Ann Margaret Koehler Gunther

May 11, 1921 ~ April 20, 2017

Ann Margaret Koehler Gunther, our wonderful mother, grandmother and friend, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 20th, 2017, surrounded by her loving family. She was 95 years old.

Ann was born in Leipzig, Germany, on May 11, 1921, to Ernest M. Koehler and Margaret A. Geissler. The Koehler family migrated to America when Ann was only 7 years old.

During her teenage years, Ann worked in her father's bakery and became a talented cake decorator. This was the start of her incredible work ethic. Ann also had a passion for racing bicycles as a teenager and was named the Utah State Women's Champion.

Following Ann's graduation from South High School, she married the love of her life, John Gunther ("Dear John") on January 10th, 1942. They had the perfect marriage that many only dream of. Their love for each other was evident to everyone! They were sealed for Time and Eternity in the Salt Lake Temple on September 14, 1996.

John and Ann worked side-by-side building three homes together in Salt Lake City. In these homes, they dedicated their lives to raising their three children, Larry, Carol and Craig. After their children were grown, Ann worked as John's secretary for 10 years at Builders Components until their retirement.

Ann lived her life serving others, especially her family and friends. If Ann knew you, she loved you. She was quick to offer a hug when greeting someone. Ann was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and served in many capacities.

John and Ann loved traveling together. They made many wonderful memories traveling all over the world with family and friends. They were members of the St. Mark's Senior Friends, where Ann was treasurer for over 5 years. She also wrote a column for the Senior Friends' Newsletter and shared many of her favorite recipes, as well as household "hints". Ann was an avid bowler and bowled twice a week with friends until she was 93 years old. Her favorite pastime was playing Skipbo with John, her family, and her friends. She would squeeze in a game anytime she had a chance! Ann always looked forward to Thursday afternoons, when she would get together with her closest friends to play games and enjoy each other's company. Ann enjoyed this weekly get-together up until two weeks prior to her passing.

Ann is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, John, her brother/sister-in-law, Hans (Betty) Koehler, her sister, Marion Hallman, and her great-grandson, Jacob Acey. Ann is also preceded in death by John's siblings and their spouses.

Ann is survived by her son, Larry (Robert) Gunther, her daughter, Carolyn (Larry) Stanclift, and her son, Craig (Alison) Gunther. She leaves behind 9 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren, who absolutely adored her.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, April 25th, at the Cottonwood 8th Ward, 6301 S. 2300 E., Cottonwood Heights. A viewing will be held preceding the services from 9:30-10:45 am. On Monday, April 24th, an additional viewing will be held at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. Dimple Dell Road, Sandy, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Interment will be at Larkin Sunset Gardens. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Larkin Mortuary.

The family would like to thank all those who tenderly cared for Ann during the last few years of her life. Her granddaughter, Kiley and her family, welcomed her in their home prior to Ann entering Sagewood in Daybreak. She commented to her family how well she was always treated by family and caregivers, and their love for her was evident. Ann especially loved Saturdays when her children and grandchildren would take turns picking her up to spend the day with their families. A special thanks to the hospice team from One Care. What exceptional care was provided to Mom during her last few weeks of life in such a tender, loving, and respectful manner.

Mom, we miss you, but are so happy that you're finally together with Dad after ten long years! We appreciate the wonderful example of love, kindness and dedication you have always shown to your family. We love you dearly!