



Mrs. Ingeborg C. "Centi" Thomson

June 24, 1931 - August 1, 2024

On 1-AUG-2024, Ingeborg C. Thomson, commonly known as "Centi", left the physical world to join her parents Rosa & Heinrich Wilhelm, her husband Alan of 55 years, & her grandson Eric. Plus a legion of Dachshunds & her beloved black lab, Rocky. She is survived by 2 sons, 1 Grandson, and 3 Great-grandkids

She grew up in Europe during World War 2, with all its death & destruction. She immigrated to the USA on the SS America. Married, and soon worked at Grace, (now Yale New Haven) hospital in Connecticut. Her drive to leave behind the horrendous memories of the war in Europe started her creative desire to rebuild old & new homes. Both Centi & Alan wanted a family, they were blessed with two sons, Robert & Richard.

She inherited the love for all animals, especially dogs, from her father, a Forester for the State of Hessen for 60 years, and her mother, a farmer's daughter from Bavaria. She ran the Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club for 10 years. Breed championship Dachshunds, and was very proud to receive the National Good Sportsmanship medal from the Gaines Foundation. When the ERA for women was passed in 1960 she qualified for the first woman State Dog Warden position in the State of Connecticut, which she filled with pride until she became pregnant with Richard.

She then built the 2nd largest animal boarding & grooming facility in Conn, Silver Hill Kennels. In 1973 her husband's job with Sikorsky Aircraft brought her to Florida, where she again entered the Real Estate Field, refurbishing, building & selling homes & developing an old grapefruit grove into Silver Hill Subdivision on the Indian river. She stayed active in Real Estate exchanging until 2020. She was Elected president of the German-American Club, originally founded by the rocket scientist Wernher v. Braun, and after 18 years they established a scholarship at BCC for the German language.

She never really retired, Raising African violets, Christmas Cactus and all manner of other plants. She also continued learning & teaching, Arts & Crafts for 50 plus years as a member of the American Homemakers club

(now the Community Leaders of America).

She enjoyed living in Cocoa Beach on the Banana river for 10 years and then in Canaveral Groves for over 20 years. She will join her husband with her earthly remains in the Lake, to swim with the alligators.

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear this. She was a wonderful spitfire. I loved her to death and have missed her the past few years. A dynamite lady no doubt and a joy to be around. Never met anyone quite like her. RIP Centi. C u again one day. :-)

Marlene Adams - August 23, 2024 at 01:51 AM

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Elvira Collins - August 16, 2024 at 01:27 PM

EC

“ Centi, or "Tante Inge" as her family in Germany called her, was always a joy when she came to visit. She would also often invite us to come visit her in Florida, and she was always a wonderful and generous host. There was so much she showed us, so much that she was passionate about and wanted to share with us.

No matter how far apart though, she always kept in touch with us, calling on the phone or sending us cards and packages. We always kept her in our hearts and thought of her often. Everyone here in Germany remembers her fondly and misses her a lot.

- from families Schäfer and Collins

Elvira Collins - August 16, 2024 at 01:18 PM

CB

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Candace (Candy) Bodner - August 15, 2024 at 08:20 PM

CB

“ Centi was a powerhouse force when she set her mind on a task. I enjoyed knowing her as a neighbor, a friend and a little bit ‘mom’. She worked tirelessly to maintain a warm and respectful atmosphere in our neighborhood and was always striving to help others. Her dog, Rocky, and our dog, Timber, also enjoyed spending time . My granddaughter, also, has fond memories of times spent visiting Centi and Rocky.

Candace (Candy) Bodner - August 15, 2024 at 08:17 PM

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Robert Thomson - August 13, 2024 at 08:00 PM

LB

“ Centi was a wonderful neighbor. She was engaging, friendly and helpful. Enjoyed lunches with her. She may have been a small woman but had a big personality so you never felt like a stranger. The whole neighborhood seemed to be her extended family. She will be missed and the house will forever be known as ‘that is where Centi lives’. We miss her!

Lisa Ballard - August 13, 2024 at 09:13 AM

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Robert Thomson - August 13, 2024 at 08:41 AM