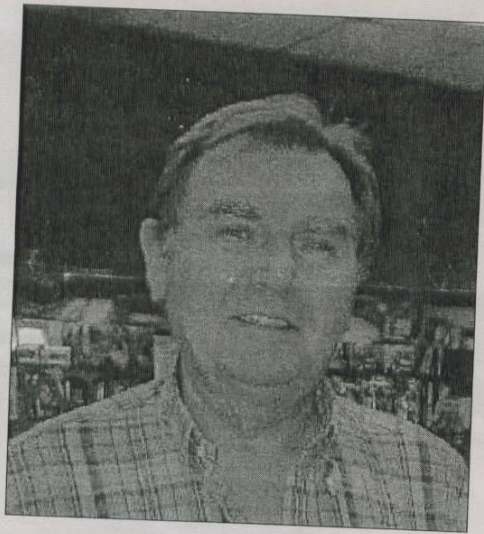


A Celebration of the Life of
Monty Claus Rintelmann
March 25, 1943 – March 8, 2004



Saturday, March 13, 2004
Davis Funeral Home
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

Survivors

Wife	Nerys Rintelmann
Daughters	Melissa, Denise, Kathleen, Karena & Nicole
Brother	Peter Rintelmann
Sister-in-Law	Brunhild Rintelmann
Nephew	Marc Rintelmann & Dr. Jurgen Rintelmann
Nieces	Nicole Erben, Marielle Rintelmann & Katie Rintelmann

Many German and Virgin Islands friends.

Honorary Pallbearers

Peter Rintelmann
Marc Rintelmann
Melvin Latiff
Gerald Richardson
Emanuel LaPlace
Caroline Dawson
Greg Starczyk
Thomas Gutshall
Eula Bing
Henry Richardson

Eulogy

Monty Claus Rintelmann was born in Hanover, Germany on March 25, 1943 during World War II.

Together with his parents and older brother, Peter, he had a wonderful childhood. His happy childhood was disrupted suddenly when his mother was killed in an automobile accident, when he was 11 years old. His father died five years later.

Now difficult times started for him, his brother, Peter, and his grandmother. Monty dreamed of America and the U.S. Army, so he went to his beloved "America" in 1959 and finished high school in New Jersey. He joined the U.S. Army and was a member of the U.S. Special Forces, served in Vietnam and retired after more than 20 years with an honorable discharge as Major Monty Rintelmann.

For many years Monty worked for Volkswagen in Mexico, which took him one day to St. Thomas. Fascinated by this beautiful island and its many wonderful people, he decided to stay for some time.

Over the past 30 years, Monty has made friends with thousands of Virgin Islanders. He has contributed to various charities and the community in general.

He was the former owner of the Texaco gas stations at the airport, Polyberg and Smith Bay. Over the past 15 years Frenchtown became special to Monty, he enjoyed the restaurant and bars, and frequented them regularly.

Christmas was a special time for him, he would always take off for Germany to see his never forgotten city of birth and spend time with his brother, Peter, his sister-in-law, Brunhild, and their children, Marc and Nicole and of course many of his German friends.

After Monty had visited almost every bar in St. Thomas, he decided he wanted a bar for himself. In 2001, Monty and Henry opened a bar for themselves, La Petite Fenetre (The Little Window) in Frenchtown. He was determined to preserve a local establishment for his enjoyment where he could meet and socialize with his many friends. I am sure there are hundreds of great stories than can be told of great times with Monty.

Monty was proud to announce the birth of his first daughter, Millisa. She was always special to him. Denise was the second daughter. She lives in Germany. Kevin was his only son, of whom he was so proud. Kevin suffered and died when he was just three years old. Kathleen lives with her mother in New Jersey. Recently while Monty was in the hospital in San Juan he promised to buy her a German Shepherd when he was healthy again. Karena lives with her mother in New Jersey and would visit her father here in St. Thomas during her summer breaks. Nicole Margarete was born on October 2003 and lives here in St. Thomas with her mother, Millisa. Monty was very proud of his children and it was always his wish that every one of them get a good education as they go their way in life.

Everyone who knew Monty also knew he would get through. He left the hospital last Tuesday in San Juan. He spent some wonderful days with his family in his Frenchman's Bay home. He made plans for the future, telling his brother, Peter, he was going to change his whole life, not working so hard, no more smoking and enjoy his life but this was not meant to be.

Monty left us on Monday, March 8, 2004 early in the morning to find peace for himself. We are already missing him so much.

So long, Monty.