



## Heinrich Looser

April 5, 1939 - July 7, 2015

Heinrich "Heinz" Looser, 76, of Greenville, husband of Irmgard Koeppen Looser of 50 years, passed away July 7, 2015.

Born in Switzerland, he was a son of the late Heinrich and Christine Hug Looser. He moved to Greenville in 1966 where he worked and retired from Emb-Tex in Travelers Rest. Heinz was a past President of the German-American Club, started the Carolina Racewalking Club, member of the Greenville Natural History Association, an avid hiker and outdoor enthusiast . Along with his wife he is survived by his daughters: Kirsten Abderhalden (Urs), Martina Keener(Bill), Heidi Mathis(Gary); brother: Franz Looser; grandchildren that he loved dearly: Elias Abderhalden, Aline Abderhalden, Allyssa Mathis, Olivia Mathis, Anna Mathis, and Ethan Keener.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, July 19, 2015 at 2 pm at the Daniel Memorial Chapel at Furman University. A reception will follow after the service and has been changed to the Hartness Pavilion.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Team Heinz at [run4lifesc.org](http://run4lifesc.org). Be sure to click on Team Heinz if giving to this charity.

# Cemetery Details

**Private Burial**

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Daniel Chapel at Furman University  
3300 Poinsett Highway  
Greenville, SC

# Tribute Wall

JV

“ Irmgard - I am so sorry. I just found about Heinz's passing when daughter Beth was looking for your daughters' location. I believe I was with daughter Julie on a trip to upstate New York in July. Please forgive me and accept my condolence for the loss of your dear husband. So many wonderful memories of you and Heinz as wonderful neighbors for over 30 years. All those trees we cut down together, his help when i needed assistance in repairing tools, and on and on. My heart goes out to you.  
John Van Voorhis

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**John Van Voorhis** - December 18, 2015 at 11:49 AM

MF

“ Heinz was a champion among us, and I know that while I might not be calling out his name again as a winner at Run4Life, he has run his race with courage, strength, and the faith that beyond the finish line lies the greatest victory.

Marty Flynn

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**Marty Flynn** - July 14, 2015 at 03:21 PM

BB

“ Irmgard:  
Please accept my sincere condolences. It was always such a pleasure to see both of you come in and spend some time with us. I find myself at a loss for appropriate words but wish you to know you are in my thoughts.  
Betty Bercowski

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**Betty BErcowski** - July 13, 2015 at 09:32 PM

MS

“ Heinz was such an inspiration to so many of us that exercise at the Travelers Rest YMCA. He was there faithfully every Monday and Friday bright and early in the morning with his "chauffeur" and loving wife, Irmgard. He fought the battle with lung cancer and won many times because of his personal strength, spirit and positive attitude. He and Irmgard helped us plan a vacation to Bavaria last year and because of their advice, it was the best vacation of our life. We will always remember Heinz as a great man with a sense of humor as big as his heart. What a team Heinz and Irmgard made!

*Mark and Donna Smith*

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**Mark and Donna Smith** - July 13, 2015 at 03:37 PM

JE

“ Irmgard:

*Ann and I were greatly saddened by the news of the passing of your husband, Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers*

*.Ann and John Evans*

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**John Evans** - July 13, 2015 at 01:37 PM

MA

“ As a one-time member of the GNHA, I remember many kindnesses from the Losers. Once, they invited me to share their table when the hiking group stopped at a restaurant. My sincere condolences to Irmgard and the family.

*Myra Armistead*

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**Myra Armistead** - July 13, 2015 at 10:43 AM

DA

“ *Liebe Irmgard und Trauerfamilie  
Wir senden dir und deiner Familie unser herzliches Beileid zum  
Hinschied von deinem lieben Heinz. Wir werden ihn immer in guter  
Erinnerung behalten! Es ist schwierig die richtigen Worte zu finden.  
Wir hoffen, dass diese Zeilen ein wenig Trost spenden können:  
"Unsere Toten leben fort in den süßen Flüssen der Erde, kehren  
wieder mit des Frühlings leisem Schritt, und es ist ihre Seele im  
Wind, der die Oberfläche der Teiche kräuselt."(Häuptling Seattle)  
"Ich werde die wiedersehen, die ich auf Erden geliebt habe, und  
jene erwarten, die mich lieben:"(Antoine de Saint-Exupéry)  
Wir werden in am Sonntag in Gedanken bei dir und deiner Familie  
sein und für Heinz eine Kerze anzünden.  
Liebe Grüße  
Daniela und Familie*

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**Daniela** - July 13, 2015 at 09:12 AM

LM

“ *Heinz was one of those people who made an impression the first  
time you met him. Very kind and inspirational to be around. I have  
lots of fond memories of hiking with him years ago.*

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**Linda Miles** - July 12, 2015 at 05:21 PM



“ Good times ....  
Good memories ....  
A good friend ....  
Thanks Heinz

David



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David Morris - July 12, 2015 at 12:20 PM



“ Tina, and the Looser family...my heart and deepest sympathy go out to you and your family. Tina, I have known you since elementary school. You were my "3-legged race" partner in all of the field days at Duncan Chapel Elementary. I remember meeting your father, when I was young, and remember how welcome he made feel in your home. My prayers will be with you, and your family, during this time of sorrow. --Rhonda McGarity Anderson

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Rhonda Anderson - July 12, 2015 at 07:35 AM

ED

“ So sorry to hear of Henry's passing. You all have our deepest sympathy. He was such a good person, always generous with his knowledge and gentle caring ways. Many people will have the best memories of him . Working with him for 20 years was a blessing. I could not have asked for better. So happy he could enjoy his life after work doing his favorite things and enjoying his family. You girls were the light of his life and Irmguard, you were the love of his life. May you all find comfort with each other. Thank you for sharing the pictures of your precious memories with your Dad.

*Jane & Gerald Dyer*

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**Elizabeth Dyer** - July 11, 2015 at 09:22 PM

LH

“ Dear Irmgard and Family - You are always in our thoughts and heart. . We are so sad have lost such a dear friend . Always enjoyed your visits on Linda's birthday in Florida and dancing at the German Club together . Heinz was such a good dancer. We will always miss him . Our love to all of you . Love Hilde and Linda



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**Linda Hannes** - July 11, 2015 at 08:40 PM

AN

“ Dear Irmgard and Family .. Words cannot express the sadness I feel for you all. Heinz was one of the first people I met so many many years ago when I first joined the hiking club and he remained one of my favorite hikers and friend over the years. So many memories of hiking and race walking with him and also with you Irmgard. Gone but never forgotten .. Friends remain forever in our memories.

*Anne*

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**Anne Nixon** - July 11, 2015 at 04:17 PM

CC

“ I hiked many times (years ago) with Heinz and remember him as a very nice gentleman who was happy to share his knowledge of the natural world.

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*Carol Creech, Travelers Rest, SC*

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**Carol Creech** - July 11, 2015 at 10:31 AM

JA

“ Dearl Irmgard and family, I am saddened to hear of Heinz's death. When I began to hike 25 years ago, Heinz was almost always there on Saturday. By being a fast hiker he challenged me to try to keep up with him. I finally did but it was so impressive that he did all he did with his limited vision! He was such a kind and gentle soul. He will be missed by so many.

*Janet Aguilar*

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**Janet Aguilar** - July 11, 2015 at 10:00 AM

GH

“ Heinz was one of my first hiking friends - along with my other wonderful GNHA hikers- who are now hiking in heaven. Heinz was a wonderful hiker who could tell you about the trail and vistas every step of the way. Our hearts go out to Irmgard and his family all of whom he loved dearly., We are very lucky to have known Heinz and are still inspired by all the wonderful hikes, parties and gatherings with him/ Ginny and Penn Holsapple

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**Ginny and Penn Holsapple** - July 10, 2015 at 06:21 PM

PS

“ *I have tears in my eyes as I say goodbye to Heinz, my inspiring hiking cohort! What a treasure to have known him and his unconquerable spirit. May he find trails in heaven to lead other angels on. His spirit will remain with us in GNHA.*

*Irmgard, my prayers will be with you and the family. You could not have been a better helpmate in Heinz life - 50years together.  
Much Love, Pam Shucker*

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**Pam Shucker** - July 10, 2015 at 01:18 PM



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**Heidi Mathis** - July 10, 2015 at 08:11 AM

MI

“ *Heinz - the man who could follow a trail the rest of us could barely see. I expect he's still out there ahead of us.  
Mark the way Heinz - we'll need it.  
mrw*

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**Mike** - July 09, 2015 at 05:23 PM

CA

“ *Love to your family*  
*-Cassie Chris and Logan*



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**Cassie** - July 09, 2015 at 02:33 PM



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**Heidi Mathis** - July 08, 2015 at 09:39 PM

KA

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**Kirsten Abderhalden** - July 08, 2015 at 06:04 PM