



Heinz-Phillip William Fountain

March 25, 1997 - June 8, 2024

Heinz-Phillip William Fountain lived in Austin, TX, when he died at age 27 in a motorcycle accident.

Heinz was born on March 25th, 1997, in Homburg Saar, Germany, to Rita and Robert Fountain. He grew up with his parents and his loving grandparents, Heinz-Gerhard and Gertrud Lübke, for three years. Family members included great aunts, great uncles, and great cousins from Ramstein to the Baltic Sea. He attended Pinocchio daycare in Ramstein, which he loved. Heinz developed a deep bond with the lunch cook, whom he admired. They had a daily routine where Heinz would check in with her to see what was up for dessert before lunch was served. He brought a plastic screwdriver to daycare as a comfort toy while the other kids brought teddy bears.

In 2000, Heinz moved with his parents back to the U.S. He grew up in Weymouth, MA, where he graduated high school early. He went on to study boat engine repair and design at Massasoit Community College before attending Benjamin Franklin University in Boston. His love for engines of all kinds continued to guide his choice of schools and apprenticeships.

Growing up in Weymouth enabled Heinz to be with his grandparents, Dr. William and Phyllis Fountain. During his time in Weymouth, he attended kindergarten through high school and was involved in many different sports

teams. The long-lasting bonds with his high school friends and sports teammates are a testament to the love, friendship and experiences they shared. Being an only child, Heinz was always searching for siblings and his home always provided an open door to each of them, in good and in difficult times; many of these friends became like brothers to him. Heinz was also an avid gamer and part of a wide global gaming community.

In 2020, Heinz moved to Austin, TX, for a new job training opportunity in solar installation and to join his mother, who had relocated a few years prior. COVID changed that plan, but he was hired by a company that provided fresh food deliveries, an especially valuable service during the pandemic. He then switched back to working as a small engine technician. Next, he explored various positions from diesel engine mechanic to go-kart technician at COTA, and finally pursuing his passion for repairing and tuning racing motorcycles.

The connections and friendships Heinz developed during this time made his life chapter in Texas extremely deep and meaningful. He accepted everyone. Heinz had an incredible sense of humor, believed in treating people the right way, and defended those he loved against injustice. He never held any grudges and could always make his friends laugh no matter the situation.

A distinct sense of individual style was evident from new hairstyles and hair colors, to the perfect pair of sneakers, to hoodies and baseball caps, he knew exactly what he liked. He was never afraid to try something new, from fashion to hairstyles to hot sauce and spicy foods. Heinz was a superb cook - he researched and came up with his own recipes for perfect steaks and ribs and tried to recreate bar pies in Texas.

Travel was an important part of his life and he was always up for an adventure. He enjoyed getting back to his German roots, including exploring other countries on trips back to Germany with his mother. As a child, his

favorite thing was enjoying all the different pools, and as an adult, trying new foods and a variety of beers.

Heinz was the center of his mother's universe. He touched so many lives, and his spirit lives on in all of us. He lived his life with courage and humor and made an impact wherever he went.

LLH. Long Live Heinz.

His family members are:

Aunts: Jane, Nancy, Kathy, Susan, Emily, Robin; Editha, Giesela, and Irmgard

Uncles: Billy, Charles, Bob, Mark and Matt

Cousins and Partners: Katie & Vivek, Meggie & James, Kelsey & Raja, and Greg & Tati; Bobby & Delaney, and Michael; Jenna & James, Nicole & Nick; Derek & Kelley and Jake & Mary

Wilfried & Gabi, Angelika & Gerhard, and Margrit; Monika & Petra, Bernd, and Dieter & Anja; Wolfgang and Hans-Joachim & Heike; Monika and Heidrun & Martin, Dietmar, and Thomas

2d Cousins and Partners: Ella, Rowan, and Tessa; Finn; Devin, Connor, and Logan; Melody; Charlotte & Arthur

Birgit & Joerg; Petra & Billy; Patrick & Christine and Selina & Yannick; Adriana & Tim and Johannes & Eva

3d Cousins: Dennis J, Lisa Marie & Dennis S, Dennis & Sarah with Luna, Aliyah, and Josephine und Lennard

Godparents: Thomas & Margrit (Germany) and Nancy & Rob (USA)

He had special bonds with his neighbors, his mother's friends in Germany and the United States, her train friends, and her colleagues from Ramstein Air Base, Boston University, Boston Children's Hospital and recently AYW in Austin. Heinz loved his puppy Marni deeply and had a very detailed tattoo of her, among many others.

We will miss Heinz. His unforgettable presence and spirit will continue to inspire all of us.

He will be laid to rest at the Eloise Woods Natural Burial Park in the Tabasco Garden near Austin, Texas. There will be an intimate Memorial Gathering on June 22nd and a Celebration of Life in Weymouth, MA, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to:

PACT at Children's Hospital - <https://www.dana-farber.org/cancer-care/treatment/pediatric-advanced-care-team>

or

AYW in Austin, Texas - <https://americanyouthworks.org/>

Cemetery Details

Eloise Woods Natural Burial Park

115 Northside Lane
Cedar Creek, TX 78612
(512) 796-5240
<http://eloisewoods.com>

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

GH

“ *My condolences...*



Gary Holman - August 11, 2024 at 12:52 PM

MB

“ *My deepest Sympathy to the family. Even though his time, with you, was short, but each day you will find a memory that will keep you going and feel blessed. Heinz will have a way to be there for you to continue your life and feel his presence. May each day be the best to remember Heinz's presence. Margarine G. Beaman, AYW board member*

Margarine G. Beaman - August 09, 2024 at 07:08 PM

CP

“ *Heinz, forever a learner, always looking to gain more knowledge about the many aspect of life and his journey. We had many conversations over the years about his path in life. I am very sad to hear this news. You will be missed. Dr. C.*



Clarence Huff Ph.D. - June 22, 2024 at 12:58 PM

EB

“ *Elke Brilando lit a candle in memory of Heinz-Phillip William Fountain*



Elke Brilando - June 22, 2024 at 11:31 AM

MA

“ *The loss of one's own child is the worst fate imaginable. There are no words for it, but I want to express my deepest sympathy once again. I fondly remember the time when we were in Boston with Rita and Heinz, and our trip to the Niagara Falls in Canada. Rita had chosen a wonderful hotel with a swimming pool, which of course delighted Heinz. Unfortunately, we didn't see each other often, the last time being in October 2023 at Aldo's in Miesenbach. It was wonderful to see what a magnificent adult Heinz had become, so lovingly connected to his mother. This bond will never break. I firmly believe that we will meet again someday. With love, Monika and Petra.*



Monika Alt - June 22, 2024 at 04:36 AM

TK

“ I honestly still cannot believe this is real. I just wanted to thank you for being one of my best mates despite never meeting in person. It's kinda crazy that we've known each other for about 14 years online and still kept in contact and played games until this day. Myself and the rest of the goons are absolutely devastated. Thanks for always being supportive of the things I'd talk to you about, and even more so the effort you put in to get a work visa to come visit and work in New Zealand. Gut wrenching that this has happened and that won't get to happen. Thank you for sharing so many mutual interests, and that's why I think we got along so well - I'm really going to miss the Runescape grinds with each other and your stupid drunken calls and dumb snapchats. Thank you for all the laughs and silly moments. Kills me everyday to open up that app and have my messages not being opened for the first time in so many years. Anyways man, I'm going to keep this short and sweet as it's hard to get things down on paper. You weren't just a friend, but also a brother. I'm going to miss you tremendously and I hope you rest in peace. Love you and fly high Heinz, I'll see you on the other side one day.

Tyler Kleyzen - June 22, 2024 at 02:19 AM

SH

“ With great sadness, I learned of Heinz-Phillip's passing at such a young age. Although I didn't know him well in recent years, I still remember the times we played together as children. Even back then, he was a charming and handsome boy who always had a smile on his face. I also fondly remember our vacation in Canada, where we would play around in the pool. My thoughts are with his family and friends during this difficult time. May he rest in peace.
With love, Selina



Selina Hocke - June 21, 2024 at 01:25 PM

PN

“ During my time at AYW, I'd gotten really close to Rita. We talked pretty much every day. 2020 brought about a very interesting time in all of our lives, but I remember the moments Rita would talk about her son, Heinz, and how her eyes would light up when his name crossed her lips. The love she had for her son shined through every time she spoke of him. Over the years, Rita and I would have hang outs and gather and Heinz would come along. I remembered this old-school dingy little bar we met at and I was like--- that's Heinz, this big burly man with an even bigger personality. Heinz was funny, bold and honest, truly traits that he inherited from Rita, along w/ that Massachusetts flair. I would joke that Rita was like my mom away from home and I felt her love for me and could only imagine the unsurmountable care she had for Heinz. I know very few men who choose to spend as much time with their moms as Heinz did. They were best buds and a great duo, They even trekked the trip to Maine for our wedding together two years ago, for that I'm grateful for having known such an amazingly animated person. LLH -Pierre + Michelle



Pierre H Nguyen - June 20, 2024 at 10:15 PM

BC

“ My heart is in tears Rita and Bob, as you go through this indescribable loss. I knew Heinz since his birth and he grew up to be such a beautiful man with such a pure soul. He touched so many lives and he will be missed. There are no words, that will ease your pain. I will cherish the memories of Heinz I will always keep him in my heart. Sending you strength in this dark time. Barbara C

Barbara Campbell - June 20, 2024 at 03:07 AM

AK

“ So deeply sorry to hear this news. It is gut wrenching. I’m so heartbroken for Heinz’s family and friends. I have only heard wonderful stories about Heinz from his mom Rita. She was and is so proud of him. Keep telling stories of the beautiful memories you had with him. ❤️

Andrea Kolligian - June 19, 2024 at 12:16 PM

EB

“ RIP Heinz 🙏🙏

Elizabeth Bell - June 18, 2024 at 11:33 PM

MH

“ We were deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Heinz. We had the privilege of knowing him for nearly ten years. We first met Heinz as a teenager when he welcomed us into his home as strangers. Over the years, we watched him grow into a responsible and distinguished man, and it was our honor to welcome him as a guest in our own home nearly a decade later in fall of 2023.

Despite the 8,000 kilometers between us, there was always a strong connection and shared interests, especially our mutual love for German beer and roller coasters. Heinz's kindness, generosity, and warmth left a lasting impression on us. He touched the lives of many, and his memory will forever be cherished by all who knew him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time. Heinz's legacy of hospitality and compassion will always be remembered.

With deepest sympathy,

Ronald & Max



Maximilian Hatting - June 18, 2024 at 03:38 PM



“ I remember when my family first moved in next-door to you, you were the first friend I made moving To Weymouth, Massachusetts and we quickly became close friends you showed me your latest and greatest Xbox playing call of duty to pause the game on nice days to go out and play airsoft we would always get yelled at by the other neighbors, I was a few years older than you! I looked at you as another little brother Remember the late nights of playing manhunt and running around the neighborhood with the neighborhood kids I also remember you showing me the game Old School RuneScape That we probably started playing around nine or 10 years old and we still played to this day almost 20 years later And then once we started getting older, we both loved getting tattoos and going to the gun range up in New Hampshire going out to Denny's before our tattoo sessions. I remember going with you to get your first tattoo The biker peace sign. I remember having fun sleepovers many times both at your house and my house and waking up to get chocolate chip pancakes down in the landing at nicks breakfast. So many good memories, and so many laughs fly high brother. Love you may you rest in peace Heinz.



Shane Finn - June 18, 2024 at 02:32 PM

CH

“ Losing a loved one changes us.
Not just for a few hours, days, weeks or months.
Not just for one year.
Losing a loved one changes us for life.
Christine and Helmut

Christine and Helmut - June 18, 2024 at 02:22 PM

MO

“ I'll never forget the little "Casper Ghost" on Halloween, Rip❤️

Monika - June 18, 2024 at 02:10 PM

KS

“ At 4 years old, you would come knocking at the door. “Is Timmy home?” Tim 11 years your sr. Was your best bud. I remember saying, “no violent video games Tim.” He was the little brother you never had. Then there was Casey, who would relentlessly tease Heinz about “Everting” and he took it like the best little brother, this continued into adulthood. Food, yes he loved food and didn’t understand why I didn’t have ketchup and mayo in the same jar???? Yup I guess that’s a thing. John and I would laugh at how much Heinz was like Tim. So inquisitive, always getting into something. As he got older he put that all to use fixing things. We always heard Heinz before we saw him, driving in on some loud form of transportation, or laughing with friends. I missed that so very much when Rita sold the house. I will forever treasure you coming home for my 60th Birthday. Those memories will be etched in my mind until we meet again my little ketchup king. I LOVE YOU!! I will forever be grateful I got to say that to you in May!!!! Rest In Peace. I know you’ll be up there dancing and fixing things.



Kathleen Spencer - June 18, 2024 at 06:09 AM

KS

The glasses you wore weren't colored rose. Nor were they colored gray. You lived your life fully according to the day. Your smile was bright , it lit a room, made others feel your joy. With wind in your hair you became a man, from that Inquisitive Little boy. I watched with pride how you Loved your mother, a gentleman she did raise. Because of her strength and determination You both deserve this praise. You were Loved by so many, you were such a light. We will keep you in our hearts forever. Go now our beautiful Angel, it's time to take your flight.

Kathleen Spencer - June 18, 2024 at 06:26 AM

OJ

“ I don't have the words to convey what I'm feeling, and I probably never will. This was not supposed to be how this would end, you were supposed to be there with me still best friends when we're old. To our first date at the aquarium as kids, to then morph into an adult lifelong friendship, I will always love you. I will always see you in restaurants, and harshly judge them if they aren't using Heinz, I will see you in bikes on the road which you loved so much, I will see you in tattoo shops, I will see you in big guns that I still don't even know the name of and I will see you in every sunrise and sunset. I will miss you always and think about you forever. I love you x87



Olivia Johnston - June 17, 2024 at 10:06 PM

ED

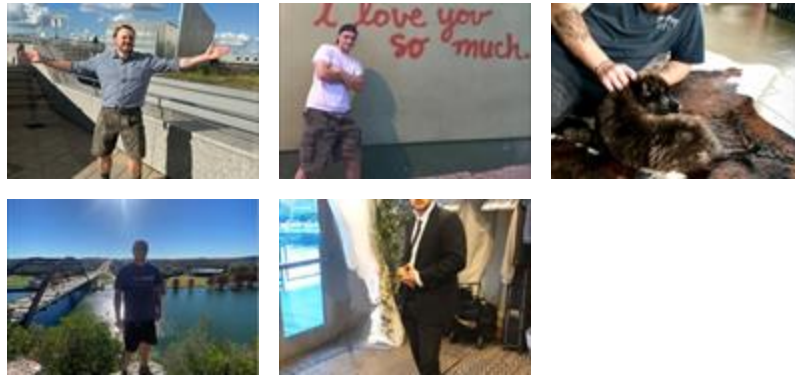
“ Editha lit a candle in memory of Heinz-Phillip
William Fountain



Editha - June 17, 2024 at 04:30 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Austin Natural Funerals - June 17, 2024 at 12:01 PM