



## John Thomas Kirby Sr

July 18, 1940 - September 1, 2012

John Thomas Kirby, Sr of Church Hill, MD died Saturday, September 1, 2012 at the Queen Anne's County Hospice Center in Centreville, MD. He was 72.

Born on July 18, 1940 in Ridgely, MD he was the son of the late, Thomas B. and Alice Palmatary Kirby. He attended Centreville High School as he worked for the family farming in Church Hill. John later he worked for Ajax Soil and Cement Company, and C.W. Wright Construction Company. He retired in 2002. John loved the outdoors and all the recreation it offered him. He spent his entire life on the family farm, and enjoyed hunting, trapping, gardening, bird watching and making purple martin birdhouses. He especially enjoyed collecting Native American artifacts, photography, sightseeing and annual cross country trips to Wyoming.

He is survived by his beloved companion, Barbara Andrew of Church Hill, MD; two daughters, Brenda K. Stango of Easton, MD and Alice M. Kirby of Queenstown, MD; two granddaughters, Jenna N. Blake of Cambridge, MD and Catherine "Mandie" Shockley, of Easton, MD. He was predeceased by a son, John Thomas Kirby, Jr in 1989. He is also survived by a brother, James W. Kirby of Baltimore, MD

A funeral service will be held at 12 o'clock on Friday, September 7, 2012 at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 408 South Liberty Street,

Centreville, MD 21617 where family and friends may visit 1 hr before.

Interment will immediately follow in Church Hill Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Church Hill Cemetery

Cemetery Road  
Church Hill, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

SEP 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Thomas Kirby Sr*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *John Thomas Kirby Sr*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John Thomas Kirby Sr*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John Thomas Kirby Sr*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

HC

“ My father (Mike) and Mr. Kirby became friends about 9yrs ago through my husband Jason. My dad spent many afternoons/evenings over his house talking the day away, whether it was about guns, birds, or traveling. He to this day, respects and admires this man and he was devastated to hear of his passing the other day. I know my dad will miss his friendship and laughs. Even after my dads accident in 2007, Mr. Kirby visited him, called, and even sent him a postcard when he went traveling. He's an amazing man, and will be greatly missed!!



All of our thoughts and prayers are with the family today and always.

Heather Collier  
Jason Collier  
Michael Alley

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Heather Collier - September 07, 2012 at 05:33 AM

SM

“ Steve And Tina Martin lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Kirby Sr



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Steve and Tina Martin - September 05, 2012 at 03:10 PM

SH

“ Sarah & Wade Hopkins lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Kirby Sr



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**Sarah & Wade Hopkins** - September 05, 2012 at 09:27 AM

TL

“ Tom Lambden lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Kirby Sr



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**Tom lambden** - September 05, 2012 at 06:21 AM

CM

“ I can still hear my Dad telling stories of Wyoming and Ole John Kirby. I believe hunting was just an excuse to be cowboys for a few weeks! Evidently, John liked things a certain way...clean. And my Dad, Kenny, was the type of man who's dirt and mud held his truck together. John would clean exactly his half of Dad's truck, a visible "scum" line could be seen and often made my Dad laugh. Every year, when it came time for the boys to go to Wyoming, I made a list of things to take with them. Anything from beef jerky to oil filters. At the end of the list, I would always write "AND DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP JOHN KIRBY"!!! Dad would say, "I might forget my rifle, but I would never forget Ole John". Going to Wyoming with John every year was something like Christmas to my Dad. He looked forward to it as soon as he returned, counting down the months, weeks and days until they returned again. They could be cowboys in Wyoming. I am so thankful that my Dad had John to share these wonderful memories with. Now they can go to Wyoming again, this time John doesn't have to ride in a dirty old truck! Mr. John: please give Jay and my Dad a hug. You will be missed but we know you are in good company. You will never be forgotten by me or my family, Cathy (Ashe) Miles

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**Cathy Ashe Miles** - September 05, 2012 at 06:12 AM

SM

“ Steve And Grace Morris lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Kirby Sr



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**Steve and Grace Morris** - September 04, 2012 at 06:20 PM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Kirby Sr*



**Doug Pierson** - September 04, 2012 at 09:28 AM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Kirby Sr*



**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - September 04, 2012 at 08:38 AM

CB

“ *Carol Bennett lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Kirby Sr*



**Carol Bennett** - September 04, 2012 at 07:59 AM

SQ

“ *Sara Quinn lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Kirby Sr*



**Sara Quinn** - September 03, 2012 at 06:17 PM

TJ

“ *Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Kirby Sr*



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - September 03, 2012 at 06:02 PM

MJ

“ *sorry for your loss. Worked with John at C.W.WRIGHT CONSTRUCTION CO. He was a good man. One of a kind. Always keep you laughing. R.I.P. M.ELLIOTT*

michael j.elliott - September 03, 2012 at 05:05 PM

RA

*JOHN WAS A GOOD FRIEND. TAUGHT US YOUNGER BOYS A LOT ABOUT LINE WORK. ALWAYS HAD A SMILE AND SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU LAUGH ABOUT. HE MADE OUR DAYS ON THE LINE CREW SEEM TO GO A LOT FASTER WHEN HE WAS AROUND.HE WILL BE MISSED. I'M SO GLAD I GOT TO KNOW HIM AND CALL HIM A FRIEND RAYMOND ABSHER*

RAYMOND ABSHER - September 04, 2012 at 11:03 AM

KC

“ *Kathy Crew lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Kirby Sr*



Kathy Crew - September 03, 2012 at 04:54 PM

KC

*So sorry to hear of the loss of your father. He was a wonderful man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of sorrow.*

Kathy Crew - September 03, 2012 at 04:57 PM

BP

“ *Bob Abd Barb Pinder lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Kirby Sr*



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**Bob abd Barb Pinder** - September 03, 2012 at 04:33 PM

BP

*We are so sorry for your loss we have so many good memories of your Dad just know he is in a better place and not suffering anymore*

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**Bob abd Barb Pinder** - September 03, 2012 at 04:36 PM