



James Calvin Kirby

May 12, 1939 - August 31, 2018

A deeply devoted man of faith, James C. Kirby, born May 12, 1939 to Lawrence Ulysses & Linnie Belle (Girt) Kirby, passed on to his eternal home Friday, August 31, 2018. Jim had four brothers and two sisters and was born and raised in Indiana, living in both Anderson and North Vernon. His siblings are Robert Eugene Kirby, Arthur Lee Kirby, Paul Arnold Kirby, Richard Wayne Kirby and Cecilia Caroline (Kirby) Gilroy. Jim was the middle son of the five brothers.

Jim served four years in the Navy (Jan 7, 1959 – Jan 7, 1963) on the USS Bennington. Upon returning home to Indiana, he worked for Seyberts Radio (sales) and Davis Dairy (milkman) and then 29.5 years with Indiana Bell Telephone as a Switchman. Upon retirement, he then went on to work further with telecommunications with Global Crossing and Star Telephone.

Jim enjoyed fishing, camping, solving crossword puzzles and completing jigsaw puzzles. He served the Lord by serving at Main Street Church of God (formerly, Jackson Park Church of God) in various capacities: Board of Trustees member, leader of Men's Fellowship, Sunday School teacher for Jr. Boys, Sunday School Superintendent, and Lawn Maintenance with his wife and children. He led a monthly service at the Christian Center in Anderson, IN for many years. He was also actively involved as a Senior Member and Leader of the Civil Air Patrol in Anderson.

Jim married Connie Jean Fry on September 7, 1968. Jim and Connie had six children: Michelle Rene (stillborn), Layton Carvel Gilroy, Margaret Lorraine

Kirby, Carl Lawrence Kirby, Blake Edward Kirby, and Calvin Henry Kirby. He loved his 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren: Clayton & Brandon Gilroy; Jadyne & Camryn Kirby; Katie Kirby Nikjoo, Brody, Luke, Espen, and Adelynn Kirby; Shelby Kirby; and Liam & Liliana Nikjoo.

Jim is preceded in death by his sister Nancy, niece Linnie Kirby Painter, his parents Lawrence & Linnie Kirby, and his daughter Michelle.

Viewing will be held at Mission Parks Funeral Home in north San Antonio, TX, on Thursday, Sept 6, 6 – 8 pm. A graveside service will be held at Mission Retama Cemetery in Selma, TX, at 10:00 am, on September 7, 2018. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations to be sent to Place of Grace Fellowship, 2938 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, TX 78217.

Cemetery Details

Mission Retama Cemetery

15940 Lookout Road
San Antonio, TX 78202
(210) 967-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Life Center at Stone Oak
23755 US-281
San Antonio, TX 78258
(210) 576-3377
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Graveside Service

SEP 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DK

“*Connie, I was so sad to hear of Jim's passing. Got to know him while working with Jim at One Star for a couple of years back in early 2000's and later my praise group provided music for his ministry at the Christian Center in Anderson, IN. Started searching for Jim a few years ago when we began spending our winters in Tampa Bay area. Hope you and your family are doing well Connie.*
Dennis Karch

Dennis Karch - October 05, 2020 at 06:37 PM

VG

“*Jim was always such a happy pleasant person. When Ben and I were married he told me a lot of stories about the Kirby boys, they reminded me of all 9 of my brothers! I know heaven is brighter today, but our prayers are with Connie and the family because they will still miss him as everyone who knew him does.*

Vickie Girt - September 08, 2018 at 10:44 AM

SC

“*Margaret and family, it was a privilege to know you. Your character was created by your church connections and your family's role models. My thoughts and prayers of comfort for the eternal healing of your father.*

Sandy Cornish - September 06, 2018 at 11:11 AM

CM

“ Jim was more like a brother than a cousin. He lived with my parents, Herman & Lizzie Chapin for a time. I was in my early teens & it was so great to have him there to share stuff with about school & life. Then later in life to have Connie & him to visit & enjoy their home. You were always welcome. He visited Mac & I & tried to help where ever he could. I love you all & pray for God's comfort. Cindy McDaniel

CINDY MCDANIEL - September 05, 2018 at 11:14 AM

BF

“ Barbara Kirby Haller & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Calvin Kirby.



Barbara Kirby Haller & family - September 04, 2018 at 11:07 PM

JK

“ I have many memories with my Uncle Jim and his family. What stands out most right now is the last time I came home to Indiana while he still lived there was going to church with him while I was there. They had a feetwashing ceremony that nite. I had never done this before nor have I since. Very humbling. I got to tag along with him too as he did his monthly service downtown Anderson. I am already missing him.

James A. Kirby - September 04, 2018 at 09:57 PM