



## Hans Joachim von Amsberg

June 5, 1935 - April 8, 2019

Hans Joachim von Amsberg, 83, died Monday April 8, 2019 in Charlotte, NC. He died peacefully with family at his side.

He was born June 5, 1935 in Hamburg Germany. He lived in Germany and Chile as a child before moving to Canada to attend University of Guelph. It was there that he met his future wife Anne (Fair). After graduation, they moved to Oregon for Hans to further his education at Oregon State University, where he received a PhD in Plant Physiology. He spent his entire working career in plant protection, briefly at Monsanto and then with BASF.

He was an avid athlete, gardener, traveler and had a wide appreciation of all forms of music. He enjoyed spending time with friends and family, and enjoyed the cultural offerings wherever he lived.

He is survived by his beloved wife Anne of 56 years; daughter Elizabeth Modero and husband Joseph, his son Marc von Amsberg and wife Beth; grandchildren Gina Modero, Alexa Modero, Audrey von Amsberg, Eric von Amsberg; his sister Petra Green; half-sister Irma Daleen; sister-in-law Jane Fair and husband Frank Falco; brother-in-law Grant Fair; many cousins, extended family members and dear friends.

A celebration of life will be held April 20, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the Carriage Club, 5800 Old Providence Road, Charlotte, NC. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Durham Rescue Mission P.O. Box 11858, Durham, NC 27703 [www.durhamrescuemission.org](http://www.durhamrescuemission.org) or the charity of your choice.



# Comments

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“ Condolences for your loss. I'm a Guelph student working on archives and I was able to find some pictures on Mr. Amsberg. I hope these photos help.



Afram - July 05, 2019 at 10:52 AM

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“ I'll always remember Hajo at Grant's and my wedding. He loved to dance and we had quite a dance. Great memories.  
Treasure the memories.  
Lots of love to you all.  
Charlene

Charlene Day - May 31, 2019 at 02:37 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hans Joachim von Amsberg.



April 18, 2019 at 02:33 PM

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“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Hans Joachim von Amsberg.



April 18, 2019 at 12:11 AM

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“ Anne and family, we mourn your loss even though we are far away. We always enjoyed your brief visits when you returned to Guelph for a Fair get together.

Bruce and Marion Schmitt (Fair)

**Bruce Schmitt** - April 16, 2019 at 03:33 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Hans' passing. He was a very special man. Like many, I had the privilege of working with Hans during his career with BASF. I could always count on a straight forward, honest answer from Hans. He was a great mentor, champion and friend. God rest his sole.

**Peter Irwin** - April 16, 2019 at 12:10 PM

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“ Hans and I go way back to the early 70's when I was with BASF Canada. Hans and I spent a whole lot of time together, whether traveling in Canada, US, or Germany. Laura and I so enjoyed the visits with Hans & Anne. Our love and prayers for God's comfort to the family. (Lorn & Laura Bergstresser).

**Lorn Bergstresser** - April 16, 2019 at 12:07 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hans Joachim von Amsberg.



April 16, 2019 at 12:06 PM

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“ Just received notice of the passing of Hans. Had to pleasure to work with him at BASF. A pleasure to have know him. He was one of the reasons we moved to Woodcroft in 1986.

Fred Fenimore  
BASF 1981-2006

**Fred Fenimore** - April 15, 2019 at 02:02 PM

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“ Hans and I shared many miles of fairways and often, a fine cigar. I am saddened by his passing as well as my inability to attend his services. The last time we played together as partners, I was driving rather fast and Hans was bouncing all over the cart, admonishing me to slow down. I have missed his presence at Woodcroft and will think kindly of his intelligent and gentle nature. He played the game as one would expect of an honest soul. Keep them in the short grass and I hope to meet you again on the first tee.

Dave Tinker, Cary, NC

David Tinker - April 15, 2019 at 10:01 AM

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“ Paul and Irma Daleen (sister and husband) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Hans Joachim von Amsberg.



Paul and Irma Daleen (sister and husband) - April 13, 2019 at 08:54 AM

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“ Anne and Family - We are so sorry to hear about Hans but we are very glad we were able to visit you and Hans in 2016 and again 2017. Hans was a great guy and we all have fond memories of him. On one visit Hans gave us a beautiful stone stein brought from Germany that we cherish. You all are in our thoughts at this sad time.  
Terry and Doris Stephens

Terry/Doris Stephens - April 12, 2019 at 10:40 AM

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“ Sorry to learn of Han's passing and express my condolences to his family. I always enjoyed my friendship and professional relationships with Hans from Oregon State to Monsanto to BASF. Horace D. "Skip" Skipper

Horace D. Skipper - April 12, 2019 at 07:46 AM

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“ Linda and I want to express our condolences to Anne and all Hans family. I have pictures of you and Hans in Guelph in June 2010 celebrating the 50th anniversary of our class. I can send some pictures in a separate message.

We are sorry about your loss. We loved Hans dearly, too.

**Bert Mitchell** - April 11, 2019 at 09:44 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Marc von Amsberg** - April 11, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ I will always remember Hajo (from Hans-Joachim). He was the first family member I met after our father returned from Siberian prison camp after being held there for ten years. Hajo looked to us just like Hardy Krueger, a German actor, who was a German movie star and idol of all. Handsome, blond with blue eyes and charming. Man, was I proud to be related to someone so special. He lived in Canada at the time and that was exotic, too. Little did we know then that eventually all three siblings would end up in the US. Hajo in North Carolina, Peti (Petra) in California and I in Florida. Once I moved to the US from Germany we saw each other more often, even though not often enough. But we stayed in touch. My husband, Paul, and Hajo shared love of golf and my husband's one and only hole-in-one happened when the two played golf at Carolina Trace golf course near Chapel Hill in NC. It was one of my husband's proudest moments in his 60 plus years of playing golf. -- Hajo and Anne were the loveliest hosts anyone can imagine. Hajo became one of the most important links to the many stories our father (Felix-Joachim) shared with him of his military career and the time in Russia and later when Vati (father) was honored for his service. Hajo shared the pictures Vati drew in Russia, our grandmother's diary during WWI and many other treasures. The ancestors' paintings at his home and their stories were beautiful and uplifting. We will always cherish our wonderful memories and occasions we shared. We love you, Hajo, and will miss you dearly. We still cannot believe that you are gone, but we are certain that we will see you again and there will be no more separation then. Goodbye, dear brother Hajo. Till we see you again. Your sister Irma and husband Paul Daleen.

**Irma Daleen** - April 13, 2019 at 08:40 AM



“ Dear Anne, dear Elisabeth, dear Marc,

we are very sad to hear that Hans has left you. Our love and thourth is with you all. So many memories are passing our mind wile thinking about him together with my dad Manfred Schreiner during their work together BASF in germany.  
RIP Hans

Mit ganz lieben Grüßen

Petra Hutera

dauther of Manfred and Roswitha Schreiner

**petra** - April 14, 2019 at 05:47 AM



“ Dear Anne and Family,

It was so sad to hear that Hans has passed away. He was a great friend to me when we were both students at Ontario Agricultural College (now University of Guelph) in the late 1950s. Having both grown up in Germany during hard times, we shared many memories that were foreign to our class mates. Unfortunately, except for a couple of alumni reunions, we did not see each other anymore after graduation but kept in periodic touch by email. I particularly enjoyed it when Hans sent me jokes in the Bavarian dialect which he had attempted to learn while he and his family briefly lived in the Bavarian Alps, not far from my home town.

Like you, I will miss him very much.

Herman J. Dirschl  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

**Herman J. Dirschl** - April 15, 2019 at 12:12 PM



“ Here's an biographic interview Dad gave

<https://archive.org/details/MilCollOH1118VonAmsberg>

**Marc von Amsberg** - April 16, 2019 at 08:54 AM