



Mrs. Mary Agnes Cartlidge Persse

April 5, 1931 - March 8, 2026

Our beloved mother and grandmother Mary Agnes Cartlidge Persse, 94, passed away peacefully at home on March 8, 2026. She was born in Macon, GA on Easter Sunday, April 5, 1931.

She grew up in Savannah, Georgia; attended Sacred Heart school, graduated from St. Vincent Academy and received her Associate's degree from Armstrong State College.

In 1966 she and her family moved to Rockledge, FL. She was a member of St. Mary's Church for 60 years. Her faith was the foundation of her life; she had a special devotion to The Sacred Heart of Jesus, leaning on Him especially through every trial in her life. On the surface, it appeared that she single-handedly raised six kids on her own. But she had God's help through it all.

Mom was the hub of the family. She had a beautiful smile and a great sense of humor.

She loved nature; especially birds and flowers, and enjoyed the beauty of God's creation. She loved watching sports; her knowledge of sports even helped us win a trivia contest! She loved doing puzzles, eating fried shrimp, any Italian dish - and swiss cheese!

She had artistic talent and played piano.

She was modest, self-effacing, and laughed easily.

She was predeceased by her parents George Henderson and Martha Britt Cartlidge, brother George William (Bill) Cartlidge, and grandson Ricky Perales.

She is survived by her six children: Mary Ellen Matthews, Kathy (Al) Irizarry, Theresa Persse, Jeff (Lisa) Persse, Patricia (Bob) Shaw, Michael (Pam) Persse; eight grandchildren and two great granddaughters.

The Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 11:00 am. Eulogies will be delivered in the church after Mass, with a reception to follow. Interment will be in Savannah, GA at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to St. Mary's Catholic Church or to EWTN, both of which were the source of priceless spiritual blessings for her, especially during her last years:

St. Mary Catholic Church
1136 Seminole Drive
Rockledge, FL. 32955

Eternal Word Television Network
5817 Old Leeds Rd.
Irondale, AL 35210

Previous Events

Mass

MAR **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
1136 Seminole Dr
Rockledge , FL 32955
(321) 636-6834

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Agnes Cartlidge Persse.*



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Mary Agnes Cartlidge Persse.

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