



## Ann Kirby Flynn-Rockwell

April 29, 1924 - January 15, 2017

Albany-Ann Kirby Flynn-Rockwell, 92, of Albany, passed away on January 15th, 2017 in the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital. She was born into an Irish immigrant family in Astoria, Queens and held dual citizenship: United States and Ireland. Ann graduated from St. Patrick's Cathedral High School in Manhattan, where she was president of her senior class. A biology major, she graduated from Hunter College and later received a nursing degree from Hudson Valley Community College. A dedicated professional, Ann worked at Van Rensselaer Manor in Troy and at The Albany Veterans Administration Hospital. A lifelong pacifist and environmentalist, Ann was a pivotal activist in the successful fight against a coal plant on the Hudson River. She also worked to insure rights and proper care of the mentally ill.

Ann's marriage to Dr. Paul E. Rockwell ended in divorce after twenty-seven years. She is survived by nine of her ten children: Kathleen R. Lawrence, Susan Rockwell, Kevin Rockwell, Mary Ann Rockwell, Margaret Rockwell, Therese Rockwell, Taine Rockwell, Gerard Rockwell, and Brigid Rockwell. Her son Paul E. Rockwell Jr., a Vietnam Veteran, died in 1979. Herschel Berry, Brian Switzer, Judy Brownlow and Andrew Lawrence are also devoted long-time members of Ann's family. She leaves ten grandchildren: Margaret Kellogg, Peter Rockwell, James Rockwell, Nora R. Lawrence, Dawn Garrison, Gaia Sullivan, Samuel Flynn Levitt, Eoin Berry, Lydia Rockwell-Godman and Luke Switzer. Her two great-grandchildren are Blaise Lawrence Resing and

Calvin Wolf Garrison.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Ann's family Wednesday, January 18, 2017 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 8:45 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to the Historic Church of St. Mary on Capitol Hill at 9:30 am where a Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will immediately follow the Mass at St. Jean's Cemetery, Troy, NY.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Jean Baptiste Cemetery

Spring Ave Ext  
Troy, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ann Kirby Flynn-Rockwell*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to you and your family during this difficult time, may the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort "He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces"*

**Montana** - January 18, 2017 at 06:58 PM



*Thank you for your condolences, Montana. Perhaps you are my friend, Eileen, former pianist and pastor at Aquinas House @ Dartmouth. I know Montana is your nickname, because you loved the state of Montana so much. My email address is susanrockwell@19elm.com. Love to hear from you about how you are what and where with you now. Love in Jesus, Susan*

**Susan Rockwell** - January 21, 2017 at 08:44 AM

 Susan  
Rockwell

“ I think it was appropriate that my mother, Ann Kirby Flynn, died immediately before Martin Luther King Day. We all had the day off to meditate on Mom's life, and our relationships with her. Deep down in her heart, I do believe that Mom knew and believed that all men AND WOMEN are created equal. Yes, we shall overcome: overcome the difficulties of the past. We shall overcome, unforgiveness and prejudice toward ourselves, cruelty and tolerating cruelty, being the fighting Irish, judgmentalism of our parents. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Mom quoted Jesus saying: "Love one another." If we love Mom, we can show it by our love and respect for each other, who are her children. "They will know we are Christians by our love." Let freedom ring from the Adirondacks and Catskills and Allegany Mts. of New York. Let Freed ring from the Green Mts. of Vermont. Let freedom ring from the Sierra Mts. of California. Let freedom ring from the Guadalupe Mtns of Texas. Mom is free now: free from her body, her old age, her limitations and shortcomings, free from Barnwell nursing home and yes, free from us. Free at last, free at last, free at last, Thank God Almighty, she's free at last. To be continued....

*Dara, Gaelic for second: Susan Rockwell, AKF's 2nd child.*

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**Susan Rockwell** - January 18, 2017 at 07:28 AM

DM

“ We were so sorry to hear about your Mom and Grandmother. She was a special lady to us. She is no longer suffering. It was hard on the family, but now it's over. Love, Dennis and Mary Higgins Marks

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**Dennis & Mary Higgins Marks** - January 17, 2017 at 02:42 PM

MR

“ Margaret Sadira Kellogg, Ann's granddaughter, lit a candle for her in Saint Patrick's cathedral. She also bought a scapular for her there, as she encouraged Margaret to wear when she was a child - to save her from the fires of hell! We know, Mom, that you are in The Good Place.



*My mother maintained her charm and humor until the end, flirting with the hospice chaplain, and recalling the USO dance where she met my father.*

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Mary Ann Rockwell - January 17, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ann Kirby Flynn-Rockwell.



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January 17, 2017 at 08:31 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Ann Flynn Album



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Margaret Rockwell - January 16, 2017 at 06:51 PM

MA

“ *Our deepest condolences. May you be comforted by knowing that Ann is at peace. What a family of strong, independent women. Brigid, you have been a devoted daughter ensuring the care for your mom. Sending all of love to Brigid, Lydia, Brian and Luke. Mary, Bill and Liam Haardt*

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**Mary** - January 16, 2017 at 05:52 PM