



## Eckhard Weihs

October 11, 1941 - August 2, 2020

Eckhard Wolfgang “Opa” Weihs passed away suddenly Sunday, August 2nd, 2020 in his home in Sterling Heights, MI.

Mr. Weihs was born on October 11th, 1941 in Kolln, West Germany, recognized today as Poland. His parents were the late Emil and Christel Muttker of Meinholz, Germany. He married Jaclyn Ann McPherson (nee Spatafora) on June 17th, 1978 at St. Clement Catholic Church in Centerline, MI.

Mr. Weihs had several occupations throughout his life, including being a baker’s apprentice and a worker at Karges-Hammer in Braunschweig, Germany; a Volkswagen skilled tradesman in Wolfsburg, Germany; a skilled trade tool and die machinist at Chrysler for 30 years following his immigration to Detroit, MI in 1969; and a semi-professional wedding and nature photographer.

Throughout his residency in the United States, he became a lifetime member of the “Schpah” (Fitness USA), and a member of the Stoney Creek Running Club where he ran in countless marathons (including Boston, New York & Berlin), proudly placing 1st in his age group repeatedly.

His hobbies included travelling, camping, making potato pancakes, long distance bicycling, “dog-schpinning” (walking), feeding the birds & squirrels

and watching “soccah” and hockey games in his garage.

Mr. Weihs took pride in being a beloved Opa to Sami, Ryan and Poppy and an adopted Opa to Roman, Petra, and the countless children in his neighborhood throughout many generations.

He is survived by his two daughters, Jamie (Stefan) Blache of St. Clair Shores, MI and Heather (Kenneth) Hunt of Warren, MI; his brother, Klaus-Dieter (Birgit) Muttke of Nidderau, Germany; his granddaughter, Samantha Hunt; his grandson Ryan Hunt; and his faithful canine companion, Poppy.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jaclyn.

The family of Eckhard Weihs wishes to extend their sincerest thanks to his entire neighborhood, those who have made his 41 years of residency on Daily Drive filled with love and happiness.

Eckhard's family will receive friends for visitation on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica from 12:00 p.m. until the time of his Celebration of Life Service at 1:00 p.m.

\*His service beginning at 1:00 pm EST, will be webcasted and livestreamed in the photo/video tab on this web page, and will also be able to be viewed IN HOUSE, in each memorial room during the service.

\*Due to COVID-19, and in accordance with CDC recommendations and the Governor's Executive Orders, please be advised that the funeral home is limited to 10 people in the visitation/service room at any given time but we will have numerous rooms and hallways to accommodate everyone. Also, masks are required to enter the building.

Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Mr. Weihs' name to The Humane Society of Michigan, or to the Fraser High School Band & Choir Boosters (contact Heather for details).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

AUG 15. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
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## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Eckhard Weihs*



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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - August 15, 2020 at 09:17 AM

DP

“ *Oh my. I was wondering what ever happened to Eckhard. We shared lots of time together working at Chrysler, and I spent some time with him, his wife, and 2 daughters back in the 1970s.*

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**Daniel Pieniak** - December 22, 2022 at 09:19 PM

AN

*I remember! We went through dads photo albums and we saw many photos that you took. Its so nice to hear from you and thank you for writing on his wall. We lost my mom in 2015 and it was a total shock when we lost dad too. We are still struggling with it. We still own the house though...my son is 19 and lives there now! :) . -Heather*

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**anemone70** - December 24, 2022 at 09:08 AM

HE

“ *HEATHER lit a candle in memory of Eckhard Weihs*



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**HEATHER** - August 13, 2020 at 07:02 PM

HE

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



HEATHER - August 13, 2020 at 07:02 PM

AN

“ 12 files added to the album Opa



anemone70 - August 12, 2020 at 04:05 PM

BE

“ We are so sorry to hear Mr. Eckhard has passed. He was my son, Grayson's, favorite person. Mr Eckhard never missed a birthday, he even made a special porch delivery of German chocolate when covid lockdown began. I'm so happy to have known him and have so many conversations with him on his many walks through the neighborhood. He was an amazing person and we are so sorry to his family. Our thoughts are with you all in this sad time.

Bonnie, Ray and Grayson Esperas - August 10, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Heather Leigh - August 06, 2020 at 02:35 PM

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heatherlmhunt - August 12, 2020 at 08:56 PM

RR

“ We are saddened by the sudden passage of Eckhard. He always had a friendly greeting as he passed by our house. He attended our boys' soccer games, gave our dog treats, let our kids play with Poppy when they were young. We were amused when he would take Poppy for rides in his bicycle on a basket he set up a few years back. He told us of his marathon days. He was an interesting & friendliness man.  
He will be missed in our neighborhood.

Please accept our heartfelt condolences & know that our family will miss his presence.

The Reid Family

Rosemary Reid - August 05, 2020 at 04:46 PM



*Thank you so very much for those wonderful memories. Yes, he and that silly carrier for Poppy used to crack everyone up. He loved his neighbors, especially all of the kids. He is not a presence that was easily forgotten. He loved you all very much!*

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**Heather Leigh** - August 06, 2020 at 01:51 PM

SC

*“ Not only do I have fond memories of Eckhard while growing up on Daily Dr, but my kids do as well. They loved him dearly. He always knew how to make them smile, whether it was playing tag with them, letting them feed sweet Poppy yum yums, walking down the street to surprise them with German chocolate, or never forgetting to wish them a happy birthday. We are saddened to hear of his passing and send our condolences. Eckhard was a wonderful man and will be missed tremendously.*

*With love,*

*Shelby (Gingrich), Jonathan, Easton, Irelynn, and Quinn Campbell*

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**Shelby Campbell** - August 04, 2020 at 10:56 PM



*I'm so very touched at all of the wonderful memories. TY from the bottom of our hearts for sharing them all, and your lives, with my dad. If anyone has any photos they'd like to share, please feel free to drop them off at the house. Someone left an adorable card that their children had made and left it on the doorstep. We will add those to his memory boards, as he definitely would have loved them!*

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**Heather Leigh** - August 06, 2020 at 02:08 PM

DD

“ My sister and I have fond memories of Eckhard as little girls growing up on Daily Drive, and we loved to see how wonderful he was with our own children. My daughter will miss visiting with him (and Poppy!) on his many walks. Generations of neighborhood children will remember his kindness and his love for life! Our deepest condolences on the loss of a wonderful man.

Much love,  
Dana (Gingrich), John, and Eve Doman

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**Dana Gingrich Doman** - August 04, 2020 at 06:08 PM



Quite literally, some of the sweetest things we've been hearing about my dad. He loved all of his neighborhood children, pets and families so much. Thank you for your kind words and support! I am honored to know that he will leave fond memories in the lives of so many people! My sister has Poppy for now so you will still see him around the neighborhood for now! Love, Heather, daughter (& Sami & Ryan-grandchildren)

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**Heather Leigh** - August 06, 2020 at 02:04 PM

CA

“ To the family of our beloved Mr. Eckhard,  
Deepest sympathy on the sudden passing of your father. He was our beloved and treasured friend, neighbor, buddy, and neighborhood watchman:-) Rest assured that Mr. Eckhard was truly loved by my family! He was the BEST neighbor in the world. He genuinely loved our children and our extended family. His warm smile, his friendly hello, his phone calls, birthday cards, Christmas cards and "German" pretzels will be forever missed. We looked forward to seeing him everyday and when we didn't see him we would call him. The Bible says to love your neighbor as yourself and truly he did! He loved us and we loved him. We are heartbroken and so very shocked! He was one of the good ones! We will NEVER forget Mr. Eckhard! Until we meet again!

Love & Blessings,  
Parnell, Carmen, Zion and Zachariah Williams  
"Forever in our hearts"

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Carmen - August 04, 2020 at 04:08 PM

LW

“ My heart is breaking. Eckhard was the most loving neighbor I have had the honor of knowing. He was always friendly and so sweet with all four of my children. I will forever miss his multiple walks with Poppy, stopping to chat for a few minutes and then off to visit with another neighbor. My condolences to his family, just know how much joy he brought to everyone around him. Heaven surely gained an angel. Rest In Peace my friend!❤️

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Lori Walsh - August 03, 2020 at 06:59 PM

CW

“ I am so saddened to hear about the loss of the best and most caring neighbor I've ever had the pleasure of meeting. I will forever miss seeing Eckhart and Poppy walking around the block at least a few times a day, each time saying “How are you doing today?”. I remember going to Eckhart's house almost every day when I was small for little candies (especially the delicious Pirouettes). He is so deeply loved and will be truly missed by all of us neighborhood kids! Rest easy, friend.

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**Ciara Walsh** - August 03, 2020 at 06:48 PM

LD

“ Eckhard was one of the sweetest most caring neighbors we have ever had. He had genuine love for each of my children. He welcomed them daily with greetings and encouragement as they transitioned from babies to kids. Cheering for them as they learned how to ride a bicycle and never forgot their birthdays. He was an amazing person who will be greatly missed from the neighborhood and our lives. Auf Wiedersehen my friend!!

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**Laura Dillon** - August 03, 2020 at 06:24 PM

TF

“ Eckhard was not only a neighbor he was also a friend to my family. We are so saddened by his sudden passing. Eckhard was a wonderful man who enjoyed walking the neighborhood and chatting with us all. My four daughters will miss the special birthday cards written in German , feeding poppy his treats and the delicious German chocolate that he often sent our way. I will miss our many talks and mostly seeing him with his best friend Poppy. May the good lord bless and keep you Eckhard. Rest easy my friend. God's blessings and my deepest condolences to the family.

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**The Potter Family** - August 03, 2020 at 06:21 PM

TK

“ Eckhard was and will be probably my favorite neighbor ever. Such a kind and spirited soul who always said "Hi" (to everybody). I will miss seeing him walking his dog, Poppy, 3-5 times a day and asking him if he wants "Yum Yums," Missing you already. Tina and Matt Kaspari.

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**Tina Kaspari** - August 03, 2020 at 06:15 PM