



## Anja King

October 28, 1969 - February 11, 2023

Anja King passed away on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at the age of 53.

Anja was born in Miltenberg, Germany on October 28, 1969. She grew up in a Franconian village named Dorfprozelten, right at the edge of the Spessart forrest. She grew up together with her younger sister, Claudia, and her parents, Elke and Heinrich Joseph.

Growing up, she enjoyed judo, soccer, and playing outdoors with her friends. She was remembered as a very energetic and driven person.

After graduating from High School, Anja started an apprenticeship to become a mechanic. Later on, she went back to school to become a Mechanical Engineer, a profession which she has enjoyed for the rest of her long lasting professional career. All that while raising her son, Daniel, which she has received at a very early age.

In 2006, Anja fulfilled her dream and emigrated to the US where she landed in Houston, Texas. She even became a US citizen in 2018 while still holding on

to her roots in Germany and keeping dual citizenship.

She has achieved and experienced many things after emigrating to the US. She worked for many years in Oil & Gas, had her own patent, managed a factory shop, fundraised huts and feeding stations for stray cats, started a bakery business, helped cleaning up after hurricane Harvey, played in organized soccer teams, witnessed her son's college graduation and wedding, received a granddaughter, and lastly made many long lasting friendships.

She was an amazingly strong, courageous, generous and unique woman. She was the best friend of those who were allowed to share her life. Her many friends were in awe of her strength and ability to turn her focus on the positive. Through ups and downs, she always maintained a positive outlook on life and the possibilities it offered. She will be tremendously missed – a void that cannot ever be filled.

Anja was survived by her son, Daniel King; her daughter-in-law, Jenen; her granddaughter, Alexa; her mother, Elke; her sister, Claudia, ;her boyfriend, Brendan; and her beloved dogs, Lila and Benny.

A memorial service will take place at 2:00 p.m.on February 25, 2023 at Covenant Chapel, 4949 Caroline Street in Houston, Texas 77004.

# Tribute Wall

“ I stayed with Anja on an Air B&B in May and June of 2016 as she would rent out the downstairs master bedroom on the program. She was out of work from the layoffs and trying to make money. The first night I was there I needed to unwind to start my work there the next day and ask Anja and Soule if we could all go out to eat. "I was buying right". LOL So at the end when the place was packed I said OK but now will you let me walk out with each of you under an arm to make everybody think two beautiful women are with me and they liked the prank and went right along with it. So I knew then Anja was a sport that could hold her own and play at any level she wanted to because she had that sense of confident humor. We were all comfortable together there from the first day I moved in, and without even too much needing be said we just came and went all doing whatever we were busy with. I realized how hard she was struggling when she politely asked me to keep the A/C above 75 degrees. I was used to "Hotel Freezeouts"... The thermostat at Anja's house was right outside that bedroom I stayed in and all I had to do was sneak a hand out of the door to adjust it. Every now and then I would turn it down to 70 at night and she would wake up and come downstairs and turn it back up before I knew it. It became a silent contest of wills... But I made up for it with a little extra money in the rent and surprisingly I soon became accustomed to the higher temps.. She was so industrious it just blew my mind her constantly looking for every way to make money in the slow time after being laid off/ and did everything from having Air B&B guests in her home, to garage sales, to even working on a food truck. I was only there about 6 weeks but I remember her coming in and joking about "smelling like the food truck" with her spirited bark for life. Then she was working UBER for a brief period and I would hear those stories too. I Never even met her before my stay with her but she made a mark because she was so friendly and trusting.. Too trusting I thought sometimes and I nagged her a little bit to start changing her keys after new people stayed on the Air B&B but she just assumed everyone was as nice and honorable as she was I guess. A few times a week she would just take off out the door and go run 3 miles in the neighborhood to stay fit between soccer games. And the

*CONSTANT HEALTHY DIET "alkalining her body" as she called it eating foods with higher PH, and ALWAYS getting on to me for eating poor food. She was always positive and if there ever was cause to speak of something it was acknowledgement of her resilience and acceptance of whatever challenge... I was actually looking her up tonight just to recall her address to locate a fast food Mexican place that was near her house which I was telling someone about, and then I saw this online. Last time I talked to her, her career was turning back up and she was on the mend. I don't write on these EVER and maybe it's because I only knew her 6 weeks and a few phone calls more over the years just chatting once every year or two I would call to catch up. She was on her own when I met her with just one that one other roomy she had in there seemed like a friend to her too. I can't imagine being put in the situation with the loss of the career Job and having to make it work out. She was tough. I just wanted to say she was a super nice and caring person. God may indeed snatch up the best ones.... I really can't believe she is gone...*

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**Bill Crane** - March 15, 2023 at 01:43 PM

“ Q: *How did you meet Anja?*

A: *ANJA WAS MY NEIGHBOR, BUT MOSTLY MY FRIEND.*

*HER VERY FIRST VISIT TO US WAS WHEN DANIEL HIT MY SON'S CAR PARKED AT THE CURB IN FRONT OF MY HOME. THEY BOTH WERE SO HONEST ABOUT IT, I KNEW WE WOULD BE FRIENDS EVENTUALLY.*

*I'LL HAVE TO SAY, SHE STARTED COMING OVER FOR FRANCIS (my husband) HELP AND I THOUGHT IT WAS ALITTLE WEIRD BUT, AAHHH....*

*SHE KNEW MY WHOLE FAMILY AND NOT TO MENTION THEIR VEHICLES TOO. THAT WAS AMAZING TO ME HOW SHE KEEP UP WITH ALL THAT.*

*IT WAS LIKE EVERY OTHER WEEK SHE WOULD COME OVER AND WE WOULD TALK AND TALK AND TALK ABOUT ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING. SOMETIMES MY MOTHER OR MY DAUGHTER WAS AROUND TOO. IT WAS ALL FUN TALK.*

*THEN THE LAY OFF HAPPENED 2015. TO HER, TO ME, THEN TO FRANCISCO. WE STUCK TOGETHER EVEN CLOSER. FRANCIS BECAME AN EXPERT ON INDEED.COM. SHE BECAME AN EXPERT ON LINKEDIN. AND WE ALL SHARED INFO ON JOBS. IT WAS KIND OF HILARIOUS IN A WAY.*

*ANJA WORKED AT ANYTHING TO KEEP MONEY IN THE BANK TO KEEP HER HOME. SHE CLEANED HOUSES, SHE DELIVERY PARTS, SHE TRIED TO GET JOBS AS A WAITRESS BUT WAS TOLD SHE WAS OVER QUALIFIED AND NO ONE GAVE HER A CHANCE. SHE ANIMAL SAT, SHE HOUSE SAT, SHE OFFERED TEACHING GERMAN AND DECLUTTERING. SHE MADE PASTRIES AT FIRST, DECORATIVE JARS OF PRE-FIXINGS FOR COOKIES. SHE EVEN WORKED ON A GERMAN FOOD TRUCK,*

*JUST TO NAME A FEW.*

*I WAS PROUD OF HER. I NEVER KNEW ANYONE LIKE HER. SHE ENDURED AND ENDURED. SHE FOUGHT FIERCLY TO KEEP HER LIFE SAKE, THE HOME SHE LOVED.*

*I CAN'T HELP BUT SMILE, THINKING ABOUT EVERYTHING I'M WRITTING RIGHT NOW. MY HEART HURTS FOR MY FRIEND. IT HAS BEEN SINCE SHE BECAME ILL.*

*I WILL MISS YOU, MY FRIEND.*

*LOVE YOU FOREVER.  
PAT*

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**Patricia Cerra-Muniz** - February 23, 2023 at 01:38 PM

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“ *Although we met a few times, I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Anja personally, but through the talks from Pat, and Ariel she was the sweetest person, with the kindest and biggest of hearts. I know she will be missed dearly by her family and friends.*

*May you rest easy.*

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**Chris Davila** - February 17, 2023 at 02:31 PM

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“ Steve Glen lit a candle I met Anja through work at GE and connected her to our pickup soccer at West Houston Indoor. It was pleasure & a privilege to have known her ... a very fun, strong & caring individual who faced many challenges in her life particularly her battle with cancer over the last few years. Sorry to hear of her passing, but pleased she is no longer suffering ... and very glad to have known her.  
RIP Anja



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Steve Glen - February 17, 2023 at 12:00 AM