



Gerlinde Karola Kutchmanich

May 12, 1928 - February 27, 2021

On Saturday, February 27, 2021, most beloved mother, sister, friend and wife passed away in Sandy Spring, Maryland at the age of 92.

Gerlinde was born on May 12, 1928, in Kasierslautern, West Germany to Wilhelm and Elisabeth Schaumloffel Hemm. Gerlinde came to the United States at the age of 28 after meeting her now deceased husband, First Sergeant Metro Kutchmanich in Germany at the end of World War II and married in Rockville, Maryland. She traveled throughout the U.S. with her family, settling in Alexandria, Virginia for over 55 years.

Gerlinde had an esteemed career as a director, manager, instructor and mentor with Marriott Corporation for 30 years. Opening restaurants around the world, catering parties for 3000 guests and weddings for J.W. Marriott, family and friends, she was known for her exquisite taste and bountiful buffets. A striking beauty with stunning crystal blue eyes, she was an artist, admired for her ability to paint landscapes, birds, fruit and flowers. She was also a talented seamstress and avid gardener, hosting one of the most beautiful gardens in her neighborhood.

Gerlinde is preceded in death by her husband Metro 'Sonny' Kutchmanich and beloved son Dimitris Benno Kutchmanich. Her parents; three sisters, Helga Raff, Katharine Herrmann Vowell, Sylvia Spiegel-Miroir; and a brother, Benno

Herrmann. She is survived by her two loving daughters, Tina Elisabeth Anna Kutchmanich of Manassas, Virginia and Janet Kutchmanich Daniel of Silver Spring, Maryland.

A ceremony and burial for Gerlinde will be held at Fort Meyer Old Post Chapel and Arlington National Cemetery on a date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to one of the charities Gerlinde supported.

Alzheimer's Association ~ alz.org

American Humane ~ americanhumane.org

Hope for Warriors ~ hopeforwarriors.gov

National Council on Aging ~ ncoa.org

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Gerlinde Karola Kutchmanich please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



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we have only the fondest of memories of Gerlinde when she would come to Jessup PA with her family to visit. She was a very intelligent, talented and loving person. We always loved and looked forward to when their visits. Our Condolences to Tina and Janet, she was loved and we love you both. Prayers offered for the family for strength and hope at this difficult time. ❤️ 🎈

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