



## Derrick "Buzz" Kirby

January 14, 1980 - April 18, 2025

### Obituary

Derrick “Buzz” Kirby, 45, passed away on April 18, 2025, in The Woodlands, Texas. Born on January 14, 1980, in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, Buzz lived a life marked by compassion, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to education and faith.

Buzz earned his Master of Science in Education and went on to make a lasting impact as both an educator and spiritual leader. In 2008, he was ordained as a pastor—a calling that reflected his deep sense of purpose and care for others. His ministry was not confined to the pulpit; it extended into classrooms and communities where he inspired countless individuals through his words and actions.

A devoted educator, Buzz brought innovation and enthusiasm to every endeavor. One of his most notable contributions was introducing LEGO League (robotics) to New Waverly ISD. This initiative not only fostered creativity and teamwork among students but also reflected Buzz’s belief in nurturing young minds through engaging and meaningful experiences. He motivated his students in multiple ways, always striving to help them reach their full potential.

Buzz's life was rooted in love for his family. He is remembered with deep affection by his wife, Kimberly Kirby; his son, Keyton Kirby; his parents, Mike and LaVaughn Kirby; and his brothers, Darrin Kirby (Cassie) and Darryl Kirby (Michelle); his grandfather, Rolland Rushing; and various aunts, uncles, and cousins. Their lives were enriched by his presence—his kindness, strength, and unwavering support.

Visitation will be held on Monday, April 21, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Sam Houston Funeral Home, located at 1700 Normal Park Dr, Huntsville, TX 77340. A funeral service will follow on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 2:00 PM, at Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Church, located at 80 Phil Wood Rd., Huntsville, Texas 77320. He will be laid to rest at Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Cemetery following services.

Buzz's legacy lives on through the many lives he touched—as a husband and father, a son and brother, a pastor and teacher. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Cemetery

77 Phil Wood Rd.  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Funeral Service

APR 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Church  
80 Phil Wood Road  
Huntsville, TX 77320

## Graveside Service

APR 22. 3:00 PM (CT)

Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Cemetery  
77 Phil Wood Road  
Huntsville, TX 77320  
(936) 291-2678



# Tribute Wall

CP

“ I will truly miss you my friend ❤️🙏  
You were there when I first came to faith back in 2012 in Panama city, FL... I'll never forget you. Until we meet again Buzz 🙏

Chance Pritchard - May 04, 2025 at 03:13 PM

GK

“ Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Derrick "Buzz" Kirby



Gayle Kelly - April 22, 2025 at 09:15 PM

GL

“ Our hearts are deep with sorrow for the family. Always in our hearts, we send our love and prayers, deepest condolences and sympathies Kimberly and Keyton.

Glen and Sherry Laskie

Glen - April 22, 2025 at 05:45 PM

EA

“ So sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Watching Buzz growing up in the Pine Prairie community where his dad was the Pastor at our church was an honor. He had a contagious smile, and his music was awesome and the love he had for his family was expressed often if you were around him any length of time.

Edd & Terry Artherholt - April 22, 2025 at 03:40 PM

MF

“ *Marvin Hyvl & Family lit a candle in memory of Derrick "Buzz" Kirby*



Marvin Hyvl & Family - April 22, 2025 at 11:47 AM

KD

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family. He was such a sweet person.*



Kimberly Dumas - April 22, 2025 at 11:33 AM

BC

“ *I remember the first time I meet buzz he did the song I can only imagine in sing language. It was so beautiful.. praying for Kim and the rest of the family..*

Betty carroll - April 22, 2025 at 10:35 AM

AB

“ *April, Jami, Chris and Bonnie purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Derrick "Buzz" Kirby.*



April, Jami, Chris and Bonnie - April 21, 2025 at 09:56 PM

AB

“ April, Jami, Chris and Bonnie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Derrick "Buzz" Kirby.

April, Jami, Chris and Bonnie - April 21, 2025 at 09:56 PM

LF

“ Living Water Mins Lynn Haven FL purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Derrick "Buzz" Kirby.



Living Water Mins Lynn Haven FL - April 21, 2025 at 08:14 PM

LM

“ Love, Gina and Kenny Myers purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of Derrick "Buzz" Kirby.



Love, Gina and Kenny Myers - April 21, 2025 at 04:57 PM

CL

“ Charlotte Langley lit a candle in memory of Derrick "Buzz" Kirby



Charlotte Langley - April 21, 2025 at 04:18 PM

JR

*My deepest condolences to Kimberly, Keyton and all the family. May God fill you with His comfort, love, and strength during this time, and in the days ahead. Much love and prayers. 🙏❤️🙏*

Jo Ann Ray - April 22, 2025 at 09:32 AM

RJ

“ *Sending our prayers and deepest sympathy...ABF Freight*

Robin Johnson - April 21, 2025 at 03:57 PM

TS

*Darrin my brother I am truly sorry for your loss God Bless T. Spero*

Tony Spero - April 21, 2025 at 07:21 PM

BW

“ *Belinda Smith and Sherry Warren purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Derrick "Buzz" Kirby.*



Belinda Smith and Sherry Warren - April 21, 2025 at 03:04 PM

LR

“ *Linda Rothe purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Derrick "Buzz" Kirby.*



Linda Rothe - April 21, 2025 at 03:00 PM

LR

“ Linda Rothe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Derrick "Buzz" Kirby.

Linda Rothe - April 21, 2025 at 03:00 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derrick "Buzz" Kirby.



April 21, 2025 at 02:27 PM

WS

“ Wayne Bryant and Jacinda Summers purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Derrick "Buzz" Kirby.



Wayne Bryant and Jacinda Summers - April 21, 2025 at 01:52 PM

SR

“ Sammy R. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Derrick "Buzz" Kirby.



Sammy R. - April 21, 2025 at 12:25 PM

SR

“ Sammy R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Derrick "Buzz" Kirby.

Sammy R. - April 21, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Derrick "Buzz" Kirby.



April 21, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Derrick "Buzz" Kirby.



April 21, 2025 at 10:21 AM