



Mr Thomas R Kirby

January 29, 1921 - March 24, 2017

Thomas R. Kirby was reunited with his heavenly family on March 24, 2017. Born January 29, 1921 in the Family's home located on Hubbard Street in Lenox, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Joseph and Rose Sires Kirby. The youngest of the couple's six children, he was predeceased by his four brothers; James, Joseph, Henry, William, and his sister, Anna (Kirby) Richards.

Educated in the Lenox Public Schools until the age of 15, his first job was at the former Windover Dairy on East Street. Upon receiving a driver's license, he then worked as a school bus driver as well as part time at the former Bull's Garage in Lenox.

In 1941, at the age of 20, he married Anne Manns of Stephentown, NY and became employed by Highlawn Farm as part of their outside crew, working this job until he was drafted into the service. During World War II he was a member of the infantry and fought battles in Central Europe – specifically Ardennes, in The Battle of the Bulge, Rhineland, as well as in Germany. He served two years in the service, receiving the Combat Infantry badge, Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon – three stars, and Victory Medal. After the war ended, he returned home to his wife and daughter Janet, and resumed his job at Highlawn Farm completing 17 years of service there. He then went on to work for two years for James Lynch, a local carpenter.

In 1946, he was appointed a Special Police Officer in Lenox and directed

traffic for Tanglewood for 25 years at the Patterson Monument. Sixteen years later, he became a full time police officer, following in the footsteps of his father who served as a police officer for the town for several years.

In 1984, he retired from the Lenox Police Department, worked for a period of time as a janitor/handy man at the former Lenox National Bank, and spent his remaining years of retirement volunteering to help the grounds crew at St. Ann's Cemetery in Lenox.

As Tom reunites with his wife Anne, who passed away in 1997, he leaves behind a daughter Janet Kirby Levesque (Pierre), three grandchildren, Marc Levesque (Tammy), Rob Levesque (Deb), and Gill Levesque Romano (Alan), as well as six great-grandchildren.

Calling hours for Mr. Thomas R. Kirby of Lenox will be Thursday evening from 4-7 pm at the ROCHE FUNERAL HOME. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, March 31st at 11 am celebrated by the Rev. Monsignor John J. Bonzagni, Pastor. Burial will follow in St. Ann's Cemetery with full military honors. Memorial donations may be made to the Lenox Police Department in care of the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

Cemetery Details

St. Ann's Cemetery

1 Ore Bed Road
Lenox, MA 01240

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Burial

MAR **31**. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Tom was a great friend and we will miss his smile and wisdom. I will miss the long chats we had on Sunday mornings at the cemetery with Marcel, discussing local and world affairs.

Joe Nolan - April 01, 2017 at 10:53 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr Thomas R Kirby.



March 28, 2017 at 10:46 AM