



Brent Kirkley

April 22, 1966 - October 13, 2022

A graveside service for Brent Kirkley, age 56 of Tyler, Texas, is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 22, 2022, at Hopewell Cemetery in Lindale with Brandy Palmer officiating.

Brent passed away Thursday, October 13, 2022, in Austin, Texas. He was born April 22, 1966, in Tyler. Brent was born and raised in Tyler, but was an avid traveler that resided in Utah, California, and Austin during his lifetime. He worked in the computer industry as systems development and software engineer for various companies including Union Pacific, the US Treasury, Digital Systems, Compaq, Bechtel, Sun Microsystems, Time Warner Cable, Oracle, Dell, IBM, Victor Visual, Forcepoint, Cray, Verizon and was currently employed with HEB. In his spare time Brent enjoyed wood working, cooking, playing the guitar and keyboard with his band, computer programming/coding, and time at the gun range. He was also a big animal lover, especially when it came to his Cats or “Fuzzy buddies” as he liked to refer to them. He was preceded in death by his father, Shirley Ray Kirkley; twin brothers, George and Charles Kirkley; uncles, Al (Sonny) Worley and Wes Story; and his beloved cat, Little Bit.

Brent is survived by his mother, Peggy Kirkley of Tyler; brother, Corbett Kirkley and wife, Jirel of Alpine, Wyoming; sisters, Natalie Kirkley Carmichael and husband, Wayne of Tyler, Samantha Kirkley of Utah, and Stephanie Kirkley-Gardner and husband, Tim of Tyler; Nieces, Lucy Kirkley and Sophie Carmichael; nephews, Riley Kirkley, George Kirkley, Josh Carmichael, and

Matthew Carmichael; lifelong special friend and first true love, Karen Brooks; and last but not least Brent's cherished cat, Jak.

Family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, October 21, 2022 at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale. In Lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to the Hopewell Cemetery Association C/O Beth Praytor, 13036 FM 2710, Lindale, Texas 75771.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Cemetery

11652 C R 494
Tyler, TX 75706

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
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Graveside Service

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tyler, TX 75706

Tribute Wall



“ Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Brent Kirkley



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - October 20, 2022 at 10:13 PM

RD

“ Im heartbroken....only in college did we ever dream of tomorrow. Our tomorrows came only a fleeting few days at a time. I thought that living with you in 2016, it was finally going to be our time....sadly, it still wasn't. God had other plans for both of us yet again. I thought I would google and see what you were up to now....and this is where it led me. Our last Christmas, then living with you awhile, then, me moving back to Jacksonville, you staying in Austin, even when you left this Earth....i didn't know until just now. Your dad was always on our side. Now, I know I will never hear your voice again. 40 years of love and loss between us.....oh our timing was always off....at least we said we always loved each other before I left Austin. Now, where do I put my memories? You still had my JHS class ring where you said you would always protect me.....I guess this time is a final goodbye? Nothing more to say, nothing more to do. That hole in my heart for you will just grow scar tissue. That's the one place that was always safe and secure. How?



Ruby George Durham - August 11, 2024 at 11:26 PM



“ *Brent Kirkley*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Brent Kirkley*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *Brent, Brian Wentroble and I ran around together in High School. The early 1980s, and only a few people had started calling us 'computer nerds'. All 3 of us ended up in the IT tech field for careers, but Brent worked at the biggest names, and on the coolest IT campuses. We always assumed Brent was going to be the one who ended up inventing something with his name on it that would end up in the history books. It never occurred to us, not even once, that he'd be the first to leave. Still hasn't sunk in...*

David Haney - October 21, 2022 at 09:51 PM



“ *Carmen Schmitt lit a candle in memory of Brent Kirkley*



Carmen Schmitt - October 21, 2022 at 12:55 PM

CS

“ Brent was such a lovely guy. I met him with my niece when he came to the UK to see all things Dr Who. He was kind and patient and never complained about all the walking and searching for a restaurant. I was hoping to see him again. My husband and I enjoyed his visit very much, he was interesting to talk to and smart. My heart hurts and I am sorry for your loss, which must be great.

Carmen Schmitt - October 21, 2022 at 12:30 PM

CS

“ He was such a lovely man, he came to the Uk to visit and see everything Dr Who. He was kind a patient and never complained during all the walking and trials of finding a decent place to eat. He will be missed. My heart hurts and I feel your loss.

Carmen Schmitt - October 21, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ 45 files added to the album LifeTributes



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - October 20, 2022 at 10:02 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Brent Kirkley.*



October 20, 2022 at 09:41 AM



“ *I met Brent while I was living in Austin. I will remember him for his ever-positive attitude, his wry sense of humor and his sage advice.*

Jason Schonberg - October 17, 2022 at 09:57 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Brent Kirkley.*

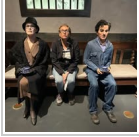


October 17, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *I'll never forget the first time Ron and I met Brent. We were at Mary's dinner and game night. He was so kind and welcoming to a frightened girlfriend who wanted to "fit in". You will be missed.*

Jen Lovejoy - October 15, 2022 at 07:53 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tauna Iseli - October 14, 2022 at 12:49 PM

KW

“ *Brent was one of my dearest friends in high school. He, Brian Wentroble, my sister Christy Ligon McMorris and I double dated to our senior prom and had a blast. I pray the Lord brings peace and comfort to his family and that he is finding rest in the arms of the Savior.*

Kimberly Ligon Warren - October 14, 2022 at 01:03 AM