



Claus Vack

March 19, 1934 - November 10, 2020

CLAUS VACK, 86, of Ocala, Florida, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 after a brief, but courageous battle with high grade bladder cancer.. Born in Berlin, Germany on March 19th, 1934, he lived in the Russian sector of Berlin for five years after World War II. Subsequently, and as a mere teenager, he managed to escape on his own to West Germany into the American-occupied territory. Claus often spoke of his traumatic experience to many people along his life's journey. He paid for his own trip to the United States in the sixties and worked in the restaurant business in various countries in Europe after the War and eventually in New York and San Francisco. In addition to his wife, Erna of 47 years, he leaves to cherish his memory a sister, Traudi Hofmann; a niece, Gerhild Noelker and her husband, Juergen; a grand nephew, Matthias Nelker and his family; a cousin, Wolfgang and his wife Krista Wilde; all residing in Germany. Claus is also survived by a brother-in-law in Florida and fifteen plus relatives on his wife's side; all residing in New York. Erna Vack would like to give her heartfelt thanks to the staff at Legacy Hospice House in Ocala for their care and comfort to Claus during a most painful time. A small celebration of his life will be held at a future date in the Chapel at Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens, in Ocala. Roberts Funeral Homes, Bruce Chapel West is assisting the family.