



## Maria Ann Grippaldi Van Kirk

March 27, 1923 - May 25, 2014

Maria Ann Grippaldi Van Kirk, 91, of Athens, Alabama died Sunday, May 25, 2014. Mass will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church at 10 am Wednesday, May 28. Visitation with the family and friends will be at 9 am at St. Paul's. A graveside service will follow at Roselawn Cemetery.

Maria was born to Anthony and Josephine Grippaldi in Newark, New Jersey. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, George Stokley Van Kirk. She is survived by her sons, George Phillip Van Kirk and wife Patsy Dianne Burke Van Kirk, and Michael James Van Kirk. She has 6 grandchildren: Samantha Nicole Van Kirk Rose and husband Todd Rose, Melissa Renee Van Kirk Pouncey and husband Joseph Adam Pouncey, Michael Joseph Van Kirk and wife Deneen Meals Van Kirk, George Harlan Van Kirk, Sallie Rae Van Kirk, and Rachel Dianne Van Kirk. She has 4 great-grandchildren: Sullivan Rose, Calvin Pouncey, Talan Rose, and Madilyn Van Kirk.

Maria graduated from South Brunswick High School in 1941. She served her country in the United States Army Air Force from 1944 to 1945. She married George at Fort Dix, New Jersey and they travelled the world together with the US Army. They settled in Athens, Alabama in 1969. She was an active and faithful member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Athens. She loved cooking for friends and family, playing bridge with friends, gardening, and travel.

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GK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss George, Patsy and family. I just now read this online so I missed the services. Hugs and prayers for everyone!*

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**Gena King** - May 31, 2014 at 12:05 PM

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“ *George,  
Dave and I only knew of your mother's death when the paper came on Wed. and I am just getting to computer to give you and your family our condolences. We are sorry we could not be with you but know that our prayers continue for you and your family. This came quicker than we expected and we know God's timing is always right. We love you.  
Reese*

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**Reese & Dave Butler** - May 29, 2014 at 09:47 AM