

SOUND OF MUSIC

Maria Augusta Kutschera von Trapp (1905 to 1987)

Biography

Decorations and awards

The family has won the following awards:

- 1949 – Benemerenti Medal (Pope Pius XII), in recognition of the benefits of the Trapp Family Austrian Relief for needy Austrians
- 1952 – Dame of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre (Vatican-Pope Pius XII)
- 1956 – Catholic Mother of the Year in the United States. Women receive this honorary title, to recognise exemplary behavior
- 1957 – Decoration of Honour in Gold for Services to the Republic of Austria
- 1962 – Siena Medal – an award given by Theta Phi Alpha women's fraternity to "an outstanding woman to recognize her for her endurance and great accomplishment." The medal is the highest honor the organization bestows upon a non-member and is named after Saint Catherine of Siena.
- 1967 – Austrian Cross of Honour for Science and Art, 1st class
- 2007 – The von Trapp Family received the Egon Ranshofen Wertheimer Prize in Braunau am Inn
- 2012 – Naming of Maria Trapp-Platz in Donaustadt (22nd District of Vienna)

Death

Maria von Trapp died of heart failure on 28 March 1987, in Morrisville, Vermont, three days after surgery.^[2] She had outlived her husband by forty years, he having died before the book, musical, and films appeared. Maria, her husband Georg, Hedwig von Trapp, and Martina von Trapp are interred in the family cemetery at the Lodge.