



Elfriede Brunner

April 14, 1940 - November 26, 2017

Elfriede Brunner, age 78 of Toledo, Ohio, lost her two year battle with stomach cancer on Saturday November 26, 2017. She was born to Anita and Franz Schilling on April 14, 1940 in Schweinfurt, Germany.

In 1964 she immigrated with her husband and two children to the United States to pursue higher education. Elfriede received her Bachelor's Degree from Ball State University in Muncie Indiana and her Master's Degree from College Park at the University of Maryland. She taught at Bridgewater-Raritan High School, V.J., Watching Hills Regional High School, both in NJ, and for 27 years at St. John's Jesuit High School in Toledo, Ohio, where she was the Department Chair of Foreign Language.

Elfriede loved to travel and has seen almost every state in the U.S. She also led many Student trips to Europe and went on mission trips to Guatemala and El Salvador. Christmas was her favorite time of the year to stay in touch with family and friends throughout the world. She loved the smell of a live Christmas tree and almost every ornament had a story behind it; Christmas cookies were always shared with neighbors and friends.

She will be greatly miss by her loving husband of 56 years, Guenter Brunner; daughter Evelyn, son Peter Brunner; grandchildren Shannon, Angela and Sarah; brother-in-law and sister-in-law and nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held in the chapel at St John's Jesuit High School on Wednesday December 6, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. Interment will be private.

Previous Events

Funeral

DEC 6. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

St John's High School
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall

CA

“ I was a student at Sj from 92-96. I never had Mrs. Brunner. But I always remember her as a nice and sweet lady. Her students loved her and I know she had a tremendous impact at Sj during her years there. You can never replace great teachers that Sj had like Fred Beier and Mrs. Brunner.

Chad Arthur - December 07, 2017 at 04:05 PM

MS

“ Mrs. Brunner was my German teacher at St. John's in the 82-83 and 83-84 school years. When I graduated, my parents gave me a trip to Europe as a graduation gift. Mrs. Brunner was the lead chaperone and tour guide for the trip. I have very good memories of her enthusiasm for sharing knowledge and making all of us smarter and better people. I regret not having seen or spoken to her in many years. May she rest peacefully. She will be greatly missed. Mark Swentkofske. SJJ '84

mark swentkofske - December 04, 2017 at 11:20 AM

ES

“*Frau Brunner was one of my favorite teachers during the 3 years she taught me German in high school at St John's. She gave me the tools to become fluent in Pulaar and passably proficient in French, but also helped me start to see that cultural differences overlay a much deeper common human spirit (something I took with me to the Peace Corps and subsequent travel abroad). Her spirit of optimism and excitement in the face of tepid teenage engagement was admirable at the time and especially in retrospect. I have recently been reconnecting with some of my teachers from SJ, and I am saddened to not have the chance to let Elfriede know what I've become. My thoughts and best wishes are with the Brunner family and all that are mourning her passing.*



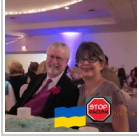
Eric Studer - December 04, 2017 at 07:14 AM

JH

“*Mrs. Brunner was a wonderful teacher. She kept me motivated in German class which lead to a minor in college, an internship and a job with Siemens where I met my wife. We were all very lucky at St. John's to have such a dedicated, fun teacher. My condolences to her family - she was a blessing.*

Jeff Hurford '87

Jeff Hurford - December 03, 2017 at 10:02 PM



“ It is so fitting that Elfriede's memorial Mass will be held on December 6th, Sankt Nikolaustag. She always had her students put their shoes in the hallway so that she could give them candy from Skt. Nikolaus. She was a dedicated teacher and fiercely devoted to her students. From curling to opera, she taught them so much more than the German language. She was friendly, cheerful, and generous, and very proud to be a St. John's Jesuit Titan. She could have run our Open House all by herself! She was so good at engaging and charming the visitors to our school. She was respected by all of her German and Spanish students, but most especially by her upper level Deutschschueler, who had the highest regard and affection for her. Elfriede, ich hoffe Sie sind mit Ihren Eltern im Himmel, und dass wir uns eines Tages wieder sehen. Ich vermisse Sie. Barb

Barb Trimble - December 03, 2017 at 07:24 PM

DS

Well said Barb. As Elfriede 's classroom was across from mine, I could always count on the guys putting their shoes in the hallway.

David Simmons - December 03, 2017 at 07:31 PM

BR

I traveled to Guatemala and El Salvador with Frau and was blessed with the opportunity to get to know her on a more personal level. Since then I knew her as a strong loving woman who deeply cared for her family and students with all of her being. Elfriede, until we meet again, may you enjoy eternal peace and rest in the arms of your beloved Savior.

Barbara Ramos - December 03, 2017 at 09:24 PM