



Gwen Rutkowski

August 28, 1924 - February 2, 2022

Gwen Hoyer Rutkowski, 97, of 14819 Parron Ave., Gardena, Calif., formerly of Berlin, passed on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022.

She was born August 28, 1924, in Berlin, the daughter of Oswald and Gertrude Safford Hoyer.

She married Joseph H. Rutkowski on Feb. 23, 1943, in Milwaukee.

Mrs. Rutkowski was raised in Berlin along with her two brothers Herbert and Robert Hoyer. Gwen's freshman and sophomore years were in Evanston, returning to Berlin as a junior. During her senior year, Gwen was a student at Billings Hill School in Montana graduation in the Class of 1942. She was always an honor student and active in the Theatre and Drama Clubs.

Since 1945 Gwen and her husband, Joseph, resided in Los Angeles, Calif. where they raised their family and would found the Golden Bear Escrow Co. After over fifty years of dedicated and outstanding service Gwen closed the company and in her late eighties began a fulfilling retirement of reading and listening to favorite classical recordings and operas.

Throughout her life the Metropolitan Opera Saturday morning broadcasts were always on her radio.

As the granddaughter and great-granddaughter of Rev. Adolph and Johannes Hoyer, of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Princeton, it is a true home coming to celebrate her entry into Eternal Life on Wed. May 11th @ 1:30pm . Pastor John Stelter will be officiating the service at St. John's with members of Gwen's family attending.

Her surviving family includes: two sons, Luke (Diana) and Arthur (Patricia) Rutkowski; a daughter, Rebecca Rutkowski; grandchildren, Andrea (Michael) Johnston, Joseph (Katie) Rutkowski, Matthew (Barbara) Rutkowski, Laura (Russell) Ikasalo; great-grandchildren, Jessica, Joy, Bella , Vivienne, Colin; and Nephew Mark, (Lita) Hoyer and their family.

Burial will follow the private service at Oakwood Cemetery in Berlin.