

Gerhard Budaker
November 28, 2000
Age 47
Cleveland, Ohio

Gerhard Budaker died on November 28, 2000 at age 47 in Cleveland, Ohio.

He was born in Austria. Gerhard and Joyce Georgy Budaker were married on August 26, 1978 and they had two sons, Gerhard and Erich.

Gerhard worked as an accounting clerk for the city of Cleveland.

Our classmate Lon Withers shared this wonderful memory: "Gerhard's parents lived two doors away from us, and my mom and his mom were friends. They had come from Austria without Gerhard at first to get settled over here. When he came over, I was told that I must be friends with him, help him acclimate, and practice his English. He was pretty wild at first, but we wound up having a lot of fun (finding his Dad's German Luger hidden in their garage was awesome, thank God there were no bullets!) I wound up having a whole world of Austrian culture opened to me. Gerhard played the accordion, did traditional dancing (yes, with Lederhosen and all). I was their guest at German-American Club Oktoberfests, and much great food was involved. Gerhardt and I were also Boy Scouts together in Troop 81 at Lakewood Baptist church. I lost track of him after high school, and it was a shock when he passed away so young. I have fond memories of him."