



Heinz Josef Sowinski

October 26, 1946 - September 8, 2015

Heinz Josef Sowinski

Chef/Owner La Maison on Telfair

Augusta, GA—Memorial Services for Heinz Josef Sowinski, 69 , who entered into rest September 8, 2015, at Emory University Hospital, will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Augusta Preparatory Day School Auditorium.

Chef Heinz was a native of Germany, having made Augusta his home for the past 23 years. He was a member of the Harlem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Heinz began his culinary career in Germany where he attended school and entered into apprenticeship at age 14. At the age of 19 he immigrated to the United States and settled in Southern California where he began working in Beverly Hills restaurants and resorts. In 1971, Heinz took a position at Walt Disney World in Florida where he met his wife Zelda and worked for three years. Later he moved to Atlanta where he continued his career as Executive Chef at the Hilton before opening one of Atlanta's finest restaurants, The Brass Key. In 1992 Chief Heinz moved to Augusta and purchased La Maison on Telfair. His understanding of wine composition and passion for food gave him a unique gift in pairing wine and food. Chief Heinz was recommended and accepted to the Academy of Chefs and received

numerous awards for his culinary talents. Additionally, Heinz loved the Bible and had a special passion for sharing it with others.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Zelda Sowinski; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sofia and Manuel Verney-Carron, Grovetown, GA, Erika and Terry Miller, North Augusta, SC and Miriam and Chris Hill, Fernandina Beach, FL; a former son-in-law, Jason Mitchell; seven grandchildren, Joullian, Isaac and Noah Mitchell, Sara Miller, Gavin Hill, Mia Verney-Carron and Zachary Verney-Carron; additionally, he is survived by a brother, a sister and many extended family in Germany.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181). Visit the registry at www.poseycares.com

Cemetery Details

Private Family Services Will Be Held

Previous Events

Service

SEP 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Augusta Preparatory Day School Auditorium
285 Flowing Wells Road
Augusta, GA 30907

Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Heinz Josef Sowinski



Posey Funeral Directors - September 12, 2015 at 09:08 PM



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Heinz Josef Sowinski



Posey Funeral Directors - September 10, 2015 at 01:26 PM

JP

*A good and kind man.
I miss him.
Eric Porkert*

Joseph Eric Porkert - October 12, 2020 at 02:35 AM

ES

Miss my daddy every day... I'd like to send this link to my oldest son down in Florida, but he doesn't have FB or Twitter. Could you please make this shareable with a link I can text or email? This is his daughter, Erika, thank you. 🙏

Erika Sowinski - September 10, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ Heinz Josef Sowinski

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Heinz Josef Sowinski

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ I worked at "La Maison" with Chef Heinz, back in 1996. What a great experience I had there. I was coming from France and Chef Heinz and Zelda welcomed me really nicely and i shall never forget them. I am sad to learn only today that he has gone to another world. Lots of souvenirs are coming up.
A big thought today to his family even if 2.5 years late.
Séverine

Severine Morel - March 20, 2018 at 08:10 AM



“ To the famiily of Heinz Sowinski,
I worked with Heinz at the Hilton, he was a true professional and a good friend.His restaurant "Frogs" was always my favorite. I had not seen him from that time until he came to a food show in Atlanta in August. We talked about old times and renewed our friendship. I am glad I had a chance to see him again. He still had his passion for food and love for his family and friends. His shared passion, talents and friendship will live on in all who knew him.
Regards,
Tim Patridge

Tim Patridge - November 06, 2015 at 11:31 AM

RR

“ Dear Zelda and girls,

We just heard the sad news about dear Heinz. So sorry. We remember good times in Smyrna with your family. Zelda, please send your email to us, Ralph and Elaine Russell. We moved to Mexico about 3 years ago but are now back and living in Palatka, Fl. My email is rusra02@hotmail.com. We would love to see you all! May Jehovah comfort you and keep you. The tribute to Heinz is beautiful.

ralph russell - September 30, 2015 at 10:58 AM

RP

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family. Heinz was one of our favorite Augustans. When a new restaurant opened and was doing great things, we would catch Heinz going there to see for himself and to support new business. If you support others, you never have to worry about your own support.*

Our deepest regret is that we did not dine and converse with him more often.

Ramon Parrish

Lisa J. Marks

Ramon Parrish - September 18, 2015 at 08:09 PM

NM

“ We couldn` t believe it when we received the terrible message from uncle Heinz`s dead.
Being here in Germany we are so far away but yet - the pain is so close.
Uncle Heinz was a joyful, incredibly hospitable and lovable man...full of zest of action and energy.
Our 3year old daughter, Marie, asks us: "Why are you so sad?"
We told her, that uncle Heinz had died. She asked us: "Is he now sad as well?" We tried to explain to her what death means....and then she said: "We` ll see him in paradise!"
It is so good to know, that our heavenly father will keep his promises and very soon let us welcome back our dear loved ones.
Nadja (niece), Günter, Lisa and Marie

Nadja Münzberg - September 18, 2015 at 02:25 PM

JA

“ Dear Miriam and family,

You have all been in my thoughts and prayers this week. May you find comfort with family and friends, as I see by the number of people who so respected and loved him.

I will keep you in my prayers and hope by the strength of your beautiful family all will feel better soon.

With much love,
Jackie Dupont
Fernandina Beach, FL



Jackie - September 12, 2015 at 11:55 AM



“ 27 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Posey Funeral Directors - September 11, 2015 at 01:29 PM



“ *Zelda and Sowinski Family,*
Chuck and I are so sorry for your loss. Heinz was truly an exceptional man. He will be missed by all that knew him. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Chuck & Vicki Garner - September 11, 2015 at 08:54 AM



“ 106 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Posey Funeral Directors - September 10, 2015 at 01:20 PM

DD

“ *To Chef Heinz' Family,
Chef Heinz was truly a kind and wonderful friend and such a gentleman. He touched so many hearts and lives through his beautiful food, shared wine, and above all great friendship. When we judged wine at the Vineyard, he kept me constantly laughing with his ever-so-funny wine descriptions -- especially the bad ones. We and so many will miss him dearly. May God bless you, protect you, comfort you, and keep you. Steven and Deby DelGenio*

Deby DelGenio - September 10, 2015 at 01:08 PM

BH

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family. Mr. Heinz was a great friend and mentor and his expert advice in our start of 5 O'clock Bistro helped it to be the success it has been. The community will miss his culinary talents and for each of us at 5 O'clock Bistro, we will miss him dearly.*



Barbara Hensley Howard, Co-owner 5 O'clock Bistro

Barbara Howard - September 10, 2015 at 08:15 AM

CR

“ *No words can express
The hurt and anguish
Nor touch on how we feel
God shares our tears
And gives us His love
And He, in time, will heal*

Sorry for your loss, Charles and Tina Routh

Charles Routh - September 09, 2015 at 05:24 PM