



Johann Ariel Stornig

December 27, 1930 - January 1, 2017

Johann Ariel Stornig, born December 27, 1930 in a small alpine village in Austria died peacefully in his home in Fremont, California on January 1, 2017.

As a boy he had big dreams, and wished to explore the world beyond his immediate surroundings. Proximity to other countries, war, and his interest in learning foreign languages had him multilingual by age 12. He was fluent in 9 languages, with dialects he mastered 16, and later he worked for a publishing company in California in 34 different languages.

He used his gifts to translate material (including to help spread the Word of God) and to teach others foreign languages, thus encouraging them to broaden their horizons. In Fremont, California he taught German, French, Spanish, and Russian at Mission San Jose High School, and thereafter continued teaching languages at Irvington High School besides being Dept. Chair of Foreign Languages. At adult school he helped newcomers to our country by teaching them Citizenship courses. His students remember him for his animated telling of life's stories and sharing the home movies he made from his many travels.

In 1959 Johann married his beloved wife, Konstantina, in Greece. Both emigrated to the U.S. in 1960 highly educated and in search for a better life. Sadly, his wife died prematurely (age 33), and left him with 2 young children:

3-year-old Helen and 4-month-old Demetra. Loving his wife and all he had left of her, he chose to take on the challenge to raise his own children. Strong faith in God kept the family united and gave it strength through the storms of life.

Johann is survived by his daughter, Helen Stornig of Fremont; his daughter, Demetra Hamakiotes of New York City and her two children, Michael and Alexandra; his sister Pina in England; his brother Arnold of Austria; and their families.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 11th, from 5-8pm at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, January 12th, 10am at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto, CA.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **11**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Fremont Chapel of the Roses
1940 Peralta Boulevard
Fremont, CA 94536
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Chapel Service

JAN **12**. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family of Herr Stornig,

My husband and I took German classes from Herr Stornig in the Adult School in the early 1990s. He was a wonderful, enthusiastic teacher. We were always amazed at his vast knowledge of languages, his ability to teach and we enjoyed hearing his stories. When the school no longer offered advanced German classes in the Adult School, he generously invited us and a few others to come to his home for lessons. We will never forget his skilled teaching and kind and patient spirit. We just found out that he passed away today, but still, we wanted to let you know what an impression he made on our lives and we hope you still see our note.

We extend to you our sincere sympathy. We believe Herr Stornig made a lasting impression for good on all who had the privilege of meeting him. He will be missed by many.

Christa and Arlo Grenz, Fremont

Christa Grenz - March 19, 2019 at 05:30 PM

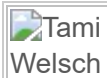
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“ *I took German 1 and 2, and French 1 with Herr Stornig in the 1980s. I cannot count the number of times that he has passed through the transom of my mind; it has been many, many times. Memories back to conjugating verbs, his stories of translating at the UN, or how he would return to Deutschland on holiday and return with a new Mercedes. :) He was a gregarious man, a kind soul, a patient teacher, and someone who left an indelible mark on my life.*

Herr Stornig, you will be missed dearly. Auf Wiedersehen, mein Lehrer.

Brian Brumfield, Irvington High School Class of 1985

Brian Brumfield - July 07, 2017 at 11:44 AM



“ God bless you Mr. Stornig. ❤️

Tami Welsch - July 06, 2017 at 11:24 PM

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“ Peter t dziedzora purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Johann Ariel Stornig.



Peter t dziedzora - January 10, 2017 at 08:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Johann Ariel Stornig.



January 10, 2017 at 11:38 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Johann Ariel Stornig.



January 10, 2017 at 11:33 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johann Ariel Stornig.*



January 10, 2017 at 11:21 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Johann Ariel Stornig.*



January 10, 2017 at 10:36 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johann Ariel Stornig.*



January 10, 2017 at 08:03 AM



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Fremont Chapel of the Roses - January 09, 2017 at 10:53 AM