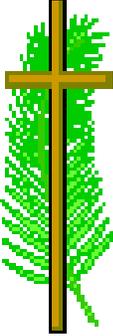


In stillem Gebet gedenken wir unseren  
in den vergangenen Monaten  
verstorbenen Mitgliedern



**Ferdinand Hammer**  
**Ernst Pfosch**  
**Edmund Brenner**

Die Mitglieder des Carpathia Clubs  
werden ihnen stets ein Gedenken  
bewahren.

## First Christmas in Heaven

*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below  
with tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.  
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,  
for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,  
but the sound of music can't compare with the Christmas choir  
up here.*

*I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,  
for it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.*

*I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your  
heart.*

*But I am not so far away. We really aren't apart.  
So be happy for me dear ones. You know I hold you dear,  
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this  
year.*

*I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above.  
I send you each a memory of my undying love.  
After all, love is the gift, more precious than pure gold.  
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.*

*Please love and keep each other, as Jesus said to do,  
for I can't count the blessing or love he has for each of you.  
So, have a merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.  
Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year!*

*(submitted by Frau Anna Ess)*

## Too young to leave us

~ in memory of ~

**Robert Schwager**  
**(1957–2004)**

– by Annemarie Tittjung

“Bob” was born on March 3, 1957 the son of Frank and Eva Schwager. He grew up in Eastpointe, with his brother Ralph and sister Evelyn. He loved our Carpathia Club and served it all his life. He was an active member of the Youthgroup, Jaegergruppe and the Kickers Organization. While in Youthgroup, he met and fell in love with Linda Dietz, his future wife. In 1981, just before their wedding, Linda and Bob were elected as leaders of the Youthgroup and shortly after “tying the knot” they flew with 100 Youthgroup members to Los Angeles for a week. This was their honeymoon.



Bob and Linda were blessed with four children: Adam, Kimberly, Amanda and Victoria.

Bob's services to Carpathia seemed endless. He served on the Board of Directors as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Chairman of the Carpathia Volksfest at Freedom Hill. He also served as treasurer of the Jägergruppe for a number of years.

When his children became old enough to join the Carpathia Dance Group, Bob again became very active within the group. He was the Groups' official chef for the summer picnics for over 18 years. Bob passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> with his loving wife at his side. He will be deeply missed by his family, his many friends and the Carpathia membership.

*You will live forever in our hearts,*

*Linda Schwager with Adam, Kimberly,  
Amanda and Victoria*

*Frank and Eva Schwager*

*Lorenz and Kathi Dietz*

