

## **Ellen C Myers**

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Ellen's Obituary Ellen Myers 1925 — 2020 Ellen Myers was born Anna Maria Ellen Karin Charlotte Cremer to Drs. Carl and Maria Cremer on May 25, 1925, in Berlin, Germany. Her father was a leading figure in the German Parliament, while her mother taught Economics at the University of Berlin. As a young child, Ellen led an idyllic life, but with Hitler's rise to power in the 1930s, circumstances changed dramatically for the Cremer family, since Ellen's mother was Jewish and her father was anti-Nazi. As Ellen progressed through her school years, she was the only student in her class who did not wear the scarf of the Hitler Youth. Her parents were both 'cancelled' from their professions, and found it necessary to relocate to a small farm under reduced circumstances.

Ellen displayed unusual talent for languages, and upon her graduation in 1942, was already fluent in five languages. She ultimately mastered nine languages, including German, English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Russian, modern Greek, and Armenian. In addition, Ellen became an accomplished pianist and vocal soloist. During most of World War II, Ellen worked in the Personnel Department of the Robert Bosch factory in Stuttgart, where she handled employment matters among international workers whom the Nazi authorities pressed into service for the German war effort. In addition to doing what she could for these unfortunates, Ellen wrote literature critical of the Nazis. On one occasion, Ellen was interrogated by the Gestapo when she was carrying an anti-Nazi manuscript, which miraculously went undiscovered.

After the war, the American military hired Ellen to do high-level translation work at major international meetings where Europe's post-war reconstruction was coordinated. Ellen worked with top U.S. generals and diplomats, including Gen. Lucius Clay, Averell Harriman, former President Herbert Hoover, and others. In this capacity, Ellen also met her future husband, Maj. Kenneth Myers, who served as her escort at several international conferences. Ken and Ellen were married in Germany on July 2, 1948, and returned to the States that August. Ken and Ellen first settled in Broken Bow, Nebraska, where Ken had grown up, and then in 1950 moved to Wichita, Kansas, which became their permanent home.

God blessed their marriage with seven children: Kenneth Jr., Edwin, Karen, Mark, Christie, John, and Rebecca. All but Ken Jr. are still living. During the turbulent Nazi years, Ellen's faith in God was shaken, and for some 15 years after the war's end, Ellen regarded herself as an agnostic. After long soul-searching, Ellen confessed her sinful condition to God, humbled herself, and trusted Jesus as her Lord and risen Savior—the One who had died for her sins on the Cross. In 1972, Ken was stricken with a fatal heart attack, leaving Ellen a widow at age 47, with six of her seven children still at home. Through the amazing power of Christ and the

support of loving Christian friends, Ellen found grace and strength to continue and even triumph in these difficult circumstances. May Jesus Christ be praised! Ellen was always a passionate advocate for truth. In the latter 1960s she was quick to see the impending moral disaster of the contraceptive/abortion juggernaut, and helped found Kansans for Life. She remained a tireless supporter of the pro-life cause from then on. Later, she became an enthusiastic supporter of homeschooling, and played a key role in the spectacular successes of many of her homeschooled grandchildren. Ellen was also a strong Biblical creationist. With Dr. Paul Ackerman, she founded the Creation Social Science and Humanities Society, which produced a journal tracing the implications of creation in the social sciences. Ellen wrote several books, including notably *Das Dritte Leben [The Third Life]* (1946), and *From My Self to My Savior* (2004). All this, plus earning a B.A. and M.A. in History! Ellen remained active until her late 80s, taking weekly walks around Towne East Mall with Becky, and helping stuff bulletins on Friday afternoons at her church. Ellen was also a voracious, lifelong reader, and kept her mind active with deep intellectual pursuits. Indeed, God blessed Ellen with a rich variety of gifts. In turn, Ellen was a source of blessing to her family, her church family, her friends, and the entire community, as she faithfully employed these gifts in service to her Lord.

Ellen passed peacefully into Jesus' presence on Thursday, December 30, 2020 at 8:35 AM in her sleep. Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Maria Cremer, by numerous Jewish relatives who perished during the Nazi time, by her husband Ken, her grandson Jacob Bruce, and her oldest child Ken, Jr. Ellen is survived by her children Edwin (Nellie) Myers of Whitewater, Kansas; Karen (Rick) Bruce of Pawnee, Oklahoma; Mark (Debra) Myers of Plano, Texas; Christie Carman of Aurora, Colorado; John (Patty) Myers of Plano, Texas; and Rebecca Myers of Whitewater, Kansas. Ellen is also survived by her grandchildren Carl and Traci Bruce, Richard and Justine Bruce, Joshua Bruce, Nellie and Mike Kimler, Emily Bruce, Hannah and Alan Wiggins, Mary Bruce, Esther Bruce, Ben Bruce, Lydia Bruce, Elevia Bruce, Elizabeth and Trent Eakle, Matthew and Christine Myers, Sarah Myers, Karen and Ricardo Pinedo, Joseph Myers, Anna and Brent Busenitz, Deborah Myers, Mark Myers, Hosanna Myers, Abigail Myers, Luke Myers, John Myers, Michael Carman, Marcelle Carman, Christopher Carman, David and Amie Carman, Cathy Carman, Adam Myers, Omar Myers, Natalie and Chris Rummel, Daniel and Sadie Myers, Amanda Myers, Michelle Myers, Miranda and Jesse Stauffer, and Mitchell Myers. Ellen has 39 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren...and counting!

Our most sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Ellen C Myers May 25 1925 December 30 2020.

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