



## Richard David Kirby Jr

December 7, 2017

Richard David Kirby Jr., age 63, passed away on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Seidman Cancer Center in Cleveland after a courageous battle with lymphoma. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and a dear friend to many.

Filled with a genuinely kind spirit, Rick was a warm and welcoming man who made people feel happy to be around him. He loved his family, friends, and life on Lake Erie. He was a dedicated professional and worked with great integrity all of his life.

Rick found the love of his life, Melissa, at Bowling Green State University and they were married for 38 years. Rick and Melissa built a beautiful life together by creating a loving family with daughter Kristen and son Dustin. He was so proud when his family expanded to include his son-in-law Douglas and daughter-in-law Megan. And just one year ago, pure joy entered his life when he became a grandfather to twins Emily and Evan. Rick's favorite moments were the ones spent with his family.

You could often find Rick boating or playing a round of golf, or two or three, anytime and anywhere. Relationships were important to him and he truly enjoyed weekly outings with his best friends. As a professional, Rick worked as a purchasing manager for 40 years, the last 28 as Vice President of

Purchasing for Universal Metal Products. To pay his way through college, Rick worked as a deckhand on the Sylvania, a lake freighter on Lake Erie - which, as a bonus, made for some great stories.

Rick was born to Isabelle Anita and Richard David Kirby on June 1, 1954. His father died young, but Rick always had a special relationship with his mother. He loved to take her to Indians baseball games and spend time with her.

Survivors include Richard's wife of 38 years: Melissa Dee Kirby, children: Kristen Elizabeth (Douglas A.) Estes, Richard Dustin (Megan M.) Kirby, Twin-grandchildren: Emily and Evan Estes, mother: Isabelle Kirby and sister: Beverly Carroll. Preceding Richard in death is his father: Richard David Kirby.

A Memorial service will be 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH, 44060. Prior to the service, the family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family would be honored to have donations made to cancer research through the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or American Cancer Society in Rick's name. Please send flowers or offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
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# Tribute Wall

JT

“ *Melissa and family, I'm very sorry to hear of Rick's passing. I just wanted to send my condolences and let you know what a pleasure it was to have Rick be part of my golf league for the past 20 or so years. We will miss him. Jim Toman*

jim toman - December 13, 2017 at 03:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard David Kirby Jr.*



December 13, 2017 at 10:57 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Richard David Kirby Jr.*



December 13, 2017 at 10:49 AM

MC

“ *Dear Melissa, The Connors Family would like you to know that we understand there are no words that can express our sadness at this time. What we would like you to know is that we will continue to light the candles at our Church not only for Rick, but for you Melissa and the wonderful family you and Rick shared together. All our love and prayers are sent your way. With love, Maureen*

maureen connors - December 13, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard David Kirby Jr.*



December 12, 2017 at 10:25 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard David Kirby Jr.*



December 12, 2017 at 03:16 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard David Kirby Jr.*



December 11, 2017 at 07:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard David Kirby Jr.*



December 11, 2017 at 05:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard David Kirby Jr.*



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December 11, 2017 at 04:06 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard David Kirby Jr.*



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December 11, 2017 at 11:22 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard David Kirby Jr.*



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December 11, 2017 at 10:00 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard David Kirby Jr.*



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December 11, 2017 at 09:24 AM

TL

“ I was very fortunate to have spent time with Rick as a fellow member of the Ohio State University Men's Soccer family. Rick was quick with a smile and a witty comment and always went out of his way to make others feel at ease. Clearly, his family was the most important thing in his life. He was not only an outstanding role model for his son, Dusty, but also for the other young men on the OSU Men's Soccer Team - including my son, Casey. Rick was a good man and he will be missed.

*My condolences to Melissa, Dusty, Kristen, and his entire family.*

**TOM LATCHEM**

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**Tom Latchem** - December 11, 2017 at 08:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Richard David Kirby Jr.



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December 11, 2017 at 08:43 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Richard David Kirby Jr.



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December 10, 2017 at 11:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard David Kirby Jr.*



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December 10, 2017 at 08:44 PM



“ *Melissa and family:  
There are no words that can convey my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your husband, father, grandfather. You are in my thoughts and prayers  
Love,  
Gale Leonard-Stawieri*

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**Gale Leonard-Stawieri** - December 10, 2017 at 08:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard David Kirby Jr.*



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December 10, 2017 at 05:28 PM



“ *We are truly sorry for your loss. May the love of your beautiful family provide you some comfort during this sad time. Heartfelt condolences to the Kirby family. I love you, Lissy!  
Nancy and Joe Lane*

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**Nancy Lane** - December 10, 2017 at 05:25 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Richard David Kirby Jr.* ”



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December 09, 2017 at 11:07 PM