



Robert W. Kirby

August 15, 1931 - August 23, 2021

Robert William Kirby, 90, of Mason City, Illinois passed away on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 10:04 AM at Copper Creek Cottages in Lincoln. He was born on August 15, 1931 in Lincoln to William and Elsie (Hinck) Kirby. On November 10, 1957, he married Katherine Werner in Mason City. She survives.

Other survivors include three children: Valerie (Paul) Martin of Grand Haven, Michigan; Jeffrey (Diane) Kirby of New Holland, Illinois; and Douglas Kirby of Mason City. Bob had seven grandchildren: Cassander (Andrew) English, Andrew Martin, Katherine Martin, Samuel (Ashley) Kirby, Ashley Garcia, Jess Kirby and Mersades Kirby. He had five great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parent and three sisters: Delores Allen, Patty Clifford and Donna Rae Wagoner.

Bob was a member of the Mason City United Methodist Church, the American Legion and the VFW. He worked many years at the Mason City schools as a maintenance man and bus driver. Many students and teachers remember him fondly as a likeable presence who could fix practically anything. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and proudly served as a military policeman. He continued his service to the country by orchestrating countless military funerals for local veterans.

Graveside services will be held at Mason City Cemetery on Friday, August 27, 2021 at 10:00 AM, with Pastor Molly Spence-Hawk officiating, followed by

Military Honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 496, Mason City United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be left at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mason City Cemetery

Mason City, IL 62664

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert W. Kirby*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *A good man. I remember him fondly.*

John Rutledge - September 04, 2021 at 07:43 AM



“ *Nancy Hoch sends condolences and remembers visiting Kay and Bob and their kids. Hugs!*

Nancy Hoch - September 01, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ *Dear Kirby Family,
As a first cousin, 20 years younger than Bob, I, too, remember family gatherings at the Kirby farm, and Bob's art work on the kitchen wall. He will be remembered as a kind and generous man.
Vicki Hinck Van Tuyle*

Vicki Van Tuyle - August 30, 2021 at 07:12 AM



“ *Such a nice guy. Sending sympathies. Lynne and Jim Onken*

lynne onken - August 27, 2021 at 09:30 AM

DM

“ I can only tell you what a joy it was having Kirb in our family at Copper Creek Cottages. He had the most beautiful blue eyes, full of mischief. He made us laugh and made us cry. He will remain forever in our hearts. We will pray for Kay, Jeff, Diann, Valerie, Doug and alk of Kirb's family. They were our family and a day didn't go by without them doing thoughtful things for all. We love all of you💕💕

Deb Maaks - August 26, 2021 at 08:19 PM

MH

“ Mary And Larry Hundt lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Kirby



Mary and Larry Hundt - August 26, 2021 at 12:31 PM

BL

“ Mr. Kirby made sure I got to school and stayed there. A good man to everyone around him. He is now alive in our memories. Prayers

Billy E. Lowe - August 26, 2021 at 10:36 AM

JS

“ We are sorry for your loss. Jerry & Joyce Stoddard .

JERRY STODDARD - August 26, 2021 at 09:20 AM

GB

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Kay, Val, Jeff, Doug and their families. Words that come to mind when I think of Bob are kind, humble, helpful, caring, and reliable (and always with a great, dry sense of humor). A true gentleman!

A few of my favorite memories of Bob are:

- He would always greet me warmly and ask about my family whenever I would stop by to visit Jeff (even if it was my 3rd visit of the week).
- He and Kay led our church youth group. They taught us a lot but also made sure we had plenty of fun too.
- When my dad was sick and had trouble getting up stairs, my brothers and I were debating whether to form a task force to explore how to solve the problem. In the mean time, Bob went ahead and built and installed a beautiful hand rail that was the perfect solution. y

Great man! Amazing family! A life well lived!

Gary Bergman - August 26, 2021 at 07:54 AM

EL

“ Elaine Long lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Kirby



Elaine Long - August 26, 2021 at 07:42 AM

JH

“ I remember when he painted the huskies mascot in the middle of the gym how many remember that

Jim Mafie Horn - August 25, 2021 at 08:42 PM

BR

“ *Barb Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Kirby*



barb Rodgers - August 25, 2021 at 07:22 PM

SM

“ *I spent many days at the Kirby farm as a kid. Remember when Bob came home from Korea. Saddened to hear about his passing. Please accept our sincere sympathies.*

susie Douglas Maxwell - August 25, 2021 at 05:11 PM

JL

“ *I have such happy memories of Bob. He was my bus driver and always saw him at school. But my best memories are from 4-H. He always was there to help and and a joke. Such a nice man. And a great family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Joan Renken Licht - August 25, 2021 at 04:44 PM

LA

“ *Larry & Kim Allen lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Kirby*



Larry & Kim Allen - August 25, 2021 at 04:33 PM

JA

“ *Have only good memories of Bob as our bus driver. He was always so pleasant and kind.. Sympathy to the family of a man who served his community well. Jean Meeker Aeschliman*

Jean Meeker Aeschliman - August 25, 2021 at 02:24 PM

CE

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Cassander English - August 25, 2021 at 02:10 PM