



## Kenneth Arlen Kirby

April 18, 1946 - January 16, 2021

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of our father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, uncle, companion and friend. Kenneth Arlen Kirby, born in Knoxville, Tennessee, on April 18th, 1946, passed away peacefully in his home on January 16th, 2021.

Ken is preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Ruth and Taylor Van Buren Statham, his wife, Anna Malin Kirby and his son, Bryce Kirby. Ken is survived by son Derek Kirby and family Tia, Chloe and Cooper, daughter-in-law Trinette Kirby and family Morgan, Carter, Avery and Ezra, daughter Brittany Kraft and family Dustin, Jake and Josh, his brother Don Kirby and family Sheila and Kelley, his sister Rebecca Lankford and family Tony, Todd and Chris, and his beloved companion, Linda Simmet.

After getting his marketing management degree at the University of Texas at Arlington and serving in the U.S. Marine Reserve, Ken had a successful 30-year career with Southwestern Bell Telephone in Dallas. He adored his children and grandchildren. He loved sports and the outdoors. He was the best coach in the DeSoto Little League, largely due to the full-sized batting cage in his backyard. When not working or on the baseball field, Ken was an avid fisherman and could often be found on the waters of Lake Conroe where he lived out his remaining years.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 20, 2021 from 4-7pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis. A graveside service will be held Friday,

January 22, 2021 at 12pm Mission Burial Park North, San Antonio, Texas.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd W.  
Willis, TX 77318  
(936) 890-0454  
greg@shmfh.com

## Graveside Service

JAN **22**. 12:00 PM.

Mission Burial Park North  
San Antonio, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Arlen Kirby*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Today was Butch's birthday and I thought of him. I was looking for his phone number to call. I was shocked and saddened to find his obituary. We grew up together on Alice Street in Arlington and we're close friends for many years. We had some great times playing sports, fishing and camping among other activities. We were almost brothers growing up. RIP old buddy!*

Neil Kirk - April 18, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ *For some strange reason I thought of Kenneth today, this 18 day of Feburary 2021. We graduated from Arlington High in 1964. We were members of the largest senior class to graduate from Arligton Hiigh. We were acquaintances at best. I always considered him a very decent person. I left Arlington a few days after graduation to attend Marine basic training. Because he is a Marine, I will always remember him. Tom Kinney kia1964@comcast.net.*

Tom Kinney - February 18, 2021 at 10:46 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Arlen Kirby.*



January 20, 2021 at 06:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Arlen Kirby.*



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January 19, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ *We have only known Ken for the past 3 years since our move to the Condos.  
He impressed us with his kind and generous spirit and we were so blessed to call him our friend.  
Praying for comfort and peace for Linda and his dear family.  
Judy and Rick Covey*

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**Judy and Rick Covey** - January 19, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Arlen Kirby.*



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January 19, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth Arlen Kirby.*



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January 19, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Arlen Kirby.



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January 19, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Arlen Kirby.



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January 19, 2021 at 08:34 AM