

While I'm on the topic of old obituaries, I have a favorite one, "Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan was a Queens homemaker in 1964 when The New York Times revealed her notorious past as a vicious Nazi death camp guard." is how *The Times* obit began. She passed away in April of 1999, but the *Times* failed to notice this until December 2, 2005. Her belated remembrance ended with this heavily laden paragraph, a novel in short form:

...in prison, Mrs. Ryan refused to speak to other inmates and liked to sew dolls and soft toys. When she was released, she went to a nursing home in Bochum-Linden where her husband lived. A German weekly, *SÄ¼ddeutsche Zeitung Magazin*, wrote of the couple in 1996, saying he had been seen pushing her wheelchair, and asking her if she would like a bouquet of flowers. She did not respond. He looked at his watch and pushed on. Nothing is known of him now.