



Cora R. Kirkman

June 7, 1923 - August 25, 2024

Cora R. Kirkman, of Salisbury, NC passed away Sunday, August 25, 2024 at Novant Health Rowan Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Kirkman was born in Brazil on June 7, 1923, and was the daughter of the late John and Alda Soares Ribeiro. She was educated in Catholic schools in Rio de Janeiro and graduated with a diploma in dress design. She worked in dress design in Rio, and later in Washington, DC. Mrs. Kirkman came to the United States in 1957 and lived and worked in Washington, DC until she married her beloved husband, Carl (Mickey) Kirkman, on December 1, 1959 in Washington DC. They were married for 45 years until August 24, 2002 when Mr. Kirkman passed away in Myrtle Beach, SC where they were then living. Mr. Kirkman worked for the Southern Railway for 48 years. The couple enjoyed travelling, and traveled extensively in North and South America, Europe and Scandinavia. Mrs. Kirkman became an American citizen on June 7, 1963 in Greensboro, NC.

The Kirkmans lived in Rowan County for a number of years during their marriage, and Mrs. Kirkman was very active in the community. She worked as a volunteer at the VA hospital, for the Red Cross, taught music lessons to intellectually disabled children, volunteered in various nursing homes, and was active with the Rose and Humane Societies. Mrs. Kirkman was a member at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary at the parish. She leaves no surviving relatives.

A graveside service will be conducted on Thursday (August 29) at 2 PM at

Rowan Memorial Park, where she will be laid to rest next to her husband. In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Kirkman ask that a charitable contrition be made to Faithful Friends, by way of Friends of Rowan, PO Box 262, Salisbury, NC 28145-0262 and put on the memo line: Faithful Friends (in doing this way donations are doubled); St. Jude's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905 or Sacred Heart Catholic Church building fund, 375 Lumen Christi Lane, Salisbury, NC 28147.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Kirkman family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ I enjoyed so much the time I spent with you teaching music to the disabled children and adults of Rowan County. I brought that bit of your generosity with me to Virginia and continue to offer music sessions in the community. You had a long , wonderful life. Rest in peace.

Jamie Morris-Haley - March 09, 2025 at 01:34 PM

BS

“ You were like a mother to me. I will miss you greatly and a void that can never be replaced. Thank you for the beautiful memories we shared.

Brenda Stalvey - August 27, 2024 at 09:08 PM

RP

“ We will miss you very much had a lot of fun with you hope you and Micky are dancing on top of the stars love you much

Russell pope - August 26, 2024 at 05:34 PM

SM

“ Sherry Mayhew lit a candle in memory of Cora Kirkman



Sherry Mayhew - August 26, 2024 at 05:28 PM

SM

“ Miss Cora you will be missed so very much. I enjoyed our time together and the stories you would tell me. All the laughs we had together and memories I will forever treasure. I love you dearly ❤️.

Sherry Mayhew - August 26, 2024 at 04:26 PM