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## Obituary

**Heinrich “Henry” Walter Koelblinger**, 79 of Hernando, went to his heavenly home on December 10th 2020. Henry was one of a kind and always had a joke or a funny story. Henry was born in Salzburg, Austria on August 23, 1941, the son of the late Kamillo and Aenne Koelblinger. He grew up in Vocklamarkt, Austria home of his family’s 400 year old leather business with his sisters Annemarie and Gretel and brother Kamillo He could recount stories of the end of WWII when American GI’s came through town and passed out gum and Hershey bars. Growing up he loved spending time at the family cottage on Wallersee Lake. He received a master’s degree in leather chemistry at the West German Tanners school in Germany. He met the love of his life, Mary (Hunt) when he moved to Beacon, New York to work for BASF Leather Chemical division. They were married then soon moved back to Austria to help with the family business. While in Austria they had their first daughter, Andrea (Steve Kroll). They decided to move back to the USA and moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where their second daughter, Margaret “Peg”(Ted Christian) was born and Henry proudly became a US citizen. He managed several leather tanneries that prompted moves to West Virginia and then Mercersburg, PA. While in Pennsylvania, two more children were added to their family: Michelle (Joe Kozlowski) born in Mercersburg, PA and Christopher Koelblinger (Lori) born in Hagerstown, MD. They then moved to Luray, VA for another management position. BASF called again and they moved back to Wisconsin. Henry worked as a sales manager for leather chemicals and was considered a legend in the industry due to his knowledge, commitment and friendship with his clients. The family enjoyed many great adventures together travelling back to Europe

and visiting with their Austrian family. Henry and Mary loved to travel and visited over 30 countries including China, Hong Kong, Italy, Thailand, and every state in the USA.

Henry loved to talk to strangers and share jokes. He was an avid reader and very knowledgeable including knowing 4 languages: German, English, French and Italian. He loved to play cards with his close friends and family. Mary and he were the ultimate hosts and known for their wonderful parties. Henry was an accomplished cook and people rarely declined an invitation. He especially loved to make Austrian dishes like goulash and Rahm Schnitzel. Henry and Mary were featured in an article in the Milwaukee Journal’s Best Cook on the Block and their recipes are in the Milwaukee Journal’s cookbook. Henry and Mary were Citrus Hills Women’s Club Mardi Gras King and Queen. They have many close friends that they have made and kept through the years and loved sharing their home and travels with them. Henry loved his daily walks with his dog, Yanni and stopping to visit with neighbors.

Henry was adored as “OPA” to his 11 grandchildren: Kati, Chad, Hallie, Max, Abbie, Rachel, Nik, Kyle, Karstan, Megan, and Ryan and 3 great-grandchildren: Kashton, Carson and Melody who loved listening to him tell stories about their family history.

A private celebration of life was held due to COVID. Donations can be made to the Lupus Foundation. He will be sorely missed-Auf Wiedersehen Henry!



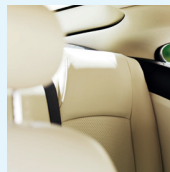
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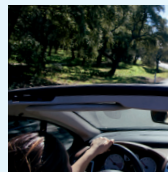
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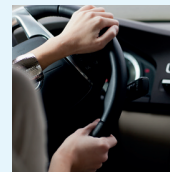
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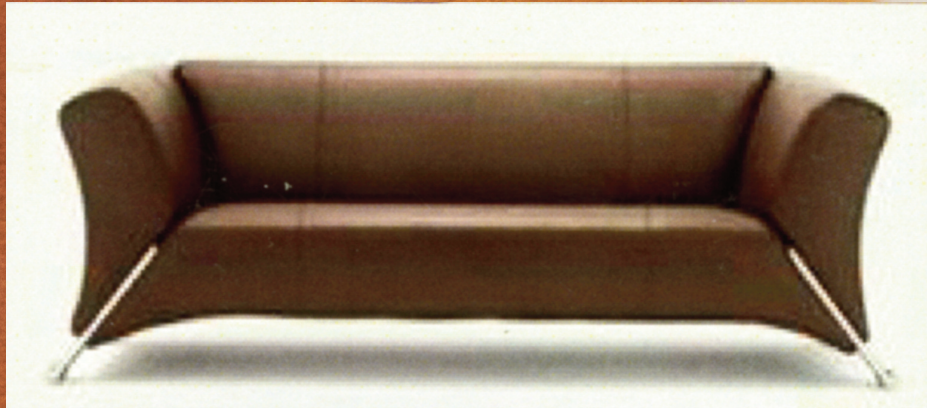
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