



Rudolf Erich Gruenthaler

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On November 16th 2017 our beloved Rudolf Erich Gruenthaler passed peacefully in his sleep.

In 1922 Erich was born in Leipzig Germany, where he spent most of his childhood. His focus to detail and drive to succeed lead him to own his first business, a Garment Factory in post-war Leipzig, Germany. In these troubled times he found love and married his first wife in 1947. Shortly after his son Michael was born in 1949. The political situation became increasingly troublesome, to the point where Erich had to flee Eastern Germany in 1953, leaving behind his thriving business and starting all over. He quickly found a job in a West German Textile company, using his acquired knowledge. He divorced from his wife in 1956.

Erich traveled extensively for his new employer to the Far East, which in 1963 lead him to permanently settle in Hong Kong and open is second company. He acted as agent for German businesses producing mainly textiles in Far East and exporting them to Europe. Not only was he successful in his new venture, but he found love once again and married in 1972 Renate Schmid. They had his second son Marcus in 1974.

1990 he retired and sold his company. They resettled to their paradise called Sarasota, where they found new passions for things like Golf and magnificent Cruises. His kindness and sense of loyalty was an inspiration to us all. He will be dearly missed!

He leaves behind his wife Renate, sons Michael & Marcus and sister Gisela.