



## Gisela Friedel-Anni Taft

November 18, 1937 - January 3, 2024

Gisela Taft was born in Berlin, Germany on November 18, 1937. She passed away peacefully on January 3, 2024 with her beloved companion Dr. Stephen Sullivan at her side in Naples, Florida. Gisela Taft was a beloved wife, sister, aunt, grandmother, friend, and partner during her incredible 86 years of life.

As a young child her family moved frequently because of the damages the Second World War caused. They then eventually moved back to Berlin, where she was present for the Berlin Airlift after the War was terminated. At the age of 21, she moved to Canada and after a period of time then settled in California where she worked for a few years. She was an Accountant and Controller for Litton Industries, among her many place of employment.

In 1988, she met her loving husband the late Milton Taft, and they were wed on the Queen Mary in Long Beach California. They were happily married for 23 years traveling the world and visiting six different continents. Together they founded and operated a highly successful business in California which they sold to Rand McNally in 1995. After the sale of the business they then moved to Florida settling in Bonita Bay in Bonita Springs where they happily enjoyed golfing, traveling, and participating in various activities until Milton's passing in 2011.

She is survived by her sister Rosita Kuron, her nephew David Kuron, his wife

Collette Kuron, and their kids Nicole and Andre Kuron in Germany. Her stepchildren Dr. Charles Taft and his wife, Dr. Christine Taft, Janie Taft, and their grandchildren Rob and Julia, and great-great-grandchildren James, Caleb, Claire, Rose, and Emma. Gisela was an amazing hostess and her popular personality in Bonita Bay gained her to be loved by all her acquaintances. Her favorite hobbies were golfing, scale skiing, and being present in her community country club in California, Manchester Vermont, and Bonita Bay.

Gisela created beautiful homes and was a gracious host, she was a fantastic friend to so many. She was quick to laugh and often did, her smile lit up a room when she entered it. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her and loved her. She enjoyed all of nature, marveled at the beauty that surrounded her in Florida, and was so happy in the tropical heat and sunshine there.

After many years of being a family friend in the same circle in Bonita Bay, Gisela found a loving companion in Dr. Stephen Sullivan. They were both widowed at the time and were blessed to enjoy 8 years together at Arbor Trace and traveling the world.

A celebration of life will be held from noon to 3:00 pm on January 13 at the Top of the Pointe. 1001 Arbor Lake Drive Naples, Florida 34110.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Avow Hospice Naples, 1095 Whippoorwill Ln, Naples, FL 34105

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home family Owned and operated Since 1978.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.  
Naples, FL 34108

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

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