



Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts

March 12, 1929 - February 25, 2023

Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts, age 93, of Mattoon, IL peacefully passed away Saturday, February 25, 2023 at her residence surrounded by her loved ones. A Funeral Mass in her honor will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 320 N. 21st Street, Mattoon, IL 61938; A graveside burial will immediately follow in Calvary Cemetery. A rosary service will be conducted at 3:30 PM, Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at the church. The family will receive friends at 4:00 PM at the church. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of arrangements.

Maggie was born on March 12, 1929, in Mattoon, IL to the late John J. "Jack" and Julia V. (Fields) Ryan. She married Ralph M. Kirts on June 14, 1952, in Mattoon, IL; he preceded her in death on September 12, 1977. She is survived by seven devoted children: Mary C. "Christy" Ashworth and husband Rex of Byron, IL, Bridget A. Upton and husband Don of Mattoon, IL, Kevin G. Kirts and wife Barb of Mattoon, IL, Monica C. Sell and husband Bob of Peoria, IL, Lisa F. McMichaels and husband Brian of Mattoon, IL, Sean P. Kirts and wife Barb of Mattoon, IL, Kyle T. Kirts and wife Jennifer of Dayton, OH; twenty grandchildren: Michael A. Ashworth and wife Morgan of Byron, IL, Meaghan C. Ashworth and fiancé Alex Didier of Byron, IL, Matt S. Upton and wife Shana of Mattoon, IL, Nick D. Upton and wife Ginny of Celina, TX, Gabe M. Upton and wife Erin of San Antonio, TX, Katie S. Kirts of New York, NY, Jake C. Kirts and wife Meaghan of Ottawa, IL, Zach R. Kirts of Dallas, TX, Bethanie

M. Grady and husband Cooper of Charleston, SC, Carla J. Burton and husband Josh of Chillicothe, IL, Jamie M. Clark of Peoria, IL, Ryan P. Sell and wife Brianna of Peoria, IL, Miranda F. Dillon and husband Michael of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Aubrie C. Bentley and husband Cory of Mattoon, IL, Emily A. Strader and husband Kenny of Mattoon, IL, Kegan P. and Sawyer R. Kirts of Mattoon, IL, Brendan J., Colin G., and Maire Clare Kirts, all of Dayton, OH; and nineteen great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by one great-grandchild.

A woman of great faith, Mrs. Kirts was a devout lifelong member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mattoon, IL. She was employed as the secretary for the parish from 1969 until 1980, librarian for St. Mary School from 1980 until 1985, and school secretary from 1985 until her retirement in 2005. She was a proud member of Daughters of Isabella and founding member of the Mattoon Chapter of Right to Life, an organization dear to her heart. In 2014, Maggie received the distinguished award Our Lady of Good Counsel Women of Distinction from the Illinois Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Selfless and charitable, Maggie actively volunteered at numerous church dinners, Meals on Wheels, and at Lifespan Center for Senior Citizens. She enjoyed spending time with her friends, playing bridge for over sixty years, and traveling to her favorite destinations in Florida, Hawaii, and Ireland. Maggie was the happiest when surrounded by family, that was where her heart was. Her children and grandchildren were the light of her life, always doting on their many achievements. A true matriarch to all, Maggie left a legacy of wisdom and cherished memories. She will be forever remembered for her love of family, her faith, generosity to others, and forever fighting for the rights of the unborn. She will be deeply missed by those who loved her most and the many friends she made over the years.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the wonderful caregivers, Heather, Anna, Kayla, the staff at Visiting Angels and Lincolnland Hospice.

Memorials in her honor may be made to Choices Pregnancy and Health, 105 N. 10th #3, Mattoon, IL 61938 and Society of St. Vincent De Paul, 320 N. 21st Street, Mattoon IL 61938.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with a family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR 1. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Church
320 N 21st St
Mattoon, IL 61938
(217) 235-0539

Visitation

MAR 1. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAR 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Rex and Christy, I am sorry for our loss. Your mother was a very nice person. She will be missed.*

Carolyn Rincker - May 24, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ *Dear families of Mrs. Maggie Kirts. Our kids went to the Catholic school in Mattoon and my husband Steve grew up with her kids. I remember her as school secretary. She was such a kind person and always smiling. She had a great list of accomplishments that could humble us all. God's blessings to all of you. Our prayers, condolences and thoughts are with you.*

Stephen and Donna Estes - March 02, 2023 at 08:29 PM



“ *Colleen and family,*

I am so very sorry for your loss. Your mother was such a sweet, kind, loving person and I have such fond memories of her. She always had a smile on her face and kind words for everyone that came through her door. I enjoyed seeing her in the community when she and Marianna Sparks would be at DQ or Pagliacci's with their lady friends having their Bible studies. What a wonderful legacy of faith and love she has passed down to each of you. Praying for God's comfort and peace.

Brenda Stoltzfus - March 02, 2023 at 06:11 PM

JR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of the Kirt’s family. Maggie was such a blessing to her Parish family and others and her smile and kind words could always bring comfort and joy. May many loving memories bring you peace in the days ahead.

Joann Reinhart-Curtis

Joann Reinhart-Curtis - March 01, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts.



March 01, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts.



March 01, 2023 at 01:43 PM

CW

“ Candi And Trent Walker lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts



Candi and Trent Walker - March 01, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts.*



February 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts.*



February 28, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ *Cary and Brady. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts.*



Cary and Brady. - February 28, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts.*



February 28, 2023 at 01:02 PM

EG

“ To the Kirts family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Kirts was always such a champion of the Immaculate Conception family. Sean, I'm sure you can remember as I your Mom and mine screaming at the refs in our games at St. Mary's because they missed a foul call or a travel (which probably didn't happen).

God Bless!!

Ed Gover

Ed Gover - February 28, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts.



February 28, 2023 at 11:53 AM

AB

“ She was such a lovely lady, always with a smile on her face. My condolences to the family. Ann Bruehler

Ann Bruehler - February 28, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts.



February 28, 2023 at 08:16 AM

KC

“ *Kathi Janssen Cobble lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts*



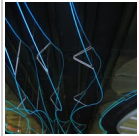
kathi janssen cobble - February 28, 2023 at 07:55 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts.*



February 28, 2023 at 07:32 AM



“ *Elizabeth Colbert lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts*



Elizabeth Colbert - February 28, 2023 at 07:32 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts.*



February 27, 2023 at 08:41 PM

BS

“ *What a Great Lady. Just like another Mother to me for a few years.
Hugs and Prayers to all the Family.*

Bradley Stabler - February 27, 2023 at 07:31 PM

SF

“ *I will miss our telephone conversations
But I will always remember her courtship with Ralph thier beautiful
wedding the first baby.
I will forever remember her strength courage and fsith. Sue Fleming*

Sue FLeming - February 27, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts.*



February 27, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts.*



February 27, 2023 at 02:18 PM

TS

“ Lisa,

I am so very sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a kind and wonderful woman. Prayers to all of you.

Teri Scott South

Teri South - February 26, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts.*



February 26, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts.*



February 26, 2023 at 12:51 PM

FO

“ *I remember going up with all of her children. We all went to St. Marys and St. Joseph Catholic School. I have fond memories with the Kirts Family! I will offer some Masses for her. May she Rest In Peace! God Be With Her!*



Fr. Ed Ohm - February 26, 2023 at 10:15 AM

RC

“ I will forever remember our cherished friend Mrs. Kirts. She was a beautiful representative of our congregation. Growing up across the street I was welcomed in their home for many lunches. We have spent hours at Lytle pool enjoying watching our children swim. She was a beautiful mentor and I will miss her Radiant smile. Sincerely ,
Becky Gammill Craig

Rebecca Craig - February 26, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Your Mom always treated every kid like one of hers. She was a very special lady

Michelle Servis - February 25, 2023 at 08:31 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" Kirts.



February 25, 2023 at 04:38 PM