



Marion Rose Kirby

August 5, 1928 - March 5, 2014

Albany-Marion Rose Oliver, 85, of Albany passed peacefully from this life on March 5th after enduring the challenges of Alzheimer's disease for many years. She was surrounded by family in her final hours. Marion was born in Albany on August 5th, 1928, attended Albany PS 20, Cathedral Academy and Vincentian Institute. She received her teaching degree at SUNY Albany and taught at Montgomery High School and Saint Ann's Institute. In 1952, she married John Kirby, long-time truck salesman for Orange Motors and raised five children as a devoted stay-at-home mom at the family home on Manning Boulevard where she and husband John lived for more than 50 years. In addition to being a wonderful mother, Marion was a parishioner and choir member at Blessed Sacrament Church, a girl scout leader, a singer in the former "500 Voice Choir", tour guide at Albany's Historic Cherry Hill House and worked in her later years for the New York Lottery and the New York State Department of Education.

She was a devoted daughter, taking care of her mother, Johanna Oliver, who was a resident of Eden Park Nursing Home for more than 26 years.

Marion was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, John Francis Kirby and was the daughter of Johanna (Corbet) Oliver and Raymond S. Oliver. She is the mother of John Kirby (Cynthia Canfield), Theresa Hodges, Barbara (James Fealey) Kirby, Mary Beth (Richard) Stabinski and Robert (Lisa) Kirby.

She was also preceded in death by twin infant sons who died shortly after birth in 1957. Marion also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren, Michael and Danielle Stabinski, Lauren and Megan Fealey, Thomas Hodges, and Jaclyn and Stephen Kirby.

Marion is also survived by sister Joan (Gordon) Walsh, and brothers Charles Oliver and John Oliver. She was preceded in death by siblings Raymond Oliver, James Oliver, and Leanora Oliver, who died as a small child. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

There are public and acknowledged saints, and there are many more saints who are only seen and acknowledged by few. Our mom is one of those many otherwise-unknown saints of whom God must be very proud. She is a perfect example of a job – and life – well done.

Funeral services Monday, March 10, 2014 at 8:15 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany at 9:00 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Sunday, March 9, 2014 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

The family wants to sincerely thank the staffs of the Loudonville Home for Adults and Teresian House for their extraordinary and loving care of Marion during her many years as an Alzheimer's patient. We will always be grateful.

Friends and family members are asked to consider memorial donations to the

Teresian House Foundation, Blessed Sacrament Church, and the Gerald Levine Memory Care Unit at Loudonville Home for Adults or the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Service

MAR 10. 9:00 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Marion Rose Kirby*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



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

Montana W. - December 01, 2015 at 12:58 AM



“ *My heartfelt sympathies to Marion's family. She spoke often of her children. I had the wonderful fortune of working with Marion at the State Education Department for ten years. She was a wonderful person, a hard worker and so caring. She was so well liked by everyone she worked with and the agencies and parents she helped. Her work was tedious at times, but she always faced it with tenacity, a smile and a giggle. Her smile was contagious and you always walked away from a conversation with Marion smiling and feeling happier. She helped so many children with disabilities through her hard work and concern. It was a joy to work with and to know Marion. I still have a Christmas ornament of a little girl that she gave me, which I put on my tree every year and always smile when I think of her. She was a wonderful and warm woman and I am so grateful for knowing her. May you be at peace now, Marion and back with your beloved Kirby.*



Denise Warren

Denise Warren - March 30, 2014 at 09:42 AM

JO

“ *John Oliver lit a candle in memory of Marion Rose Kirby*



John Oliver - March 15, 2014 at 01:14 AM

LG

“ *Mary Beth, I'm so sorry about your Mom's passing. I heard that your mom was a resident of the Teresian House when you saw me in the restaurant. I was sorry I didnt see you. My Nana lived there for 2 years. She passed away on Wednesday. I didnt know about your mom until I looked for my Nana's obituary. Look me up on FB. Wishing you peace. Lynn Finnigan Gallant*



Lynn Gallant - March 13, 2014 at 07:11 PM

DG

“ *Dear Mary Beth and Family:
My sincere condolences on the loss of your mom. Though it has been many years, I recognized her photo right away. Fond memories of our years at Blessed Sacrament came flooding back as if it were a shorter time ago than I care to admit. God Bless all of you, I know that you mom was the matriarch of a well loved and kind family.
Sincerely,
Donna Gallagher-Parisi
BSS
Class of 1972*

Donna Gallagher-Parisi - March 11, 2014 at 08:36 PM