



Gertrude "Trudy" R. Gronning

October 21, 2025

Gertrude "Trudy" R. Gronning, 96, of Lancaster, PA, went home to be with the Lord and to reunite with her beloved husband, John C. Gronning, on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at The Glen at Willow Valley. Born in Munich, Germany, Trudy was the daughter of the late Hans A. Raab and Karolina Reitmeier. She was the devoted wife of John for 53 wonderful years until his passing in May of 2023.

For more than 18 years, Trudy worked as a Subscriber Service Agent with Blue Cross Blue Shield. She also taught German at Rocky Bayou Christian School in Niceville, FL, and later became an author, publishing *A Matter of Grace*—a novel inspired by her experiences as a teenager during the war and her remarkable journey to America.

Together, Trudy and John shared a love of travel, visiting destinations such as Jerusalem, Canada, and Washington State, among others.

In her free time, Trudy enjoyed painting, writing, and skiing—and at the age of 70, she even went skydiving. She was part of the German club and also a proud member and supporter of The Gideons International, remaining dedicated to their ministry throughout her life. In 2009, she was recognized in the newspaper for knitting an American flag that was taken into space by astronaut Scott Altman—an accomplishment that filled her with great pride.

Trudy came from a family rich in musical heritage. Her grandfather was a fourth-generation instrument maker and orchestra leader, and her father also specialized in the violin. Their fine craftsmanship was known under the name Raab Instruments.

Trudy is survived by her son, Larry (Judy) Hughes; two daughters, Kelly (Rick) Keller and Kitty Bundy; three grandchildren, Michelle (Tom) Sapala, Lori (Jim) Copes, and Ransom Mowris; and four great-grandchildren, Cade Sapala, Bryce Sapala, Amma Copes, and Alana Copes. She is also survived by relatives in Germany and Canada.

In addition to her husband, John, Trudy was preceded in death by her brothers, Hans Raab and Heinrich Raab.

Memorial Services will be held at a later date.

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“ *In 1988 Trudy adopted me and maintained a motherly relationship since this gift to me. - I am grateful for this gift and enjoyed our close relationship over these many years.- Maranata! Hubert Trimmel*

Hubert Trimmel - November 05, 2025 at 11:00 AM