



Madelyn Griffith Irish

June 17, 1930 - January 23, 2018

Madelyn Griffith Irish waved goodbye peacefully at home in La Plata, MD, with her loving husband by her side on January 23, 2018. She was 87 years old.

Madelyn was born June 17, 1930, in Baltimore, MD. She is survived by her husband, Ernest Leopold Irish, daughter, Sarah Marshall Griffith Kurtz (Thomas E.) and son, John Dement Griffith (Kimberly Book), four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. She is predeceased by her first husband, Philip L. Griffith of Spye Park, White Plains, MD.

Madelyn worked for the US Dept. of the Interior, at the US Geological Survey, as a Cartographer Technician and an Artistic Illustrator. All the while, she was raising two children at Spye Park with Phil, her husband, and both were commuting back and forth to town daily. She was extremely proud of the work she produced there. Family and friends were Madelyn's first love and joy. She loved talking about them, not herself.

Madelyn touched many lives with her gentle manner and unassuming way, but given the occasion, she could be feisty in her reaction and determined in her opinions. Gatherings at her home would mean a pleasant time and good company. Many remember her and Phil standing on the porch of Spye Park, hand in hand, waving goodbye to their guests. They were the epitome of southern charm and grace.

She was a devout Episcopalian and member of Christ Church in La Plata, MD, and a member of many societies and organizations. These included the Port Tobacco Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Lady Jane Sewall Chapter of the Colonial Dames XVII Century, and the Charles County Historical Society. She also enjoyed quilting and as a member of the Quilters Guild of Southern Maryland, shared her passion in a spirit of fun and camaraderie.

Madelyn and Ernest Irish traveled extensively while he was serving as an officer in the Sons of the American Revolution. She enjoyed these adventures tremendously. They were also members of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America). She has quietly assisted many in her community without fanfare or recognition and leaves a legacy to us all to be kind and just.

The family wishes to thank all of those who cared for her over the last months and those who came to visit, and sent her many cards and good wishes.

She will be greatly missed as we all wave goodbye to this truly great lady.

The family will receive family and friends at Christ Church, 112 East Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646 on Saturday, February 3, 2018. Visitation will be 9 AM to 10:30 AM with the Service at 11:00 AM, followed by interment at Mt. Rest Cemetery, La Plata, MD.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Rest Cemetery

Charles Street
La Plata, MD 20646

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Christ Church - La Plata
112 East Charles Street
La Plata, MD 20646

Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Madelyn Griffith Irish*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Madelyn Griffith Irish*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Madelyn Griffith Irish.*



February 02, 2018 at 09:44 AM



“ *there are not near enough people, with the grace gentility and a all encompassing goodness that was Madelyn I spent many happy hours visiting her and phil on their farm,to be with them was to step back in time when good manners were expected of well bred people.there was never a time no matter how low I may have been feeling that visiting them on that farm did not fail to have a healing effect.Madelyn cared about people,and everyone, whose lives were touched by her knew this. go with God gentle lady.michael rybikowsky*

michael rybikowsky - February 01, 2018 at 02:20 PM



“ *Condolences Snacker was purchased for the family of Madelyn Griffith Irish.*



February 01, 2018 at 08:38 AM



“ *Madelyn was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. She always had a smile for everyone. She loved DAR and I know everyone in our Chapter loved her too. She will surely be missed by many. Tiny*

Margaret V. Greenway - January 29, 2018 at 03:31 PM



“ *Madelyn was a dear friend of our family and we have great memories of our time spent with she and Phil. A remarkable woman, full of grace, and a lot of common sense which would always make us laugh. She gave me good advice on marriage, raising kids, and not sweating "the small stuff". She will be missed. Our sympathies to the family.*

Steve and Linda Mattingly

Steve and Linda Mattingly - January 29, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ *Bob and I were delighted to meet her, and spend time with her on the one or two occasions we had the opportunity to do so. She was a gracious and fun-filled lady.*

Jean Irish and Bob Fuller

Jean Irish - January 27, 2018 at 03:13 PM

CB

“ *Madelyn was a true Sothron Lady. We have lost one of the sweetest women God every created. We will miss you, dear lady.*



Carolyn Billups - January 27, 2018 at 12:35 AM

PR

“ *A dear friend. She will be missed.*

Peg Richardson - January 27, 2018 at 12:11 AM

GS

“ *Ernie-- So so sorry to hear of Madelyn's passing to join my wife who has been with the Lord for almost six years now. I know what you are going through and can only give you comfort in saying that she at eternal peace, is never gone-- she is in your heart and all your wonderful memories. Be strong!! Prayers and good wishes to you and Mike from all your compatriots over the years in the Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution.*



George Satterthwaite, MDSSAR Chaplain and Compatriot

George Satterthwaite - January 25, 2018 at 11:16 PM