



Jerry Mearl Kirby

June 1, 1960 - May 21, 2014

Jerry Mearl Kirby, Jr., 53, of Palmetto passed away Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital after a battling esophageal cancer. He was born June 1, 1960 in Birmingham, AL to Jerry Mearl Kirby and Avonelle Norred Kirby. His father preceded him in death.

Jerry graduated from high school in Nocona, Texas where his family lived while his father attended seminary. He owned and operated the Firing Pen Sporting Goods Store in East Point, GA for many years before founding and owning a successful tree farm, Ikthus Tree Farms. Jerry was a longtime, active member of SouthCrest Church in Newnan where he volunteered in several ministries.

The funeral service is Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with Pastor Shawn Smith officiating. The family will receive friends Saturday beginning at 4:00 p.m. at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St., Newnan, GA. The family will have a private interment at Holly Hill Memorial Park. Rather than flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Esophageal Cancer Awareness Association, P.O. Box 55071 # 15530, Boston, MA 02205-5071 or www.ecaware.org

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Survivors include mother, Avonelle Kirby; son, Kyle Kirby; daughter, Kaylan Kirby; mother of his children, Lisa Jane Kirby; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Holly Hill Memorial Park

359 West Broad Street
Fairburn, GA 30213

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 24. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

MAY 24. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ I wanted to let you know my heart and prayers are with you all, I went to school with Jerry and he was a great friend I will always remember him fondly

Dee Ann (Albertson) Seal - May 27, 2014 at 09:34 AM

JS

“ Dear Avonelle, Kyle and Kaylan, We are so sorry for your loss. We enjoyed spending time with Jerry and will miss him. He was a fine Christian example to all of us. Please know that we will be praying for the God of All Comfort to be with you. Love, Joel and Kim Slagle

Joel and Kim Slagle - May 25, 2014 at 10:22 PM

JW

“ Avonelle, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family are being sent. May God's love embrace you at this sad time. Jane Waller

Jane Waller - May 25, 2014 at 06:32 PM

TG

“ Avonelle, Kyle, and Kaylan My heart is broken over the loss of a great man. Jerry's personally and crazy sence of humor was one of a kind. I will always cherish the memories and am honored to have known him. May God wrap his loving arms around all of you during this difficult time. Until we meet again in heaven rest in peace my friend! Sending prayers to all of you??. In Christian love Tammy Grant Galvan. NHS Class of '79

Tammy Grant Galvan - May 24, 2014 at 09:02 PM

LJ

“ Avonelle, Kyle and Kaylan, My heart aches with the loss of your sweet son and father. I have so many fun and fond memories of Jerry during our friendship and time spent together in the youth group at Bethel Baptist in Nocona. Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this sad time. May you be comforted in knowing that Jerry is pain free in heaven with his earthly and heavenly fathers.

Lesli Johnson - May 24, 2014 at 10:22 AM

MN

“ Our hearts go out to you during this most difficult time. As Jerry's neighbors, we saw him work daybreak to sunset. No doubt, he worked hard for the love of his family. He was always ready to help others. His courage and faith were a testimony to all. We will miss our good neighbor. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mitchell and Marilyn North - May 24, 2014 at 07:15 AM

RB

“ Avonelle, your family has been precious friends for years. We love each of you so much and our hearts break for you at this time. Wish we could be there to be with you. Our prayer is for God to give you strength and peace. We love you dearly!

Roy & Myrna Brawner - May 23, 2014 at 10:05 PM

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Roy & Myrna Brawner - May 23, 2014 at 10:05 PM

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Roy & Myrna Brawner - May 23, 2014 at 10:05 PM

VC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Jerry was always special to me and having his children in my nursery was wonderful. I always had a special place for Avonelle and Jerry Sr. as well. A very special family in my life. Love you all.

Vicki Crowell - May 23, 2014 at 09:43 PM

DO

“ We were so sorry to hear the sad news about Jerry. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Dave and Cathy Olson - May 23, 2014 at 08:50 PM

AF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Our love to you and your family.

Audrey & Wayne Fowler - May 23, 2014 at 05:09 PM

RS

“ Dear Family, What a great loss we suffer- such an outstanding young man whom we all loved. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Cousin Ruth Kirby Sanders

Ruth Kirby Sanders - May 23, 2014 at 04:13 PM

DT

“ Our hearts are broken for you. Know that we are among many people love and grieve with you. Most sincerely, Diana and Gerald

Diana and Gerald Taylor - May 23, 2014 at 03:24 PM

BH

“ So very sorry for your great loss, Dear Avonelle. Love and prayer,
Barbara Hemrick

Barbara Hemrick - May 22, 2014 at 09:48 PM

DC

“ Our thought and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Jerry was a wonderful example to others. He was a man's man, and he will be missed by many!

Drew Coggin - May 22, 2014 at 09:08 PM

LK

“ I never knew until I lost the only man I have ever loved , HE WAS JUST LIKE MR. KIRBY his father and amazing , loving and caring man .. ONE OF A KIND ! Jerry you were an amazing son and to me the greatest father !! Kyle and Kaylan we both know that God has great plans for the both of you , never let anyone hinder yall from the love you both have for God. He is with you both and never will he leave yall. I love you both beyond words ! Avonelle I cant think of any words to say except your son is a prime example of to me TRUE LOVE ! I LOVE YOU Lisa

Lisa Jane Kirby - May 22, 2014 at 07:54 AM

JM

“ Dearest Aunt Avonelle, cousins Kyle and Kaylan, You are all so much in my thoughts. I will be around for you as needed for as long as I have energy to. You are my family and I admire the life you have had and look forward to the life for you ahead. We will find strength in this and grow and Jerry will be so proud. So much good had been added to this world because of that little group of Kirby's.

Joe and Karen Morgan - May 21, 2014 at 10:34 PM

AR

“ My heart is breaking for you and the kids. Words can't express the hurt that mothers feel when they lose their children. I am always there for you. If we can do "anything" for you or the kids please don't hesitate to let us know. We love you all.

Allen & Sybil Robinson - May 21, 2014 at 07:04 PM