

# KITTY ROTHSCHILD, WIFE OF BARON, 62

Noted Beauty, Once Toast of  
2 Continents, Dies in Locust  
Valley—American by Birth

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LOCUST VALLEY, L. I., Oct. 9  
—Baroness Eugene de Rothschild, wife of a member of the famous international banking family and one-time beauty who was the toast of Paris, London, New York and Vienna, died here today of a cerebral hemorrhage in her home, Still House, on Duck Pond Road. Her age was 62.

Golden-haired, graceful and charming, the thrice-wed Baroness Kitty, as she was known to the smart international set of two continents, was hostess in 1937 to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. Several times she had been chosen by noted Parisian dress designers as one of the world's ten best-dressed women.

The Baron and Baroness had resided since 1941 at Still House, the forty-four-acre estate formerly owned by the late Paul D. Cravath. They came to the United States in 1940 from France, where one of their homes was located. The Baroness often assisted financially various charitable and patriotic causes. In 1940 she presented shoes to an entire French regiment.

Born in Philadelphia, she was the former Katherine Wolff, a daughter of the late Dr. Lawrence Wolff, a physician. After the Baroness studied music in Munich, she eloped with a New Yorker of Virginian ancestry, Dandridge Spotswood. The young couple lived for a period in New York. Later the then Mrs. Spotswood attained high social position in Paris and London as well as here.

The marriage ended in divorce and in 1911 the Baroness was married to an Austrian nobleman, Count Erwin Schoenborn. A Protestant, she became a Roman Catholic. In 1924 the Schoenborns were divorced. In the same year she was married to Baron de Rothschild.

The Baron and Baroness maintained a home for many years in Paris and were prominent in continental society until the second World War was on. Late in 1936, after King Edward VIII of Great Britain had abdicated to marry "the woman I love," Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson, and became the Duke of Windsor, he visited the Baron and Baroness at their castle in Enzesfeld, Austria, spending Christmas there. In 1937 the Duke and Duchess of Windsor visited the de Rothschilds at Enzesfeld.

Interviewed on a visit to New York in 1938, the Baroness denied a report that her grandfather had been an Austrian baron and that she herself had been a lady-in-waiting in the Austrian court. Other fanciful stories had been told of her early days in Europe.

The Baron is her only immediate survivor.

A solemn high mass of requiem will be celebrated at 11 A. M., Friday, in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Glen Cove, L. I.



BARONESS DE ROTHSCHILD

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