



Mr. James P. Kirby

February 28, 1956 - March 13, 2023

James Peter Kirby, 67, of Pittsfield, died Monday March 13th 2023 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston after a period of brief, but serious illness. He was surrounded by his family just as he was always by their side. Born in Pittsfield on February 28th 1956, the son of James Sires and Marguerite Burchard Kirby, he was raised in Lenox where he was a 1974 graduate of Lenox Memorial High School. He earned his associate degree from Berkshire Community College in 1976 and later his bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 1979.

Jim was a toll collector on the Mass Turnpike for 43 years before retiring in May of 2016.

Jim was a loving and devoted father of four and never missed a dance recital, band concert, or any other event important to his children.

Jim will be remembered for having the most dry sense of humor you could ever imagine, his love for the L.A. Dodgers and Green Bay Packers, and his enormous music collection. His favorite was The Beatles.

Jim is survived by his four children; daughters Elizabeth J. Kirby (Justin), Colleen J. Kirby, Andrea M. Kirby (Bryan), and his son James Stephen Kirby, all of Pittsfield. He is also survived by the mother of his children Norma Crocker Kirby.

The graveside funeral service will be Friday March 17th at 12 noon at St. Ann's Cemetery in Lenox with the Rev. Monsignor John J. Bonzagni, Pastor of St. Ann's Church, offering prayers at the grave. Calling hours at the ROCHE

FUNERAL HOME in Lenox will be Thursday evening from 5—7 pm.

In lieu of flowers donations in Jim's memory may be made to the American Liver Foundation or to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in care of the funeral home 120 Main St. Lenox, MA 01240. Jim's family would also like to encourage people to donate blood in his memory.

The Kirbys would also like to thank all of the nurses and medical staff who cared for Jim along the way, in particular the staff in the ICU at Berkshire Medical Center and especially the ICU staff at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

Cemetery Details

St. Ann's Cemetery

1 Ore Bed Road
Lenox, MA 01240

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Roche Funeral Home
120 Main Street
P.O. Box 152
Lenox, MA 01240
(413) 637-0699
eroche120fh@gmail.com

Graveside Service

MAR 17. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Ann's Cemetery
1 Ore Bed Road
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall

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“ *Jim was an anchor at Fr. Perreault's gamefests. What fun we had. Very happy to have kept in distant touch via FB. My deepest condolences to his family. RIP Kirb.*

Thomas McIntyre - March 16, 2023 at 02:05 PM

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“ *Karrie DiNigro lit a candle in memory of Mr. James P. Kirby*



Karrie DiNigro - March 15, 2023 at 09:40 PM

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“ *Very sorry for your loss, remember Jim well. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Gary Lagarce - March 15, 2023 at 08:07 PM

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“ There are a bunch of us from Class of '74 that started together in Mrs Weiss 's kindergarten class at Morris School. We went through all the years together and graduating on the main stage of Tanglewood. When seating was done in alphabetical order Jimmy sat behind me. He had a low toned voice that would whisper some of the funniest comments. We all made our First Communion together with Father Healy and we all marched in the Memorial Day Parade with Miss Cameron with a refreshing Nehi soda at the Community Center afterwards. Jimmy just celebrated his 67th birthday and next year is our 50th class reunion. It's hard to believe that he will not be a part of that. My prayers and blessings to his family that he was so proud to be their Dad.

Kathy Kennedy - March 15, 2023 at 05:52 PM