



## Ursula Irmgard Splinter Kowaleski

May 30, 1928 - November 28, 2023

Ursula Irmgard Gerda Splinter Kowalewski (95) passed away the morning of Tuesday, November 28, 2023. This remarkable woman was born the fourth of eleven children in Berlin, Germany on the 30th of May, 1928.

The timing and location of her birth unfortunately meant Ursula endured too much at a young age. She survived several bombings and the cruelties of a world war.

Married in 1952 to Eduard Kowalewski, Ursula gave birth to her first son in Germany. The family - with another daughter on the way - immigrated to the United States in 1956 through Ellis Island, following one of her younger sisters, Trautchen Akard, to America. They started life in the US in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but moved with their now three children to Jefferson City, TN, the town Ursula would call home for the rest of her life.

A fourth son soon followed. Later one of her brothers, Horst Splinter, and his family immigrated to join her in TN. Tragically, Ursula's husband Eduard passed when her children were still young in 1963.

She worked multiple jobs to raise her family. She made many sacrifices raising four children as a single mother in a foreign land. Despite long hours and hardships, she somehow found the time to make every birthday special with a homemade cake and every Christmas was celebrated with colorful sugar cookies. She also ensured she and Norbert fulfilled Eduard's wish of becoming American citizens in 1963. Her dedication and strength was an inspiration.

She remarried in 1975 to Adolf Kowalewski after years of a pen friendship. Sadly, he , too, passed away in 1979 leaving Ursula a widow once again. Throughout her long life, her friends and family relied upon her for support. She became a loving, supportive grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a lifelong animal lover, treating her many pets over the years as a member of the family. Her dry, biting sense of humor was a hallmark, as well as her deep, affectionate hugs.

Her family is grateful to God for the long life they were able to share with her. She was loved and cherished by more people than she ever would have believed.

Proceeded in death by her two husbands, Eduard and Adolf, and her eldest son Norbert Kowalsky. Ursula is survived by Nobert's wife Vickie Kowalsky and family, Renate Trigg (Jim) and family, Gabriella Pettit (Tony) and family, and Steven Kowalewski (Connie) and family.

Receiving of Friends to be held from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, with a service following at Fielden Funeral Home, on Monday, December 4. Private graveside service will follow at Westview Cemetery on Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her name to C.A.R.E. animal rescue or the Humane Society of Jefferson County.

Ursula's spirit and strength will live on through her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 4. 7:00 PM (ET)

Fielden Funeral Home Inc.  
910 Churchview St  
New Market, TN 37820  
(865) 475-3468  
<https://www.fieldenfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fielden Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Ursula Irmgard Splinter Kowaleski*



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**Fielden Funeral Home Inc.** - December 04, 2023 at 10:40 AM

DA

“ *Renate, Gabi and Steve,  
I just learned of the passing of your wonderful mother. I have a lot of great memories of spending time with her. A warm, loving and caring lady. And also of Norbert as well. May the coming months give you peace and comfort. God Bless.*

*David Akard  
Signal Mountain, TN*

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**Dave Akard** - February 20, 2024 at 05:18 PM

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“*Renate, Gabrellia and Steven, I'm just now seeing this. I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's passing, Norbert as well. My memories take me back to the 1960s when times were tough for your family, mine too. I remember all of you vividly the small get togethers with your mom and family. Myself visiting as a kid, playing with your m9m keeping a watchful eye over us all. As an adult I think of those times with your family as well as others. It seems so far away now. I also realized how hard your mom's time in Germany was. Her childhood was certainly much harder than one could imagine. I remember trying out Norbert's turn of the century big wheel bike. He said go ahead if you think you can. When I fell over he just laughed then helped me get on and just steer with him pushing, but just a little way. I remember playing with Steven or Stevie as I recall, he had a vibrating football field game with players. I also remember you as very young girls and us playing different games outside at our home in Newmarket. I only met you Dad a couple of times and the vivid memory of the shoe shop. He let me come back with him to show me all the lineshaft belts, sanders and different other wheeled tools he used to polish and fix shoes. To this day I remember the wonder smell of that shop. I'll never forget. I'm a better person for knowing the whole family. Arthur Buddy Lindsay*

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**Arthur ( Buddy ) Lindsay** - December 13, 2023 at 03:45 PM

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“*Sorry to hear of Ursula's passing. I worked with Ursula several years ago at Magnavox. She was a sweet and loving lady. My thoughts and prayers are with all her family.*



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**Renee Kinkead Yount** - November 30, 2023 at 06:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ursula Irmgard Splinter Kowaleski.*



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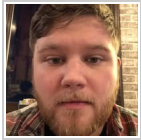
November 30, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Michelle M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ursula Irmgard Splinter Kowaleski.*

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**Michelle M.** - November 30, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Oma, I'm gonna miss you immensely. Looking forward to the hugs in heaven. Thanks for everything.*



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**Martin Donohoe** - November 29, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ *Steve, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. She sounds like an absolutely wonderful and very strong lady find peace in the memories that she gave you prayers for you and your family.*

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**Sharon Manning** - November 29, 2023 at 07:12 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ursula Irmgard Splinter Kowaleski.



November 29, 2023 at 05:50 PM



“ Liz Hefner, Baton Rouge, LA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ursula Irmgard Splinter Kowaleski.

Liz Hefner, Baton Rouge, LA - November 29, 2023 at 05:50 PM



“ I am so sorry! My mother worked with Ursula many years ago. I remember when she came to our house once! A very sweet lady!

Betty Lane - November 29, 2023 at 04:31 PM



“ Maxine Alexander lit a candle in memory of Ursula Irmgard Splinter Kowaleski



Maxine Alexander - November 29, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ursula Irmgard Splinter Kowaleski.*



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November 29, 2023 at 03:06 PM



“ *Clarice,Angie,Leigh.Holly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ursula Irmgard Splinter Kowaleski.*

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**Clarice,Angie,Leigh.Holly** - November 29, 2023 at 03:06 PM