



William Naylor Kirby

September 7, 1927 - January 7, 2020

William Naylor Kirby passed away on January 7, 2020, in Easton, MD. He was born September 7, 1927, in Trappe, MD, to Davis Clark Kirby and Ada Naylor Kirby. He graduated from Easton High School, attended the University of Maryland, and was a World War II Navy Veteran.

He married Anne Johns Norris on June 16, 1951. Bill and Anne moved from Trappe to Easton in 1963. Bill had many passions in his life. Among them were his family; love of the land and the water; his boats-- The Breezy and The No Sons-- oyster bed restoration in the Tred Avon River; growing grapes and making wine; and ice cream.

Bill was instrumental in planting vineyards on the Eastern Shore. He was a founding member of the Eastern Shore Wine Tasting Society and past president of the Maryland Grape Growers Association. He was active with the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club, the Rural Life Museum of Trappe and the Izaak Walton League. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Trappe and Christ Church in Easton.

Bill is survived by his wife of 69 years, Anne; daughters, Margery Kirby Cyr (Mark), Anne Hughlett Kirby, Amanda Kirby Mielke (Robert); grandchildren, Erik Olaf Loberg (Sasha), Blake William Loberg, Allison Spencer Mielke (Daniel O'Brien), Katelin Mielke Frase (Eric), Gretchen Kemp Mielke

(Christopher Connelly); and eight great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, January 17, at 2:00 PM, at Christ Church in Easton. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the Christ Church Restoration Fund, 111 S. Harrison St., Easton, MD 21601.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Christ Church
111 Harrison St.
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *William Naylor Kirby*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William Naylor Kirby*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William Naylor Kirby*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dear Anne and family,
We were so sorry to hear that Bill
Has passed away. I have such fond
Memories of all you as a child at
Easter and years later when mother
And Dad moved to Oxford.
Uncle Bill was so kind, fun and gentle.
We wish you all well and hope to
See you sometime soon again.*

*With love,
Caroline (Malone) and Vaughan Pratt*

Caroline Pratt - January 23, 2020 at 11:41 AM

GB

“ Gary Ball lit a candle in memory of William Naylor Kirby



Gary Ball - January 14, 2020 at 06:14 PM

MK

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Margie

Margie Kirby - January 18, 2020 at 09:11 AM

SL

“ To Mrs. Kirby, Margey, Anne and Amanda - so sorry for your loss. Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Sandi Walbert Lawryk, Trappe Elementary '58-61

Sandra Lawryk - January 14, 2020 at 01:05 PM

MK

Sandra, thank you for your kind words and thoughts. Margie

Margie Kirby - January 18, 2020 at 09:11 AM

PF

“ Very sorry to read of Bill's passing. My prayers are with Anne and he family.



Phil Foster - January 14, 2020 at 01:40 AM

MK

Thank you, Phil, for your prayers & thoughts. Margie

Margie Kirby - January 18, 2020 at 09:12 AM

BA

“ There is so much life to celebrate in the warm memories of all the good that Opa has brought to many. We are thinking of you all . . . Sending love and warm memories of our Easton neighborhood adventures with Oma and Opa!
Love . . . The Amory Family
Michael, Bridget, Margaret, and Ashby

Bridget Amory - January 12, 2020 at 05:04 PM

MC

Thank you so very much. I know how much you all meant to Mom and Dad. Margie

Margie Cyr - January 13, 2020 at 11:28 AM

DK

“ Dorothy, Suzanne & Dale Kirby lit a candle in memory of William Naylor Kirby



Dorothy, Suzanne & Dale Kirby - January 12, 2020 at 01:40 PM

MC

Thank you so much for this thoughtfulness and love. Margie

Margie Cyr - January 13, 2020 at 11:30 AM

LC

“ My condolences to Mandy and her family



Lynn Crouch - January 12, 2020 at 04:37 AM

MC

Thank you, Lynn, for your words and thoughtfulness. Margie

Margie Cyr - January 13, 2020 at 11:30 AM

JR

“ *Bill was my first friend with the Maryland Grape Growers and a wonderful man. He contributed so much during his time with the organization and was passionate about Maryland vineyards and wine. My thoughts are with the family. Jan Rieke*

Jan Rieke - January 11, 2020 at 01:54 PM

MC

Thank you, Jan, for your thoughts and your love! Margie

Margie Cyr - January 11, 2020 at 08:19 PM

KH

“ *Kim Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of William Naylor Kirby*



Kim Honeycutt - January 10, 2020 at 07:09 PM

MC

Thank you, this is very kind. Margie

Margie Kirby Cyr - January 10, 2020 at 10:01 PM

RM

“ Bill was a great mentor and friend. I will always remember planting day of the research vineyard at the University of Maryland CMREC Upper Marlboro Farm. Bill was a continual worker and supporter of the Southern Maryland Vineyard Team. God Bless Him, Dave Myers



Ronald David Myers - January 10, 2020 at 02:00 PM

MC

That is a wonderful picture. Thank you for sharing your memories and love for our Dad. Margie

Margie Kirby Cyr - January 10, 2020 at 10:00 PM

JB

*Margie, Hughlett, Amanda-
We are surprised and quite sad to hear of your dads passing. I have great memories of your dad and all of you that I will keep forever. Please give a generous hug to your Mom from me.
John and Joanne Brady*

John Brady - January 12, 2020 at 07:15 AM

MC

Hi John, I will do that. She is very strong and doing well. It is good to hear from you; I do see quite a bit of Joanne so do follow your family adventures. Margie

Margie Cyr - January 13, 2020 at 11:33 AM