



Joseph Kevin Kirby

March 31, 1960 - August 22, 2019

Joseph Kevin Kirby, 59, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, August 22, 2019, at his home in Fort Myers, FL. Joe was the son of Daniel and Mary (O'Dea) Kirby.

Joe was born March 31, 1960. He was raised in Williamsport, PA, and graduated from Bishop Neumann High School (now SJNRA). After graduating from Lock Haven University, he moved to Maryland's Eastern shore area where he spent most of his adult life. Joe taught history in Annapolis, MD, for a number of years. While there, he was instrumental in rebuilding the high school's baseball field and was an assistant coach when Annapolis High where he won the state championship. Soon after, Joe turned his focus to real estate. He was a broker and owner of Kirby Realty.

Joe was a faithful fan of both the Notre Dame Fighting Irish and the Baltimore Orioles. He also loved music and was a huge Springsteen fan, as evidenced by having attended some 50-plus concerts. Joe was on the board of Make-A-Wish Foundation. His fundraising efforts were critical to raising 3.5 million dollars which led to over 500 answered wishes for children.

Joe was most proud of his two children, Deidra (Chester, MD) and Connor (Centreville, MD). He loved them dearly. He talked and bragged about them often. His grandchildren were equally special. The loss of his first, Jayden,

was particularly devastating for Joe.

Joe was predeceased by his parents and grandson, Jayden Johnson. He is survived by his children, Deidra and Connor Kirby, and their mother, Debra Gerhart; grandchildren Shaylin Johnson and Trinity Brooks; his four brothers, Tim (Sue) Kirby, Naples, FL, Dan (Jan) Kirby, Montoursville, PA, Mike (RoseAnne) Kirby, Williamsport, PA, Pat (Sue) Kirby, Pottsville, PA; and sister Kathleen (Mike) Root, Harrisburg, PA.; his best friend, John Workmeister; and his co-workers at Real Edge Realty, Cape Coral, FL.

Funeral services are being handled by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam of Centreville, MD. A visitation will be held Thursday, September 19, from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. The funeral service will be held on Friday, September, 20, 2019, at 12:00 noon. Flowers will be provided by the family.

Memorial contributions in Joe's name can be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation , 6555 Rock Spring Drive, Suite 280, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Cemetery Details

Chesterfield Cemetery

406 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

SEP **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Kevin Kirby*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 19, 2019 at 12:56 PM



“ *Mr. Kirby was my 9th grade government teacher. He instilled a love of learning and politics in his students, and always kept us on our toes! He was an excellent educator and today, as a teacher myself, I aspire to impact students the way that he impacted my education. Rest well.*

Tema Encarnacion - August 13, 2024 at 08:42 PM



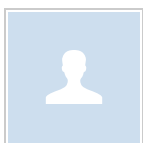
“ *Joseph Kevin Kirby*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Joseph Kevin Kirby*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Joseph Kevin Kirby*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Kevin Kirby.*



September 19, 2019 at 01:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Kevin Kirby.*



September 19, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ *While working with Joe for 6 years, I can say he was never too busy to kick back in his chair and talk about his family. He cherished his kids and grandchildren. He told countless stories of growing up and the funny antics that happened along the way! He loved his Mom & Dad, his brothers and sister and their families. Rest in Peace Joe.*



Lisa C McGrath - September 19, 2019 at 07:22 AM

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“ *Incredibly competent and silly. Not a combination you find in many folks, but Joe wore both like tailored suits. He was an incredible teacher, the consummate realtor, and inspiring baseball coach. I also got to share more laughs with him than I can count. He was part of the glue that held the Annapolis High School faculty together, a fine neighbor, and a treasured friend. May you find the peace you deserve.*

Allan Stevenson - September 11, 2019 at 05:14 PM