



Doris Caveness Kirk

June 27, 1927 - December 2, 2025

Doris Marie Caveness Kirk of Roswell, GA passed away on December 2, 2025. She was the only child of the late Clara Alberta Pugh Caveness and Floyd Cole Caveness of Greensboro, NC. Doris was born on June 29, 1927, in Coleridge, NC, the town named for her great-grandfather, James A. Cole, who founded the cotton mill there with four local men.

Doris's family moved to Greensboro, NC in 1939, and Doris graduated from Greensboro (Grimsley) High School in 1944. She graduated from Duke University in 1948 with a BA in economics. In her senior year, Doris met William Daniel Kirk of Charlotte, NC who also graduated from Duke in 1948. On Easter Sunday of 1949 Doris and Bill were married at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Greensboro. Bill's employment with International Harvester Company transferred them many times to interesting cities like New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, and finally Atlanta, where they retired.

They had six children, keeping Doris busy with church, school, and scouting activities. She was the leader of her daughters' scout troops. Doris was very involved in her church and served as the president of the seniors' group for several years. She was an active member of PEO Chapter AA and served as an officer in many chapters of the sisterhood. While a member of the garden club in New Orleans, Doris won the club trophy for Best Arrangement in the Show and was featured in The Times-Picayune.

Doris is survived by her children, Patricia Kirk of Roswell, Kathleen Swahn (Charles) of John's Creek, William D. Kirk, Jr. (Diane) of John's Creek, and Erin Kirk of Watkinsville. In addition, she is survived by her seven grandchildren, Brett Statome (Lori), Kristin Hankins, Shannon Bailey (Paul), Kendall Lanois (Chris), Megan Swahn, Dr. Emily Gordon (Adam), and Sara Kirk. She is also survived by eight great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Doris was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, after 68 years of marriage; her daughter, Mary Ann Kirk Hankins; and her son, David Floyd Kirk.

The family is very grateful to all the devoted caregivers for their loving support of our mother during the past two years.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Alpharetta, GA on December 9, 2025, followed by a reception. Interment will be at Arlington Cemetery in Sandy Springs, GA. Northside Chapel Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church or The Drake House in Roswell, GA.

Cemetery Details

Arlington Memorial Park

201 Mount Vernon Hwy NW
Atlanta, ga

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
535 Rucker Road
Alpharetta, GA

Tribute Wall

EM

“ Eddie Mathis purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Doris Caveness Kirk.



Eddie Mathis - December 08, 2025 at 03:10 PM

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“ Eddie Mathis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Caveness Kirk.

Eddie Mathis - December 08, 2025 at 03:10 PM

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“ Your Friends at Isuzu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Caveness Kirk.

Your Friends at Isuzu - December 08, 2025 at 10:55 AM

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“ Your Friends at Isuzu purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Doris Caveness Kirk.



Your Friends at Isuzu - December 08, 2025 at 10:55 AM

MR

“ *Marc and Linda Reinecke purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Doris Caveness Kirk.*



Marc and Linda Reinecke - December 08, 2025 at 08:50 AM

KJ

“ *Kathy and Patti, I was so sad to hear of the passing of your beautiful mom. Thinking of you and sending big hugs your way. Kimberly Jackson*

Kimberly Wright Jackson - December 04, 2025 at 02:50 PM

KS

Thank you, Kimberly. 💜

Kathy Swahn - December 06, 2025 at 07:02 PM

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What an incredible 98 years. Wishing all of you comfort and peace as you celebrate Doris' legacy.

Tasha Swahn - December 07, 2025 at 09:06 AM