



## Walter James Kirby

March 13, 1933 - January 19, 2014

Walter J. Kirby of Chestertown, MD, died on January 19, 2014, at Chestertown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He was 80.

He was born on March 13, 1933, in Drexel Hill, PA, the son of the late John F. and Frances James Kirby.

Mr. Kirby graduated from Castle Heights Military Academy in 1951, and later attended Georgia Tech, before enlisting in the United States Army. Mr. Kirby served during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in January of 1956.

He married Peggy Lois Strother in 1955; they were married for 30 years.

Mr. Kirby worked as an Insurance Broker with FKM&M, now FAM&M, in Chestertown, MD. He also worked as a PGA golf professional in Jacksonville, FL, and Chester River Yacht and Country Club. After a stint as a golf professional, Mr. Kirby returned to Chestertown and went back into the insurance business working as a broker for Joseph M. George & Son (now Avon Dixon Insurance).

He had served as the athletic director, as well as basketball and baseball coach for Sts. Peter and Paul High School in Easton, MD. In addition to that,

he also served as coach of the golf team at Gunston Day School.

He loved the game of golf, whether teaching or playing. Walter had a tip, an adjustment, or a wry comment for many who he taught or met. He and Elmer Horsey were instrumental in bringing football to Kent County. In 1970, they formed Kent Little League and provided instruction and organized competition to a generation of football players. Mr. Kirby was also an accomplished tennis player earlier in his life, winning many local and regional tournaments

Walter was also an avid collector of Civil War Paintings and books, and authored Roll Call, the Civil War in Kent County. He was a member, past president, and regular fixture at Chester River Yacht and Country Club.

In addition to his wife of 15 years, Nancy Browne Kirby, he is survived by sons, Keith Kirby and his wife Tracy of Chestertown, Brian Kirby and his wife Jewell of Chestertown, Jack Kirby and his wife Chris of Centreville; along with grandchildren, Kyle, Brad, Kolyn, Kreigh, Lauren, Patrick Kirby, and Brandon Wolfe;

one son, the late Scott Kirby (1956) and a daughter the late Kim Kirby (1983), along with his siblings, John Kirby, James Kirby, and Natalie Kirby, predeceased him.

A celebration of his life will be held at Chester River Yacht and Country Club on Thursday, January 23, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., where remembrances will be shared at 5:30 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Chester River Yacht & Country Club  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 08, 2023 at 12:42 AM



“ *Walter James Kirby*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Walter James Kirby*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Walter James Kirby*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about Uncle Bud's death. Condolences to your family. Bonnie, Kathy, Jack, and Harryette*

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**Kathy Kirby Harmer and Bonnie Kirby Wilk** - April 06, 2014 at 05:50 PM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Walter James Kirby*



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**Max & Maryann Ruehrmund** - February 03, 2014 at 01:27 PM

JN

“ *Jeannie Gelderman & Jamie Newnam lit a candle in memory of Walter James Kirby*



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**Jeannie Gelderman & Jamie Newnam** - January 26, 2014 at 04:53 PM

MJ

“ *Mark & Sandy Joiner lit a candle in memory of Walter James Kirby*



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**Mark & Sandy Joiner** - January 26, 2014 at 07:25 AM

CJ

“ *Cheryl A. Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Walter James Kirby*



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**Cheryl A. Jacobs** - January 23, 2014 at 09:20 AM

DW

“ *Debbie Wiest lit a candle in memory of Walter James Kirby*



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**debbie wiest** - January 23, 2014 at 08:19 AM

TB

“ *Tink And Beverly Blakeney lit a candle in memory of Walter James Kirby*



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**Tink and Beverly Blakeney** - January 22, 2014 at 04:38 PM

SD

“ *Sheila Dlugoborski lit a candle in memory of Walter James Kirby*



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**Sheila Dlugoborski** - January 22, 2014 at 10:24 AM

JL

“ *My prayers are with the Kirby family. Walt was my football coach for the Eagles in Easton in 1963. I often wondered what happened to him after my family moved to Salisbury in 1965.*

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**J R Lloyd** - January 21, 2014 at 06:16 PM

TF

“ *The Nolan Family lit a candle in memory of Walter James Kirby*



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**The Nolan Family** - January 21, 2014 at 11:25 AM

DD

“ *Debbie Dean lit a candle in memory of Walter James Kirby*



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**Debbie Dean** - January 21, 2014 at 09:57 AM

PE

“ *Patti Eason lit a candle in memory of Walter James Kirby*



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**Patti Eason** - January 21, 2014 at 08:57 AM

TJ

“ *Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Walter James Kirby*



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**Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell** - January 21, 2014 at 07:33 AM

TJ

*So sorry to hear of your father's passing. One thing for sure there will never be another Walter Kirby. He was a great and funny person at all times. We all loved him and will miss him.*

**Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell** - January 21, 2014 at 07:35 AM

EH

“ *Ed And Shelley Hillyer lit a candle in memory of Walter James Kirby*



**Ed and Shelley Hillyer** - January 20, 2014 at 08:30 PM

AB

“ *ANN AND GENE BUTLER lit a candle in memory of Walter James Kirby*



**ANN AND GENE BUTLER** - January 20, 2014 at 07:07 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter James Kirby*



**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - January 20, 2014 at 06:14 PM

CE

“ *Charles & Donna Edwards lit a candle in memory of Walter James Kirby*



Charles & Donna Edwards - January 20, 2014 at 06:06 PM

PC

“ *Patrick Cronshaw lit a candle in memory of Walter James Kirby*



Patrick Cronshaw - January 20, 2014 at 05:00 PM

CB

“ *Cheryl Butler And Brendon lit a candle in memory of Walter James Kirby*



Cheryl Butler and Brendon - January 20, 2014 at 02:10 PM

GC

“ *Gail Claggett sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter James Kirby*



Gail Claggett - January 20, 2014 at 11:50 AM