

Marianne Katz



Around 1936 in Dahn: Back row (from the left) Marianne Katz with her sons Erich, Theodor, and Rudolf; front row (from the left) Alice Levy (daughter of Paula Katz), Julius Katz, as well as Mathilde Mayer (sister of Marianne Katz) and her husband Theodor Mayer, both of whom, like Marianne Katz, perished in Auschwitz

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Marianne Katz, wife of Julius Katz and sister-in-law of Josef Katz, née Simon, was born in Trier on May 26, 1886, and lived in Dahn, Marktstraße 16. In 1939, Marianne Katz moved to Speyer. Her luggage for emigration to the USA was packed, and the money had been transferred by relatives from the USA. On October 22, 1940, she was deported from Speyer to Gurs and was held in various camps in southern France. On August 28, 1942, Marianne Katz was deported to Auschwitz via Drancy/Paris on Transport No. 25. In Auschwitz she perished. Marianne Katz had intended to erect a gravestone for her husband, Julius Katz, who had died on July 13, 1938, in Dahn and was buried in the Jewish cemetery in Busenberg. Rabbi Dr. Nellhaus from Pirmasens advised her to donate the sum intended for the gravestone to support the emigration of Jews to Palestine, which she did. As a result, Julius Katz has still not received a gravestone.

