



Shirley Ray Kirkley

September 20, 1943 - August 10, 2021

Funeral services for Shirley Ray Kirkley, age 77 of Tyler, Texas, is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Monday, August 16, 2021, at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale, Texas with Bro. Charles Dodson officiating and Bro. Lon Graham assisting. A private family Interment will follow at Hopewell Cemetery in Lindale.

Shirley passed away Tuesday, August 10, 2021, after a long illness in Tyler. He was born September 20, 1943, in Tyler, Texas to Shirley Riley Kirkley and Venita Bernice Jones. Shirley was a lifelong resident of Tyler where he served as a deacon at The Woods Baptist Church and a member of the St. John's #53 Masonic Lodge. He was a charter member of the Simmental Cattle Association, enjoyed computer graphics, drawing, reading, genealogy, and for many years built props and sets for the Tyler Rose Festival. He was a very vivid storyteller and an avid historian on a multitude of subjects. Shirley served his country in the United States Air Force as a proud Firefighter while he was stationed in Libya. Shirley was extremely passionate about his artwork and later retired as a Commercial Artist. He was preceded in death by his father, Shirley Riley Kirkley; sons, Charles Franklin and George Denzil Kirkley; and brother, Wesley Weldon Story Jr.

Shirley is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 56 years, Peggy Kirkley of Tyler; mother, Venita Bernice Story of Ben Wheeler; children, Brent Cordell Kirkley of Round Rock, Natalie Ann Carmichael and husband, Wayne of Tyler, Corbett Wayne Kirkley and wife, Jirel of Alpine, Wyoming, Samantha Lynn

Kirkley of Enoch, Utah, Stephanie Rebecca Kirkley-Gardner and husband, Tim of Tyler; brother, Charlie Wayne Kirkley and wife, Patsy of Tyler; grandchildren, Joshua Carmichael, Matthew Carmichael, Sophia Carmichael, Lucy Kirkley, Riley Kirkley, and George Kirkley; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family members and friends. Pallbearers will include Tim Gardner, Adam Penny, Gregg Kirkley, Kirk Hill, Kevin Storey, and Wayne Kirkley. Family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. prior to the service. In Lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to the Hopewell Cemetery Association, 13036 FM 2710, Lindale, Texas 75771.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Cemetery

11652 C R 494
Tyler, TX 75706

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Ray Kirkley*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - August 15, 2021 at 04:21 PM



“ *Shirley Ray Kirkley*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Shirley Ray Kirkley*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *I am crying as I write this as I just found out that he passed. I had worked with Shirley and we were friends at System Engineering and Laboratories. I have a picture he did for me hanging in my living room and think of him and his wonderful family every time I look at it. The world was a better place for his presence in it.*

Pamela Carltock - August 05, 2022 at 01:27 PM

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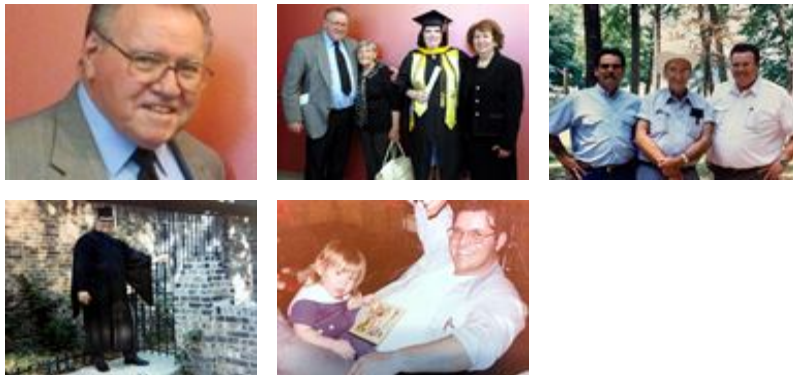
“ *Deepest sympathy from family of cousin, Melba Mebane. I remember he always came outside to the yard to greet us. So friendly and caring; made me feel at home. He always walked us to the car — a true gentleman. He had a pleasant smile and a great laugh that you just couldn't describe. He will be missed. Continued prayers for Peggy and family.*

Melba, Terry and Laura Mebane

Melba Mebane - August 16, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *46 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - August 15, 2021 at 04:12 PM

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“ *The family of his cousin David E. Pierson sends our love and deepest sympathies to Shirley Ray's family. I will always remember Shirley Ray for his kindness, good humor, and interesting stories about the Kirkley family history. May he rest in Peace.*

Derik Pierson - August 15, 2021 at 04:02 PM

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“ Shirley was one who always tried to help everyone else. He was in one of the first classes I taught at TJC and has been a friend since 1969.

Richard Minter - August 14, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Ray Kirkley.



August 13, 2021 at 08:19 PM

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“ Linda Sitton Bryant lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ray Kirkley



Linda Sitton Bryant - August 12, 2021 at 01:13 PM