Mrs. Leone E. Kirk

March 30, 1933 - January 24, 2012

Leone E. Kirk, 78, of Asheville died Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at St. Joseph Hospital. A native of Dickinson, ND, she was a daughter of the late George and Anna Schumacher Ehlis.

Leone Ehlis grew up working on the family farm in North Dakota and attended St. Pius school in Sheffield and St. Mary's High School in New England. She graduated from Dickinson State University in 1957 and moved to Santa Maria, California, where she taught high school English and history. She married John Loyd Kirk on June 19, 1965 at St. Anne's Church in San Bernardino, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk moved to Asheville in 1971 and purchased the Forest Manor Inn from Loyd's parents. They retired in 2008 after operating the inn for 37 years. She was very active in her children's schools and as a parishioner at the Basilica of St. Lawrence.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, John Loyd Kirk; one son, Michael Kirk of Boone; two daughters, Krista Patterson of Frederick, Maryland and Michaela Allen of Annapolis, Maryland; two brothers, George Ehlis and Ron Ehlis of North Dakota; three sisters, Angeline Wandler of Wisconsin, Karolyn Koppinger of North Dakota and Anne Anderson of Minnesota and five grandsons, Matthew, Ben, John Ellis, Julian and John Michael.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated 1:00 PM, Friday, January 27, 2012 at the Basilica of St. Lawrence, 97 Haywood Street with Father Morris Boyd officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the service, from 10:30 to 12:00, at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue. Interment will be held in North Dakota.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the St. Lawrence Basilica Preservation Fund, PO Box 8995, Asheville, NC 28814.

Cemetery Details

St. Pius Cemetery

Schefield, ND 58601

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **27**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 252-1821
info@morrisfamilycare.com
http://morrisfamilycare.com

Service

JAN **27**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Basilica of St. Lawrence
97 Haywood St.
Asheville, NC 28801
http://saintlawrencebasilica.org/

Tribute Wall

Mrs. Leone E. Kirk

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM

EP

Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are thankful we had the pleasure of meeting your Mother.
Diana & Ellis Patterson

Ellis Patterson - January 27, 2012 at 06:40 PM

WS

Dear John and family,

May you be filled with beautiful memories and may you be blessed with peace and understanding.

Jerry and I send our sincere sympathy due to the loss Mrs. Kirk.

Jerry and Wilma Sherrill

Wilma M. Sherrill - January 27, 2012 at 11:31 AM

SB

sending my deepest sympathy and prayers I would be with ya'll today if I could
Sandi Belcher

Sandi Belcher - January 27, 2012 at 08:13 AM

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Debbie Kruse - January 26, 2012 at 03:27 PM

DK

Leone called me "my pal Debbie", I will miss my friend. We shared a few martinis and told each other stories of our lives. She loved my stories and I loved hers. Once I was telling her a story of Halloween and dressing up as an old lady and going around the neighborhood. She laughed so hard she asked me to stop with the story until she could catch a breath. She got herself together, wiped her eyes and said "now, go on with your story". I learned a lot about linens from Leone, sheets, towels, bed covers. And now today I always have a white towel on the floor at the back door and one at the front door. I'm very thankful that I had the 12 yrs. of knowing her. Rest in peace Leone and Phoebe hangs in your memory always.
Your Pal Debbie

Debbie Kruse - January 26, 2012 at 03:07 PM