



Mr. John W. "Bill" Kirk Sr.

October 23, 1935 - May 22, 2023

Funeral services for Mr. John W. "Bill" Kirk, Sr., 87, of Henderson, will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, May 26, 2023 in the chapel of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Bro. Mark Howard and Bro. Bob Jackson officiating. Interment will follow at Lakewood Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Thursday, 25, 2023, at the funeral home.

Mr. Kirk passed away Monday, May 22, 2023 at UT Health in Tyler. He was born October 23, 1935 to Jack Benson and Dorothy Emiline (Yates) Kirk in Temple. He has been a resident of Rusk County since 1961. Mr. Kirk graduated from Sam Houston State University and worked for Brookshire Brothers in Henderson for 38 years. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, gardening and working cows. Mr. Kirk loved his family and always enjoyed the time he got to spend with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of Second Baptist Church in Henderson. Mr. Kirk served his country in the United States Army.

Mr. Kirk was preceded in death by his parents, J. B. and Dorothy Kirk; and daughter-in-law, Tammy Medford Kirk.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Lynn Kirk; children, Sandra Hollis and husband Danny; John William "Bill" Kirk Jr. and wife Laurie; brothers, Wayne Kirk and wife Cheryl, Bob Kirk; grandchildren, Kevin Kirk and wife Julie, David Kirk and wife Heather, Justin Hollis and wife Jackie, Ashley Byrd and husband Chris; fourteen great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other family, and friends.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Kirk, David Kirk, Justin Hollis, Chris Byrd, Brady Kirk, Bentley Byrd, Cadence Brummitt, and Jesus Nieto; Honorary pallbearers will be Ashley Byrd, and Sandra Gates.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Second Baptist Church Benevolence Fund, 529 West Main Street, Henderson, Texas 75652.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 25. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

MAY 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. John W. "Bill" Kirk Sr.*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - May 25, 2023 at 12:31 PM

AB

Bill, the world will never have a better man to work for ever again! You were the best. You will be missed. We all loved you ❤️

Arhonda Buckalew - May 25, 2023 at 08:50 PM

CC

Bill gave me a job & i worked for him a long time. He taught me a lot about life & doing things the right way-even if it took longer. Great boss. Great friend. Great legacy. 💙❤️

Cindy Powell Crenshaw - May 27, 2023 at 10:36 PM

BR

“ *I enjoyed Mr. Kirk when I was a Dr Pepper Route salesman in the mid-80s. He was a fair and kind man to this then youngster trying to learn a new career. I always thought a lot of Mr. Kirk.*

Condolences to the family.

*Bruce Ripley
Longview, TX*

Bruce Ripley - June 21, 2023 at 10:42 PM

DK

“ Sandra, Thinking of you & your family in Love & Prayers!!

Bill, was a good man... I remember some of our conversations..

He was a friend to all..

God Bless You & Your Family



David & Dianna Kelley

David & Dianna Kelley - June 08, 2023 at 11:21 AM

LW

“ Lisa Watts lit a candle in memory of John Kirk



Lisa Watts - June 04, 2023 at 06:55 PM


Melissa
Belcher

“ Melissa Belcher lit a candle in memory of John Kirk



Melissa Belcher - May 28, 2023 at 06:08 AM

DW

“ *Debbie Watkins lit a candle in memory of John Kirk*



Debbie May Watkins - May 27, 2023 at 08:36 PM

BT

“ *Bonnie Thompson lit a candle in memory of John Kirk*



Bonnie Thompson - May 26, 2023 at 10:12 PM

ML

“ *Misty (Autumn Leaves) lit a candle in memory of John Kirk*



Misty Copeland (Autumn Leaves) - May 26, 2023 at 02:36 PM

DD

“ *I have known Mr. Kirk also formally known to me as "Grand Daddy" since I was a a baby thanks to my family introducing me to him. I would go for various family events. Even though we were not blood we were really close. I really am gonna miss him saying "hey baby" when he saw me.*



Desirae Dolley - May 26, 2023 at 02:09 PM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of John Kirk



Gary Wilkerson - May 25, 2023 at 09:22 PM

TM

“ Terri Miller lit a candle in memory of John Kirk



Terri J Miller - May 25, 2023 at 06:59 PM

CA

“ Bill was the nicest person!! So kind to all. Sandra I'm thinking of you and your family!! Carol Sledge

carol - May 25, 2023 at 10:06 AM

MT

“ I remember Bill Kirk and many from the family. Years ago I visited Henderson to see my relatives and most of my trips included the Kirk family. My condolences to the family.

Marion Thomas - May 24, 2023 at 10:03 PM

VA

“ I'm Neal Harts granddaughter, I have known Bill and Lynn ever since they moved next door to my grandfather. There are not enough kind words to say about how they watched over my grandfather and helped him do things. Now My sister lives there and they are near and dear to her heart also. I couldn't wait for Bill to plant his tomato crop... i wanted the green ones . Bill also cracked pecans for my grandfather, my mom, my sister and for me. Bill was just a kind and giving man, with the biggest heart. He will be missed.

Vickie Armstrong - May 24, 2023 at 04:52 PM

DC

“ David Kathy Chapman lit a candle in memory of John Kirk



David & Kathy Chapman - May 24, 2023 at 03:07 PM

DC

“ Have very good memories of Mr. Kirk. The Best Manager BROOKSHIRE BROS. ever had. Sandra and Danny we are holding you up in our prayers. Our loss is Heavens gain. I know that your Dad was a good Dad, by the way he treated his employees. Mr. Kirk would help those that needed help at any time. He has donated a many item to theChapman Community Center Annual Fair. We have had many years ago. He should rest in peace. His rewards will be great!

David & Kathy Chapman - May 24, 2023 at 03:07 PM

RS

“ *Robbie Stephens lit a candle in memory of John Kirk*



Robbie Stephens - May 24, 2023 at 10:40 AM

RN

“ *Randy Nichols lit a candle in memory of John Kirk*



Randy Nichols - May 24, 2023 at 09:35 AM

NL

“ *There are a lot of people you meet along the road of life, some you never remember, others you remember for awhile and slowly forget, then there are those special people you remember for a lifetime and Bill was one of those. It was an honor to have known him.*

Carter Norris Langford-

Norris Langford - May 23, 2023 at 09:59 PM

CC

Agreed.

Cindy Powell Crenshaw - May 27, 2023 at 10:38 PM

JF

“ *Sandra I'm so sorry for your loss. May the memories of your life together fill the empty place in your heart that his passing has left. Prayers for you and your family. Jackie*



jackie floyd - May 23, 2023 at 08:38 PM

AP

“ *So very sorry for your loss.*



ashley pruit - May 23, 2023 at 04:35 PM

RT

“ *Ric Thompson lit a candle in memory of John Kirk*



Ric Thompson - May 23, 2023 at 04:29 PM

DW

“ *Bill was a friend for years. I worked for him for about 3 years back in the 70's at Brookshires. He ran a tight ship, was nice but he expected you to do your work. He started calling me Daylight back then and always had till now. Probably did cause I had trouble getting to work on time!!!!*

Dewayne Walker

Dewayne Walker - May 23, 2023 at 03:47 PM

SL

“ *Sandra and family, I am so sorry for your loss.
We are sending prayer of comfort.
Susan and Fred Lingre*



Susan Lingle - May 23, 2023 at 03:17 PM

SH

“ *Sue HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of
John Kirk*



Sue HENDERSON - May 23, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Cyndy Broadus lit a candle in memory of John
Kirk*



Cyndy Broadus - May 23, 2023 at 02:54 PM

DF

“ *Diane Flanagan lit a candle in memory of
John Kirk*



Diane Flanagan - May 23, 2023 at 02:42 PM

KR

“ *Sandra and Family- My heart goes out to you all. Praying for peace and comfort for you all.* ”



Kirby and Stephen Rains - May 23, 2023 at 12:17 PM

LW

“ *Lacy Weaver lit a candle in memory of John Kirk* ”



Lacy Weaver - May 23, 2023 at 12:07 PM

EB

“ *Elizabeth Buckner lit a candle in memory of John Kirk* ”



Elizabeth Buckner - May 23, 2023 at 11:25 AM

AL

“ *Annette Lochridge lit a candle in memory of John Kirk* ”



Annette Lochridge - May 23, 2023 at 10:53 AM

LS

“ *Linda Jimmy Sipes lit a candle in memory of John Kirk*



Linda & Jimmy Sipes - May 23, 2023 at 10:21 AM

JT

“ *Jill Turner lit a candle in memory of John Kirk*



Jill D Turner - May 23, 2023 at 09:44 AM

MD

“ *Many good memories of our backyard neighbor. My deepest sympathy to Lynn Sandra and little Bill.
Donny and Mary Davis*



Mary David - May 23, 2023 at 08:22 AM

WS

“ *Wayne Sanders lit a candle in memory of John Kirk*



Wayne Sanders - May 23, 2023 at 07:49 AM



“ Pam Brown lit a candle in memory of John Kirk



Pam Brown - May 23, 2023 at 07:39 AM

ST

“ Prayers for your family , Mr. Kirk was such a sweet man



Sherie Tillison - May 23, 2023 at 07:25 AM

HM

“ Mr. Bill showed me how to grow a good garden.



Hal and Rosa Martin - May 23, 2023 at 02:42 AM

JE

“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the Kirk family. It was an immense pleasure and honor to be able to care for Mr. Kirk during his time here at Autumn Leaves. I pray that God wraps his arms around you and that you can find some comfort during your time of grief.



Jessica - May 23, 2023 at 01:53 AM



“ Bill , Sandra and Mrs. Kirk I am so sorry for your loss , I always enjoyed Mr. Kirk whether he was at home or at The Brookshires store . Never seen a harder working man always moving .



Vernon Arthus - May 23, 2023 at 12:37 AM



“ Chris Liz Buckner Cross lit a candle in memory of John Kirk



Chris and Liz Buckner Cross - May 22, 2023 at 11:47 PM



“ Rest in peace sweet man. You will be missed. You were always so nice to me and my Daughter. Fly with the Angels.



Toni Barton - May 22, 2023 at 11:36 PM



“ Carl Diana Smith lit a candle in memory of John Kirk



Carl & Diana Smith - May 22, 2023 at 09:23 PM



“ *Friends for lots of years. Bill gave me my first job and helped me learn lots of different positions in the business. I am so sorry for the loss of this fine man. Barbara Jolley*



Barbara J Jolley - May 22, 2023 at 09:21 PM

CC

He was a great boss!

Cindy Powell Crenshaw - May 27, 2023 at 10:40 PM

AL

“ *Annette Lochridge lit a candle in memory of John Kirk*



Annette Lochridge - May 22, 2023 at 09:02 PM

ME

“ *I will miss you dearly at autumn leaves Mr. Kirk! Praying for your family!*

Minerva Elizondo - May 22, 2023 at 08:23 PM

NH

“ *Nancy Herrington lit a candle in memory of John Kirk*



Nancy Herrington - May 22, 2023 at 05:21 PM

SC

“ *suzanne Cross lit a candle in memory of John Kirk*



suzanne Cross - May 22, 2023 at 04:57 PM

KH

“ *Ken & Mollie Hale*



Ken Hale - May 22, 2023 at 03:25 PM

TA

“ *The neighborhood kids always gathered in the Kirks' yard. My good memories of Mr Kirk are woven throughout my life. He was a fine man.*

Tracy Allen - May 22, 2023 at 02:25 PM

BG

“ *Bonnie Geddie*



Bonnie Geddie - May 22, 2023 at 02:01 PM

MG

“ Wonderful memories of Mr. Kirk . Always knowledge, organized, friendly, and there to help! One of the best of his generation!

Mark & Nancy Gibson - May 22, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ Prayers for the family. Bill will be missed until we meet again.

Donna Dorsey Aaron



Donna Aaron - May 22, 2023 at 09:35 AM

CS

“ craig Paula Sweeney lit a candle in memory of John Kirk



craig Paula Sweeney - May 22, 2023 at 07:23 AM