



## Jens V. Vinding

October 13, 1939 - December 11, 2024

Jens Valdemar Vinding 85 of Cosby Tn went to be with our good Lord on December 11th 2024. He is proceeded in death by his parents Paul and Svava Vinding of Copenhagen, Denmark, his wife Ingelise Vinding. He is survived by daughters, Johnna Baxter and Paulette Buckner, grandchildren Nicholas (Emily) Baxter, Jensen (Jacob) VanStratum and special very friends Grady Howell and Ronnie Martin. The Family would like to give special thanks to Amedysis Hospice.

Born in Copenhagen, Denmark on October 13th 1939 Jens was a Pastry chef starting at the age of 13 working in the oldest Bakery in Denmark owned by his parents. He served in the Danish Royal Navy becoming the personal Pastry Chef to the King and Queen of Denmark. Jens traveled the world and immigrated to the USA in the 1960's where he got an apprenticeship to a bakery in Solvang, California. He met his wife Ingelise, also from Denmark, in Santa Barbara, California where they wed. He later went on to work For Marriott and Neiman Marcus in NYC as head pastry chef. He worked in the Worlds Fair in the 60's. meanwhile, starting a family, having two daughters, Johnna and Paulette, Jens was so known for his delicious desserts, he was transferred to several different states with The Marriott franchise.

Unfortunately, in 1975, Ingelise was taken from them suddenly and he was left to raise the two girls alone. In 1979, he purchased his dream property in Cosby, Tennessee and build his forever home on the hill on Dairy Rd in the

Great Smoky Mountains. He, again got a job as Pastry Chef for the Holiday Inn in Newport. Finally, in 1982 his dream came true, he became a UNITED STATES CITIZEN. Jens was known for being a proud patriot of the United States and took great pride in his country and the American Flag. In his later years Jens hung up his Chef hat and started working as a long haul trucker working for Schneider and Landair. In his free time Jens enjoyed traveling the United States on his Harley Davidson motorcycle, watching and attending University of Tennessee sports and all types of racing from NASCAR, Indy, Formula 1, and SCCA Road Racing. After retirement in the early 2000s until his last days Jens enjoyed spending time with his family, close friends and Fur babies.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Smoky Mountain Humane Society.

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Sorry to hear! He was my cousin! I have mit your mother in Copenhagen! She was so sweet! We have great time! And Jens and I was very near each other ! But Jens went to USA and I went to Norway!!!! You grandma and my mama was sisters! But I hope your 2 sister have a great time! Randi Sonberg Oslo



Randi Sonberg - October 13, 2025 at 04:39 PM

RR

“ My heart goes out to each and everyone of you. He was absolutely one of the best. May God give your precious family comfort during this very difficult time. Love you guys 🙏💔😭

Rhonda Rice - December 16, 2024 at 10:13 AM

CL

“ Deepest sympathies to the family of my old friend, Jen's. We always enjoyed talking.  
Bill Leibrock

Charlotte Leibrock - December 15, 2024 at 11:33 AM

GS

“ Gail samples lit a candle in memory of Jens Vinding



Gail samples - December 14, 2024 at 09:55 AM

KK

“ Paulette, I am so sorry for the passing of Jens my heart is 💔 and I know your heart is 💔, but I will never forget his smiling face when he came in the office. I will never forget him ,and I loved him so much. Please call me if you need anything. Go rest high my sweetheart 💕💕



Kathy Kelley - December 13, 2024 at 05:59 PM

LD

“ Paulette, Jensen, and all the family; I wanted you to know I was very sorry to read of the death of your father, and grandfather. I know how much you all loved him and he loved you. His love will always be with you! I pray that our God will bring you peace and comfort, as only He can, for your broken hearts at this sad time and in your days that follow. Many prayers are being said for you all at this time because you are loved. I will keep you in my heart and prayers.



Matthew 5:4

Sincerely,  
Linda & Bud

Linda Dawson - December 13, 2024 at 02:03 PM

RF

“ So sorry to hear this news. Your Dad lived a lifetime of great experiences many of us will never have. A full journey he took. Our condolences..Ray & Rhonda

Ray Fancher - December 13, 2024 at 11:28 AM

SS

“ Prayers of comfort and peace to family and friends from all at Smoky Mountain Humane Society.

Smoky Humane Society - December 13, 2024 at 08:38 AM

 Karen Butler

“ I am so, so sorry for the loss of your dad, grandfather and all the loved him. Many prayers for you all.

Karen Butler - December 13, 2024 at 08:24 AM

SS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Paulette. May peace and comfort come to you and your family during this time. Love hugs and prayers.

Sandra Steward - December 13, 2024 at 07:27 AM

LH

“ Sorry for your lost . Wonderful man to raise two daughters by himself. Beautiful family.



Lucy Harrison - December 13, 2024 at 05:45 AM

CB

“ Super Bowl Sunday nights!!!!  
His love for his family will always put a smile on my face. Fly high Jens. We love you



CHANDA BUTLER - December 12, 2024 at 11:20 PM

CC

“ *Paulette and Johnna I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I have a lot of fond memories of your dad and his sense of humor on all those Florida trips. Praying for comfort and peace for the family during this difficult time.*

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**Craig Chrisman** - December 12, 2024 at 09:07 PM

LS

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss, Paulette, Johnna, Nick and Jensen (and all those who loved him). Jens, Daddy and The Great Dane was such a very special person who lit up a room with his smile. I was a young teenager when I met him and I have such wonderful memories! He was the first one to make me scapple for breakfast! As a Cape Cod girl, I had no idea what it was! I was blessed to spend a good amount of time with him and even visited the family in Tennessee at his beautiful home in the Smokey Mountains. May you rest in peace sweet man and thank you for all the joy you brought to those who knew and loved you. I'm sending love and prayers to all of you. 🙏💕*



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**Laura Schroth** - December 12, 2024 at 06:09 PM