



## Mary Kathryn Kirby

December 9, 1953 - April 6, 2020

He called her name, "Mary," April 6, 2020. The warrior saluted her Heavenly Father and entered the honor walk with loved ones surrounding her into her heavenly home.

As a Masters prepared OR nurse, she fought for her patients. She often saw her patients the day before surgery and would tell them that tomorrow you might not recognize me but I want you to know that someone awake and alert will be looking out for you.

Mary's sons, Michael, Lee, and Heath grew up as military brats as Mary spent 21 years in the USAF Nurse Corps retiring as a LTC in 2002. It never bothered them a bit to hear "your momma wears combat boots" because their momma actually did!

As a member of New Hope AOG, she took the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit and passed with comfort and peace knowing that she was ready to meet the Savior she loved.

Besides her sons, Mary leaves behind six grandsons (Tyler, Hunter, Christopher, Connor, Chase and Carson), two granddaughters (Lacey and Destiny) and one great-grandson, Jace, two great-granddaughters (Daisie and Oaklynn), two sisters (Mona and Janis) and one brother (Wallace). Along with

two daughters-in-law (Jody and Sonja), many endearing nieces, nephews, cousins, and a multitude of friends.

Her parents, DE and Lillie, one brother Leonard, and one grandson, Anthony welcomed her into the throne of God. With tears in our eyes, we will miss you, Mary, but know that we will see you soon. The circle will be unbroken. Psalm 91:14... "I will set him on high, because he has known My Name."

Public viewing will be held Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:00am -5:30pm and Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:00am-8:00pm at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

A private family service is planned. Her grandsons, Tyler, Hunter, Christopher, Connor, Chase, and Carson will be serving as pallbearers.

Funeral services are under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Home, 1830 North York St, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com](http://www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

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# Tribute Wall

LR

“ On behalf of the Society of Air Force Nurses, please know we are mourning with you the death of our sister nurse, Lt Col Mary Kathryn Kirby. It takes a patriot, willing to give of themselves to other human beings in their time of need, to step forth and join the ranks of our U. S. Air Force Nurse Corps. Your beloved one will be mourned and missed by many who served alongside her. We will include her name in our Memorial Program of the Society of Air Force Nurses in commemoration of her life and service to our nation. With Sincerest Regards and Gratitude,  
Wendy S. Collins, Lt Col, USAF, Nurse Corps (Retired)



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Lt Col Wendy S. Collins, USAF, NC Ret. - March 26, 2025 at 10:12 PM



“ Mary Kathryn Kirby

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October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM

SW

“ Mary was kind and smart and fiercely loyal. She loved God the Father, her family, and her friends with every fiber of her being. She was true blue. There was nothing fake about her. She was amazing, and she was my friend. I will miss her very much. I am a better person because she was my friend.

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Stacey Wooten-Redfearn - April 09, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Kathryn Kirby.*



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April 08, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ *Mary was always a source of strength, guidance and a helping hand. She loved her gardening, farming, canning, making soap, and story telling and so many accomplishments throughout her lifetime. When Mary smiled, you knew it was going to be a good day. I will miss her always.*

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**Kathy Stacy** - April 08, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ *Kathy Stacy lit a candle in memory of Mary Kathryn Kirby*



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**Kathy Stacy** - April 08, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Kathryn Kirby.*



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April 08, 2020 at 09:50 AM

SH

“ *Sonja Hart lit a candle in memory of Mary Kathryn Kirby*



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**Sonja Hart** - April 07, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Kathryn Kirby.*



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April 07, 2020 at 04:37 PM

LW

“ *Larry And Debbie Wycoff lit a candle in memory of Mary Kathryn Kirby*



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**Larry and Debbie Wycoff** - April 07, 2020 at 03:05 PM

LK

“ We will miss Mary very much, I have known her since childhood, I am linked to this precious family by my sister Shirley who was married to her brother Leonard, the entire family is dear to us. Mary was awesome in her accomplishments and genuine in reality. It saddened my heart to learn of her illness because she knew what was soon to be inevitable. As no words can express my sympathy enough, and that my heart is again sad because of the emptiness we will have, I am comforted to know that she is happy and safe in the arms of our heavenly father. My love and prayers are with this family.

LARRY KING - April 07, 2020 at 02:22 PM

AM

“ Such a wonderful strong lady. She will be greatly missed by many, but what a fantastic legacy she leaves.  
Prayers for all  
Annette Matthews



Annette Matthews - April 07, 2020 at 01:46 PM

LS

“ For those blessed to know Mary I know I speak for many when I say her presence spoke volumes. You felt her strength, love, compassion, understanding, intelligence, and love for her Lord Jesus Christ flow toward others. It was never about Mary and she had much to be proud of with her accomplishments in life. Humble spirited with strong determination she fought the good fight and has now entered her heavenly reward.



Linda Sizemore - April 07, 2020 at 12:45 PM

CJ

“ *Catrina Kirby Johnston lit a candle in memory of Mary Kathryn Kirby*



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**Catrina Kirby Johnston** - April 07, 2020 at 12:23 PM

GS

“ *I loved it when Mary would come to Bonnie Kirbys and we'd play in dark to catch fire flies*

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**Ginger (Kirby) Scott** - April 07, 2020 at 12:17 PM

CA

*To Mary's family,*

*We extend our sympathies to your family. We recently met Mary when she started attending New Hope. We had the privilege of praying with her at church and visiting with her. We enjoyed our lunch together with her one Sunday after church. She was such a pleasant person. We were able to call her a couple of times recently and she was able to visit briefly over the phone. We will surely miss her. We are so thankful that we got to know our sister in Christ and may you be comforted in knowing she reached the ultimate goal we all strive for...the reunion day with our Savior.*

*Love and Prayers,  
Carolyn Allen  
Loretta Carter*

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**Carolyn Allen** - April 08, 2020 at 02:55 PM