



## Mrs. Ethel Kirby

February 23, 1943 - March 16, 2026

Ethel Beatrice Denmark Kirby, born February 23, 1943 in Citronelle, Alabama.

Daughter of

Willard and Nita Denmark. Passed away peacefully on March 16, 2026. At the age of 83.

Ethel leaves behind her children Donny Kirby (Twila) of Charlotte, North Carolina, Laurie Kirby

Rabeau of Citronelle, Alabama and Catrina Kirby Johnston (Joel) of Citronelle, Alabama, sister

Margaret Foster of Mobile, Alabama.

Grandchildren: Amanda Williams (Dregrit) and family; Breanna, Brandon and Alana. Jonathan Rabeau (Camille) and family; Taliah, Isaiah, Jayce and Chase Shawn Reed and family; Shawn, Jr., Tristen and Chloe. Jason Reed and Matthew Kirby Donny Kirby Jr. (Jacquie) and family; Hayden, MacKenzie and Andrew James Dylan Kirby (Alexandra) and family; Jackson and coming soon Jolie Justin Johnston (Nicole) and family; Jaxton, Jennings and Brynlee Jared Johnston Jenna Johnston-Lott (Garrett) and family; Carter and Carson  
Along with Nieces and Nephews

She is preceded in death by her husband; Wallace Edwin Kirby, father, James Willard Denmark

Sr.; mother, Juanita Margaret Bailey Denmark; daughter Erika Lynn Donlea Kirby; brother James

(Pud) Willard Denmark Jr.; son-in-law, Vincent Reed. Grandparents James

and Elizabeth Duiett

Denmark, Benjamin and Minnie Alford Bailey

Ethel was a Navy wife for 30 years, she was a member of Navy Ombudsman Program –

appointed by the Commanding Officer, providing support, information and family needs during

deployments. Helping spouses to navigate military life.

She was a foster care mom, notably to Danny Evans and Larry Woods. In her earlier years she

enjoyed coaching and watching her children cheer and play football. Spending time at the dirt

track watching her son drive his car race. Racing continued to be a passion of hers and she

enjoyed watching her grandchildren race their go-karts as well as racing her own kart.

Ethel loved her family, especially her children and grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

The family would like to give a special thanks to her caregiver Laurie Rabeau, SAADS USA/Providence and Vital Caring Hospice

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Living Word Church (Hwy. 45)  
20320 North Third St. (Hwy 45)  
Citronelle, AL 36522

## Service

MAR **20**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Living Word Church (Hwy. 45)  
20320 North Third St. (Hwy 45)  
Citronelle, AL 36522

# Tribute Wall



“ Our deepest sympathies. You are always in my memories, Ethel. Thank you for the many laughs and a place to stay when we visited. See you again❤️

Janet Burke Whitaker - March 20 at 06:35 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ethel Kirby.



March 19 at 09:08 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ethel Kirby.



March 18 at 08:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Ethel Kirby.

March 18 at 08:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ethel Kirby.



---

March 18 at 04:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Ethel Kirby.

---

March 18 at 04:04 PM