



Joseph "Jay" Kirkman

June 15, 1952 - February 4, 2012

Joseph D. "Jay" Kirkman, age 59, of Evansville, passed away Saturday, February 4, 2012 at his home surrounded by family.

Jay had worked as a salesman for over 35 years, beginning in 1975 with Niehaus Industrial, which later became Crown Incorporated. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and a member of the Funkhouser American Legion Post #8. He was a member of Eagle's View Church, the Royal Rangers at the church and loved to play music at church services. Jay was a former board member of the German Township Fire Department. Jay was devoted to his son Mark's baseball playing career, serving as a coach when he was younger and loyal and avid fan as his playing days took him to high school and college. Jay knew no stranger and could always be found "working the crowd" wherever he was. He also loved dogs, especially his last dog Buddy.

Surviving Jay are his wife of 33 years, Becky (Hurst) Kirkman; a son, Mark Kirkman and Mark's girlfriend, Hannah Boots, both of Evansville; two sisters, Rhonda (Jerry) Wilson and Janna Hodges, both of Evansville; a brother, Dennis (Betti) Kirkman of Valparaiso, IN and many nieces and nephews. Jay was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. LL and Ruth Kirkman; a son, Matthew Kirkman in 2003; a niece, Angela Ross and by his father-in-law, James Hurst.

Funeral services will begin at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at Pierre Funeral Home, Rev. Mike Pyle and Rev. Mickey Davis officiating. Burial

will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday and from 9:00 A.M. until service time on Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Matt Kirkman Fire Science Scholarship at Vincennes University, 1002 N. 1st Street, DC-38, Vincennes, IN 47591.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

FEB 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph "Jay" Kirkman



Pierre Funeral Home - February 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Joseph "Jay" Kirkman

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ Jay is truly a blessing from God. He made me laugh every time I saw him. I would be having the worst day and he could always make me smile with one of his funny jokes. I thank God for people like him. I know he brightened a lot of days for several people. I always looked forward to saying hello to see what he'd come up with cause there was no telling. His family has blessed me greatly and I will deeply miss him.##imported-begin##Hannah Melchiors##imported-end##

February 12, 2012 at 05:01 PM



“ *I hate that i cannot be there in the mourning of my friend. He was a wonderful person. I will never forget how he brought all of us together.*

My heart goes out to his family.

Bud Nickells

Island, Ky.##imported-begin##Bud Nickells##imported-end##

February 08, 2012 at 01:00 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy is with you today and the days to come. We are sorry to learn of Jay's passing. There are good memories of his sense of humor and dedication to family and church. You will be in our prayers.*

We are on vacation in Florida. Otherwise, we would have been there with you for the celebration of Jay's blessed life. May God, in His Love and Wisdom, give you Peace and Comfort in your memories and through loved ones.##imported-begin##Brian & Brenda Fillingim##imported-end##

February 08, 2012 at 12:44 PM



“ *Becky and Mark,
I also am a "Harrison Tiger" as was Jay. During our younger days, J.D., Mike Wright, Roscoe Stearns, John Miller, and a multitude of others used to "hangout" (kinda like our own little gang...but a good one!)*

After Harrison School days, I lost track of Jay, until one day I ran into him at an Evansville Reitz football game...we remembered the good old days together.

All of the Harrison School group are so grateful to Jay and the others who organized our reunion. It meant so much to me to see my old friends.

I cannot tell you how much Jay will be missed by all! I am so sorry for your loss. A day will come when we will all be together again.

*God Bless,
Steve###imported-begin##Steve Burke/Harrison School##imported-end##*

February 08, 2012 at 10:12 AM



“ *Becky,I am so sorry for your loss I do know what you are going thru and I wish I could help you but know one can know what you are going thru unless they have been thru this. If I can help in any way please let me know.Bless you. Kathy Curtis###imported-begin##kathy curtis##imported-end##*

February 07, 2012 at 08:58 PM



“ Jay will be deeply missed by all. He was the "glue" of the Harrison School group. We will forever remember his smile, humor and big heart.##imported-begin##Janice Hull##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 08:52 PM



“ Becky, so sorry for your loss. I only knew Jay through the store, but could tell he was a good person who loved his family. I considered Jay a friend .

I wish you and your family peace through this hard time.

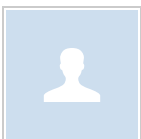
Tena Fehrenbacher##imported-begin##Tena Fehrenbacher##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 06:04 PM



“ I made a good friend with Jay getting to know him through the years I will miss Jay dearly Thanks for the good friendship Jay##imported-begin##ALAN CARVER##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 03:48 PM



“ My heart is so heavy with the loss of my dear friend Jay. I've had the pleasure of Jay being in my life for many years, and thought of him like a brother with whom I could share my deepest thoughts, whether triumph or tragedy. No words can describe the void that has been left with Jay's passing. Jan's and my prayers go out to Becky and Mark, along with the rest of Jay's family and his long list of friends. May he bask forever in the presence of his Lord and Saviour.##imported-begin##Don Francis##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 01:57 PM



“ We are deeply saddened by your loss and are thinking of you with heartfelt love and concern. Please let us know if we can be of service.##imported-begin##Vincennes University Alumni and Foundation Staff##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 01:35 PM



“ I will miss you so much, still can not believe your gone. Thanks for all the fun times and the days we spent together in the Kentucky area, you selling forklifts and me sellin Pepsi. As dad would say" see you buddy"##imported-begin##Rhonda Wilson##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 01:32 PM



“ Dear Becky and Mark, Jay was a very special man with his sense of humor and antics. I wish I was closer to give you hugs and comfort. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.##imported-begin##Diane Elpers##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 09:45 AM



“ Becky,

My heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to you and your family during this time of grievance. God be with you all.

Kim Grider##imported-begin##Kimberly Grider##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 06:44 AM



“ *Becky, Mark, and Kirkman family ... Please accept our deepest sympathy. J.D. will forever hold a special place in our hearts and in our Harrison family.##imported-begin##Linda Griffith Davis & Betty Griffith ##imported-end##*

February 07, 2012 at 12:05 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy in your time of loss. Words can't express how much our hearts ache for you and your family. May the comfort of God's love surround all of you.*

In our most heartfelt thoughts and prayers,

As our offering of condolence we are making a donation to Matts' Scholarship fund.

Sharon, Andrea and Christie##imported-begin##Sharon Johns, Andrea and Christina Nolan##imported-end##

February 06, 2012 at 11:37 PM



“ *My condolences to the Kirkman family. I was a good friend of Matthews and I miss him everyday. It brings a little peace to mind knowing that Jay and Matt will be reunited in God's Kingdom. I will be praying for the Kirkman family through these tough times.*

Love,

Kara Cissna##imported-begin##Kara Cissna##imported-end##

February 06, 2012 at 10:38 PM



“ Becky,
I am so sorry. Jay was a great guy and will be truly missed! You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Candace Savard##imported-end##

February 06, 2012 at 09:05 PM



“ To my friend J.D. Kirkman.
*I've been your friend, for many years
news of your death, was hard to hear.
As life went on, we grew apart
until our reunion, in the park.
Several classmates, and teachers too
showed up that day, because of you,
and now we're all friends on facebook.
We keep in touch, that's all it took.
We don't know, God's master plan,
but in his presence, we all will stand.
I'm sure you're there, with family and friends.
I can almost, see your grin,
and as for us, Class of 64
we will remember you, for ever more,
and when our time, has come and past,
we will have a reunion, that will forever last.
Goodbye for now, my old friend,
until I see you, once again.*

*Your friend,
B.J. Haggard##imported-begin##Burley J. Haggard##imported-end##*

February 06, 2012 at 08:35 PM



“ I am a member of the "Harrison School Gang" that has visited the last few years in Vincennes. JD & I were grade school friends at Harrison School in Vincennes. I had a wonderful conversation with JD last year & enjoyed reminiscing with him & catching up on our family news. Please accept my deepest sympathy on your loss & we will definitely miss him at our Harrion reunions. I won't be able to attend the visition or funeral but please know I will be thinking of all of you.

With sympathy,

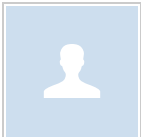
John Miller##imported-begin##John Miller##imported-end##

February 06, 2012 at 08:21 PM



“ James and I knew 'JD' as young adults. We were born again under the ministry of his dad. We at this time wish to tell you how sorry we are for your loss. May God the Father strengthen you at this time of your great sorry. Rest well Bro. JD..we will meet again.##imported-begin##James and Cynthia Roy##imported-end##

February 06, 2012 at 05:08 PM



“ Becky, our prayers are with you. Jay was such a special person and we treasure the years spent down at baseball with you guys. He made those early games tolerable and he will be missed.##imported-begin##Jim, Carla, Chris and Andy Waelde##imported-end##

February 06, 2012 at 05:02 PM



“ I have know J.D. since his father was Pastor in Vincennes. J.D. and I were Harrison grade school classmates. I am so thankful he helped plan our grade school class reunion. It was always wonderful seeing his smiling face. He will be remembered forever and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Burley J. Haggard##imported-end##

February 06, 2012 at 04:55 PM



“ I just wanted to express my most sincere regrets at the news of Jay's passing. My company did business with Jay's for many, many years and I almost felt like I knew his family because he spoke about them, Becky in particular. I always told him she must be a saint to put up with him sometimes.

He was a dear friend and I will miss him.##imported-begin##Kathy Scott##imported-end##

February 06, 2012 at 03:13 PM



“ Dear Becky and Family. I am so sorry for your loss. Jay was a wonderful man and I loved his sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Donna Kelley##imported-end##

February 06, 2012 at 02:36 PM



“ *Becky,
You, Mark, and the rest of the family are, and will continue to be in my prayers. May God bless you all during this time.
Gail Mercer and family##imported-begin##Gail Mercer##imported-end##*

February 06, 2012 at 02:34 PM



“ *Sharing this time with you in sympathy . Take comfort in the surrounding arms of God . He loves you very much .##imported-begin##maria##imported-end##*

February 06, 2012 at 02:29 PM



“ *My dear Becky and Mark,

I was so shocked and sad to hear that we've lost Jay. I had hoped he would stay in remission and live many more years. I wish I could be with you, but I hope you know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I love you both and hope to see you the next time I'm in Indiana. Love from your cousin Joann##imported-begin##Joann Teresi##imported-end##*

February 06, 2012 at 01:33 PM



“ Dear Becky and Mark:
I was a Harrison schoolmate of J.D.'s in Vincennes and only reunited with him and fellow classmates for the planning our class reunion in 2010. J.D. had a wonderful light that shone through and was cast upon everyone he came in contact with. You both are in my thoughts during this time.##imported-begin##Vickie Provine##imported-end##

February 06, 2012 at 01:32 PM



“ Mrs. Kirkman and Mark, I have the pleasure of getting to know Jay through his visits to Logan Aluminum. He had a passion for his job and did a great job in representing his company. But not a visit went by that Jay did not share his love for this family from the time that Matt and Mark played ball to the loss of Matt to the joy of Mark getting through college and a job. He shared how you guys completed the 12 days of Christmas for another family. I know that he will be missed. He accomplished his mission of being real in his expressions of life and he shared much joy with those who he came into contact with. May God grant you peace and comfort during this time. Blessings, Sheila##imported-begin##Sheila Richardson##imported-end##

February 06, 2012 at 12:39 PM



“ Mrs. Kirkman & Mark,

We send prayers of thankfulness for having known Jay and his wonderful spirit. And, as Chris wrote in an earlier message, we are pouring love over you and your family during this difficult time.

Beth Carnahan and family##imported-begin##Beth Carnahan##imported-end##

February 06, 2012 at 12:24 PM



“ Prayers to the Kirkman family.##imported-begin##j chris carnahan##imported-end##

February 06, 2012 at 11:46 AM



“ J.D. has been my good friend since the first day of first grade. All through the years, he and I were tight as brothers. I never knew anyone with a kinder, gentler, and more generous heart. I will miss my buddy so very much.##imported-begin##Mike Wright##imported-end##

February 06, 2012 at 10:30 AM



“ *Becky and Mark*

I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Jay from working at Dollar General with Steve Woods. He was such a good man and could always make me smile. My thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family in this time of grief. He will be greatly missed.

Angel Thompson

Scottsville KY##imported-begin##Angel Thompson##imported-end##

February 06, 2012 at 09:02 AM



“ *Memories of summers sitting and talking with Jay at our son Lance's baseball games- Funkhouser - Mark was one of the best coaches "Lance" had in baseball. Our other son Blake- who is autistic always looked forward to seeing "Jay" at the games. He was very good at drawing you in - wonderful Man of God - To Becky, Mark and Hannah and all of the family - know that our family is praying for you - the Luigs family.##imported-begin##Ken, Colette, Blake and Lance Luigs##imported-end##*

February 06, 2012 at 08:47 AM



“ *We love & will miss Jay so much!
He brought joy to so many people. Love & prayers to all our family & friends.##imported-begin##Rob & Gail Greene##imported-end##*

February 05, 2012 at 11:25 PM



“ *Becky, you and Mark are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Becky Drury##imported-end##*

February 05, 2012 at 08:35 PM



“ Our thought & prayers are with the Kirkman family.##imported-begin##David & Cindy Wright##imported-end##

February 05, 2012 at 08:00 PM



“ With loving memories of J. D. at Harrison School & through the years. I will miss his smile, messages, & kindness. May you, Becky, & the rest of the family find comfort & strength.
With love from one of his former teachers,
Sandra Hedrick Allen (Ms H)in Vincennes.##imported-begin##Sandra Hedrick Allen##imported-end##

February 05, 2012 at 06:19 PM