



## Jean C. Kirkham

February 12, 1923 - September 22, 2017

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Jean Kirkham passed away peacefully in her sleep with her favorite hymns playing softly. She has lived a life of service to others, teaching piano and voice from the age of 17 to 91. Jean graduated from Ohio State University in Music Education in 1944. She directed the choir at Powell United Methodist Church for over 20 years and served that congregation as the Historian for many more years. Jean loved her family with all her heart. She married John E. Kirkham on Oct. 29, 1943 and they had four children. Sadly, she lost her devoted husband John in 1976. She leaves behind a lifetime of wonderful memories for her children, John A. (Vickie), Julianne (JR), Donald R., and Paul (Cheryl). Grandchildren were her special joy; Alyssa McIntyre (Barry), Brian Kirkham, Donald P. Kirkham (Rachael), Jonathon Kirkham (Amanda), and Ryan Kirkham. Great Grandchildren include Ethan, Nikole, Baylee, and Kennedy. She had many wonderful and devoted friends. She had dear friends from Powell High School and the Powell community where she lived her entire life. Special friends who were devoted to her to the end are too many to name, but they know who they are and that they were loved by her. Celebration of her life continues with visitation 5 PM – 8 PM Monday Sept. 25 at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, and the funeral service to be held at 10 AM at the Powell United Methodist Church

on Tuesday Sept 26. Burial to follow at Powell Cemetery. Condolences to the family at [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Powell Cemtery

Powell, OH 43065

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

SEP **25**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
450 West Olentangy Street  
Powell, OH 43065  
(614) 792-1471  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Powell United Methodist Church  
825 East Olentangy Street  
Powell, OH 43065  
<http://www.powellumc.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jean C. Kirkham*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Mrs Kirkham will always hold a special place in my heart, she taught all 4 of the Holly kids to play the piano and was always so patient and kind. A remarkable woman who led a wonderful life!*

*Julie Holly*

**Julie Holly** - September 28, 2017 at 08:37 PM



“ *My condolences to Jeanie's family . She was my music teacher & as a teacher may have been Powell's longest running business . I will always hear Jeanie's metronome .*

**Mike Harris** - September 25, 2017 at 04:32 PM



“ *I remember you MOM fondly. She was the first person to tell me that I have a lovely voice and had me sing Ave Maria and just went on and on how good I was. Life changes and I didn't get to keep up my lessons but I always will remember her being so kind to me. I'm sure you will miss her alot. Take care. Katie McNamara Terry*

**katie terry** - September 25, 2017 at 03:39 PM

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“ -You're friends at MFG NC purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jean C. Kirkham.



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-You're friends at MFG NC - September 25, 2017 at 02:45 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Jean C. Kirkham.



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September 25, 2017 at 11:38 AM

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“ Tammy Taylor purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jean C. Kirkham.



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Tammy Taylor - September 25, 2017 at 09:59 AM

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“ Don and Family, I am sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers your way. Sue Longhenry

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Sue Longhenry - September 25, 2017 at 09:15 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Jean C. Kirkham.*



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September 25, 2017 at 06:00 AM



“ *Remember her trying to teach me to play the piano. John Allen sorry for your loss. I know you have many fond memories.*  
*Geoff Hammond*

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**Geoffrey Hammond** - September 24, 2017 at 07:42 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers!*  
*Sincerely, Jody Hoover.*

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**Mary Jo Hoover** - September 24, 2017 at 04:05 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jean C. Kirkham.*



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September 24, 2017 at 01:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean C. Kirkham.*



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September 24, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ *Jean always made me feel appreciated. She always said Thank You a hundred times before you got out the door. I'm really going to miss her and very glad I had her in my life. Thank You for sharing her with me.*

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**Beverly Depp** - September 23, 2017 at 04:54 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jean C. Kirkham.*



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September 23, 2017 at 03:20 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jean C. Kirkham.*



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September 23, 2017 at 11:31 AM