



Florence Kirch

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Mrs. Florence “Flo” Kirch, 79, passed away peacefully Sunday, March 8, 2021.

The oldest of seven children, Flo was born on October 22, 1941 in Freeport, NY to the late Kenneth and Madeline Carman.

Growing up in Merrick, NY, Flo met the love of her life, Matthew “Matt” Kirch, while still in High School. They were married for 58 years this February. Flo loved her family and friends more than anything, and especially loved being “Nana” to her grandchildren. Always thoughtful, she never forgot to acknowledge an important date for family and friends. And with her warmth and easy smile, she made lifelong friends everywhere she went (which made for a packed calendar!). Flo was renowned for her cooking and baking, especially around the holidays. She thoroughly enjoyed living the beach life on Long Island and, during the winter, in the Florida Keys. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Karen Kirch, who was taken from us far too soon.

Flo is survived by her husband, Matthew Kirch, and son Jim Kirch (Denise); grandchildren Eldridge Moore, Jordan Moore, Andrew Kirch, Erin Kirch; her brothers John Carman, Kenneth Carman, William Carman, George Carman and her sisters Betty Maugeri and Dorothy Podel.

On behalf of Flo’s family, a very special thank you to all the staff at Levine & Dickson Hospice & Palliative Care for the extraordinary care and kindness shown to her.

A visitation will be at 2pm on March 17, at James Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow at 3pm. The funeral will be live-streamed on the James Funeral Home Facebook page at 3pm.

www.Facebook.com/JamesFuneralHome

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made on her behalf to:
Levine & Dickson Hospice & Palliative Care <https://www.hpccr.org/donate>



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St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or
<https://www.stjude.org/donate>

Online condolences may be made at <https://www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com>



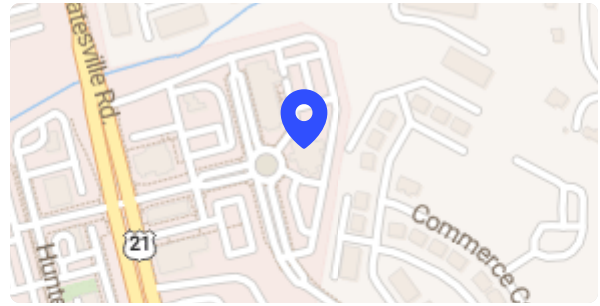
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Visitation

- Wednesday**, March 17, 2021
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- James Funeral Home**
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078



Funeral Service

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Susan Dixon posted:

Flo and her family lived across the street from my family from the time I was three years old. She and my sister were close friends, and her sister and I remain close friends to this day. Lots of wonderful memories of her and Matt in Amagansett. A special lady. Susan Dixon

March 18 at 9:45 AM



Wendy Mcelhinny posted:

My love and hugs to the Kirch family. Flo's smile was so bright when she would visit Karen, Jordan, and Eldee. I felt special when Flo would send me a note or card.

March 17 at 5:12 PM



Anne W. posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you.. it's so hard to believe in many ways but I know she had great care givers and her journey was peaceful. Flo's legacy is certainly one of great love, peace and joy. Her willingness to always make people feel special was so comforting. Flo will never be forgotten. I like others will have so many memories to cherish..please take care of one another! My life was certainly richer because of Flo! ❤️

March 17 at 4:26 PM



Kathy Vegessi posted:

A bright light has been dimmed but not forgotten. Michael and I will cherish all of the life long memories we made with you and Matty. I will miss our heart to heart talks and your smile the most my friend. You are in no more pain and for that I am grateful. You are to precious and loving to have endured that. Your heart had no boundaries and you embraced all who entered your life. I am so thankful that I was one of those people. I love you Flo and will miss you so much. Kathy and Michael ❤️

March 16 at 11:15 AM



No Sig sent a Love Everlasting Bouquet to the Kirch family.



March 15 at 12:07 PM



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No Signature sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Kirch family.



March 15 at 12:07 PM



Tina Carman posted:

Flo was a wonderful aunt and sister-in-law. She enjoyed going to Billy's events and football games. Special Aunt! She also spent time with Paige, always interested in what's she was doing. Flo was my family and my friend. I will miss her presence. We had a lot of laughs. I will miss her smile. Love you Flo, Tina

March 14 at 12:53 PM



Kenneth Matthew Carman posted:

Aunt Flo, this caught me off guard. I wish I coulda spoke to you or saw you smile just one last time. Your passing has shaken me to my very foundation. I've been gone from "home" for way too long. And I am so sorry that I've been in the wind all these years. As a baby you were there for me. I may not remember it, but I certainly won't forget it. I love you and will miss you. Rest Easy. You're with my Cousin now.

March 10 at 1:54 PM



Grant Smith Jr posted:

Matty & family- Words cannot express how we feel about Flo. Though we've only known the two of you for 14 years we have what feels like a lifetime of wonderful memories. Islamorada was our winter playground and did we have fun! Flo was so proud of Jim, Karen and all the grandkids- she even "adopted" our family as her own. Our kids & grandkids loved her so! To say she was beautiful, kind, sweet & fun is an understatement. We will miss her terribly Mary Lou & Grant

March 9 at 10:13 AM



Linda Sanwald posted:

Matty & family -- My heart-felt condolences to you all on the loss of Flo. She was one of the warmest, most hospitable people I was blessed to know in my life. I know she is blessed with peace now & that is what I wish for you all at this time. Love , Linda S.

March 9 at 7:46 AM



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Denise Kirch shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



March 9 at 5:03 AM



Helen Vitarelli Garramone shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

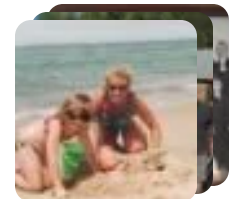
So many great memories out in Montauk. We will be forever grateful for them and will cherish them all. Rest In Peace Flo. Give mom a hug for us



March 8 at 12:04 PM



Dorothy Podel shared an album called **Memories Album**.



March 8 at 5:29 PM



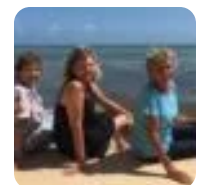
Dorothy Podel posted:

I cannot imagine life without you my dear sister Flo. You made life more fun and more special for everyone you knew. There are too many wonderful memories to know where to start, but the holidays will never be the same without your caring, thoughtful touch. I will miss you every day.

March 8 at 5:23 PM



Dorothy Podel shared an album called **Memories Album**.



March 8 at 3:24 PM



Warren Roy lit a candle in honor of Florence.

To everyone in the family my deepest sympathy. Flo was always concerned for others in there time of need. She made the best potato salad ever. Big void in the family . My love and prayers are with you. Love Cousin Roy



March 8 at 1:53 PM



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ED

Ellen Dehart posted:

There will never be another Flo..for laughter and cookies, caring and compassion,thoughtfulness beyond measure. It was an honor to be her friend. Forever loved and never ever forgotten

March 8 at 1:23 PM

BE

Betty posted:

My dear sister Flo gave the best of herself to our family - she was our other mother, our loving sister and our friend. Flo made all our holidays, special occasions and times of need her priority. Flo - you were the gift to our family -I miss you already sister. A piece of me is with you. Love your sister Betty

March 8 at 1:03 PM

LS

Linda Sanwald March 9 at 7:52 AM

Matty & family - My deepest condolences on he loss of Flo. She was an incredibly warm, caring & hospitable person. Always made you feel special & welcomed. She is at peace now, which is what I wish wholeheartedly for you all.

KC

Kenneth M Carman March 8 at 5:44 PM

I'm so sorry Aunt Bet. Edward reached me here in South Carolina and his Mother told me yesterday. My heart hurts. I will keep Aunt Flo in my prayers. I love and miss you. Please call me if you like. 516-640-2739.Love Always,Kenny

NM

Nancy Mcmanus March 8 at 2:37 PM

I'm so sorry Betty & your family for the loss of your sister RIP Flo

WR

Warren Roy March 8 at 1:54 PM

Betty my deepest sympathy and prayers are with u. Love Cousin Roy

SP

Sally Patelson posted:

Dearest Betty and family,Alice and I are so terribly saddened to hear this news of Florence's passing.We remember her and your family so well from early days in Merrick. Please accept our sincerest and deepest sympathy and all our love to all of you. Sally Patelson

March 8 at 12:57 PM



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Theresa & Vinny lit a candle in honor of Florence.

My cousin Flo was such a compassionate & giving person!! She will be missed. Our prayers go out to Matt & family during this difficult time♥

March 8 at 12:39 PM



Kathy Pierce sent a virtual gift in honor of Florence.

Flo was one of the most joyful and giving friend. So many wonderful memories that will stay forever. She will never be forgotten.

March 8 at 12:04 PM



Jo Hanna March 15 at 5:08 PM

Dear Matty & family, Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. Flo was a much treasured friend. Always there to help & comfort in her tender way. There aren't enough adjectives to describe this truly wonderful girl. God has called another angel to heaven. Our love & prayers Jo & Tom Hanna



Leslie Doyle March 8 at 2:26 PM

My heart hurts for all of you. I have heard so many wonderful stories about Flo. Rest in Peace Flo, you will be missed. Sending big hugs, Love Leslie



Cousin Sis March 8 at 2:02 PM

Heaven is brighter today because she's there. God Bless



Charles Schroeder March 8 at 12:58 PM

So sorry to hear about Flo. Condolences to the family and may she rest in peace.



Chris Russell March 8 at 12:48 PM

We were so shocked to hear of Flo's passing. My sister Robin informed us last night. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Kirch family. God speed!



Richard Pierce March 8 at 12:36 PM

Heaven is getting one of the best! Will be missed by many! RIP FLO



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March 8 at 6:03 PM





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March 8 at 5:29 PM



Beautiful bride. Matt, did you know what else you were getting?



What a good sport.



A special time with Aunt Flo



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Sisters



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Florence by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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