



Kirk Ernst

August 22, 1956 - August 4, 2019

Kirk Steven Ernst, age 62 of Springhill, Florida and formerly of Dublin, Ohio passed away on Sunday, August 4th at Oak Hill Hospital in Springhill, Florida. He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Joseph Ernst and brother, Keith David Ernst. He is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Marie Ernst, mother, Angela Ernst, sister Karen (Ernst) Rettig, brother-in-law, Mark Rettig and nephews, Jacob (Christine) Rettig, Jackson Rettig and Jarret Rettig. Kirk retired with 40 years of service in the grocery business. 35 of those years with the Kroger company where he worked his way up from a produce clerk to regional manager.

While Kirk loved sports, hunting, fishing and cars, the love of his life was his daughter Liz. His face lit up as he spoke about her accomplishments. His greatest memories included coaching her in softball, teaching her how to fish and to love and enjoy the outdoors. He was very close to his family especially his mother, Angela. He made time to call and talk to her daily to discuss politics, history or the latest sporting news.

Family will be receiving friends on Thursday, August 15th from 5:00-8:00 pm at Rutherford Funeral Home, 450 W. Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father Black on Friday, August 16th at 10:00 am at St. Joan of Arc Church 10700 Liberty Road, Powell, Ohio. Kirk will then be laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery 957 North High Street, Lewis Center, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to a charity of the donors choice or Consolata Missionaries.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

9571 North High Street
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Kirk Ernst*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Kirk was a great friend, coworker and long time fishing and hunting buddy. It seemed whenever we were in the woods or on the water together Kirk would always harvest the biggest Deer, Walleye or Pike of his life and I always tried to take the credit. Of course he would deny I had anything to do with any of his successes afield. So many stories I could share of our trips to Canada - his biggest Pike and countless numbers of walleyes, Lake Erie - his biggest walleye, Drummond Island - his cover photo on the front of the brochure for the Resort we stayed, the rivers, streams and surrounding woodlots we spent days off exploring... I was blessed to shared so many of those great moments over the years.*

Kirk loved his family and close friends. We spoke often about Liz his mom and his sister.

I last saw Kirk at Christmas when he was home ahead of the Holiday. I am thankful he made time for us to grab a lunch and catch up on all of our past and current antics.

God speed my dear friend Kirk. God's Peace be with you and your family.

Tracy Patterson

Tracy Patterson - August 19, 2019 at 01:16 PM



“ *Dear Ernst Family . I am so sorry to hear about Kirk Ernest passing away i worked with him at Krogers at n 328 and i thought he was the nicest manger at that store and i would like he would like to say hi to everyone and he will be miss and rest in peace. From Vikki Ellis*

Vikki Ellis - August 16, 2019 at 07:30 PM

RF

“ *Richard and Darlene Ernst Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kirk Ernst.*



Richard and Darlene Ernst Family - August 15, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kirk Ernst.*



August 14, 2019 at 06:01 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Kirk Ernst.*



August 13, 2019 at 10:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kirk Ernst.*



August 13, 2019 at 01:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kirk Ernst.*



August 13, 2019 at 08:24 AM

CK

“ God only made one Kirk Ernst, and one to be very proud of!! Kirk taught us all to have respect for one another. WE as Employees had so much respect for this man. Why you may ask? No matter what was happening during the day Kirk always had time for us. This my friends should go down in the books at Krogerland! You will be greatly missed, but never forgotten! We All Love You!!
Cindy Kelly 817

Cindy Kelly - August 10, 2019 at 08:15 PM

CB

I want to second what my good friend Cindy Kelly said about Kirk, he was so loved and yes he always had time for you or anyone that needed his help. He was the best Manager I ever worked for in my 50 plus years with Kroger. We always had somuch fun working with him and everyone worked extra hard for him and he always let us know how much he appreciated each and everyone of his employees. One of my favorite memories what when I would make ham and bean soup and bake cornbread, he would eat and eat and eat. He loved his beans and cornbread. We were a family at N817 and we still talk of him often and yes he is much loved. You will be so missed. May you Rest In Peace my friend.

Carol Berger - August 12, 2019 at 11:11 PM

LM

Kirk was truly a one in a million man. I loved him dearly and will miss him as long as my life goes on. We had a 40 year friendship that was defined and redefined over that time span many times...towards the end we were BFF's. We shared many laughs and lots of stories between us, and even though we were born many miles and a few years apart, we were kindred spirits. In Kroger Land he had my back and I had his. Kirk always tried to look out for me, as I did him. In latter years as Kirks health began to fade, the beauty of Kirk did not. He still laughed a lot and never stopped caring about his family and friends. So Rest In Peace my dearly loved Kirk, carried home by angels and now resting safely in the arms of God feeling no more pain.

Lee McGannon - August 13, 2019 at 12:51 PM