way to short. Anneliese you are missed 🌹



Christine Forman - November 04, 2022 at 07:11 PM

VP

“ Lovingly called "Anna" I was delighted to call her my neighbor for close to 40 years in the Briarwood Subdivision. Our sons were close in age and played together. Anna loved talking about her travels over a cup of tea. She loved working in her beautiful yard and strolling through the neighborhood. Her most cherished possession was her son, Martin. When she talked about him and his lovely wife she beamed with pride! I will miss you, my dear friend. Rest in Peace. Love and prayers for Martin and his family.

Vanessa Polson - October 31, 2022 at 08:57 PM

NM

“ *She was a bright, vibrant soul, and I feel lucky for the brief time we worked and socialized together.*

Ned Moore - October 29, 2022 at 06:32 AM

MP

“ *It has been hard to put into words the many memories and moments of Anneliese and her impact on EPI - its students and her colleagues. Her language abilities, her desire for perfection, her willingness to do what is best for those around her, perhaps the best word to summarize it is Friend. She has left a legacy at EPI and with former EPI students all across the world. ~ A life well-lived ~*



Mark Porter - October 28, 2022 at 09:34 AM

TB

“ *Our condolences to Martin and Becky in your time of loss and sorrow. What an amazing lifetime! Her legacy is now in good hands. May peace be with you. Much love from all the Butlers*

Tom and Maureen Butler - October 24, 2022 at 09:12 AM

RH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Rene Michael Haas - October 22, 2022 at 09:46 AM

GH

“ Gabriela Holden sent a virtual gift in memory of Anneliese Dessart



Gabriela Holden - October 22, 2022 at 04:12 AM

GH

“ Hard to accept....but I promise the memories we shared will forever be remembered.I know for certain that we never lose the people we cared so much about....Annelies was a remarkable friend to me ,she was kind and honest , somebody I trusted..... I especially enjoined our “cheese and wine get together” while listening to her world travel stories ,sometimes watching Deutsche Welle.....I miss you already my dear friendmay you Rest In Peace



Gabriela Holden - October 22, 2022 at 04:10 AM

VJ

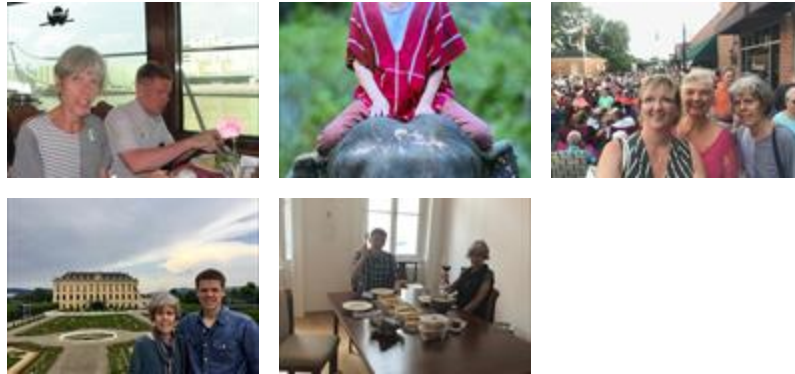
“ Martin, Becky and family, Thinking of you all and wishing you God's comfort in the days ahead. Cherish the memories.
Jill's friend Valerie



Valerie Wilson Jackson - October 21, 2022 at 11:08 PM

MD

“ 9 files added to the album Anneliese



Martin Dessart - October 21, 2022 at 05:31 PM

GH

She will live in our memory...

Gabriela Holden - October 22, 2022 at 04:12 AM

BA

“ *Anneliese and I were next door neighbors for 31 years. She was the first person I met when I moved to the neighborhood. I miss our talks, our visits and our teas. I miss her. I miss my friend.*

Barbara Atkinson - October 21, 2022 at 03:45 PM

BA

“ *Barbara Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Anneliese Dessart*



Barbara Atkinson - October 21, 2022 at 03:41 PM

AR

“Anneliese was one of my favorite people and a marvel. I loved talking with her, traveling with her, working with her, appreciating her. I miss her and have missed her for a long time. She was always so helpful to me in many ways, including my Linguistics classes. She kindly agreed to talk to my students every year about her language learning. She was a native speaker of German but navigated equally well in French, English, and Spanish. She could even speak in Chinese. She recruited overseas for English Programs for Internationals of the University of South Carolina. She was the best recruiter I knew. She was one of the best people I have known. I am lucky to have known her.

Alexandra Rowe - October 19, 2022 at 01:51 PM