



Kenneth "Kenny" DeWayne Kirk

June 25, 1960 - April 30, 2024

Kenneth "Kenny" DeWayne Kirk, age 63, of Albia, IA, passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at his home.

Kenny was born on June 25, 1960, at the Skiff Memorial Hospital in Newton, IA, to Clifford Dale and Barbara Jean (Major) Kirk. He grew up attending school in Newton before moving to Albia where he graduated from the Albia High School with the class of 1978. He then attended William Penn College in Oskaloosa where he majored in History and was a member of Delta Beta Phi. On August 16, 1986, he was united in marriage to Cynthia Sinclair and to this union 2 daughters, Rachell and Ariel, were born. Kenny and Cindy shared 37 years of marriage prior to his passing.

Kenny worked at Pamida in his younger years before going to work at AYM where he worked on the assembly line and later in quality control. He then went to work at John Deere in Ottumwa building wind rowers on the assembly line.

Kenny was a member of the UAW union with John Deere and a past Union Steward. He enjoyed being outdoors. He had a love for sports, playing baseball and football in his younger years, later playing slow-pitch softball, and coaching youth softball teams. He was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan. Kenny's true passion in life was spending time with his family, especially his

grandchildren.

Kenny is survived by his wife, Cindy; 2 daughters, Rachell and Ariel (Kelly) Reed; 4 grandchildren, Marly, Urijha, Aleah, and Dash; and 3 brothers, Cliff (Donna), Rick, and Mike Kirk. Kenny is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Barbara; his grandparents, Milo and Icle Major and Clifford and Anna Kirk; a brother, Donnie Kirk; and a sister, Debbie Smead.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2024, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Kenny's family present from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Richard Grimes officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Memorial Service

MAY 4. 3:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TH

“ *The Herren's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth "Kenny" DeWayne Kirk.*

The Herren's - May 04, 2024 at 12:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Kenny" DeWayne Kirk.*



May 04, 2024 at 12:49 PM

BI

“ *Many great memories of Kenny and his brothers while I was growing up and into adulthood. What a great man with a 1st class sense of humor and giving. Im saddened to have learned of his passing. God Bless You Kenny. God Bless his family and loved ones. Rest Easy*

- "B"

Bion - May 04, 2024 at 06:26 AM

BR

“ *Pledged together and was a fraternity brother to Kenny. Awesome man who I reunited with through Facebook over the years. He will be dearly missed. Our condolences to the family. It was obvious he loved his grandchildren.*

Bob Rogers - May 03, 2024 at 09:24 AM

KR

“ I went to school with Kenny. He always smiled and was sincere when he asked “how are you doing”? We kept in touch on Facebook and I laughed at his smart aleck comments. We had known each other so long that he knew how to push my buttons! He was so kind as to fix me up with one of his college pals - that turned out bad but I appreciated his thoughtfulness!
He was always laughing and joking , but also caring about his friends. He had lifelong buddies because of that! Me being one. No other time had I seen him so happy .when he married Cindy and started a family with her. I am sending prayers of peace to her and her family. I will miss his goodness. Rest in heavenly peace, my friend.

kim Reistrup - May 02, 2024 at 05:53 PM

TB

“ Tyler, Laynie & Grant. Andy & Angie Beck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth "Kenny" DeWayne Kirk.

Tyler, Laynie & Grant. Andy & Angie Beck - May 02, 2024 at 03:17 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Kenny" DeWayne Kirk.



May 02, 2024 at 03:17 PM



“ good man never shy to speak or talk with a friend from around the high school area u will be missed fly in heaven kenny

Mike Courtney - May 02, 2024 at 02:48 PM

PC

“ Cindy so sorry for your loss my prayers are with you

Patty Collins - May 02, 2024 at 10:44 AM

TG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Kenny was such a nice person always 🙏
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Terri Grimes - May 02, 2024 at 08:51 AM

JB

“ My deepest condolences and sympathy. Kenny was a nice man!

Jeremy Breckenridge - May 01, 2024 at 10:31 PM

RT

“ Robert Tharp planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth "Kenny" DeWayne Kirk.

Robert Tharp - May 01, 2024 at 10:22 PM

RT

“ Robert Tharp purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth "Kenny" DeWayne Kirk.



Robert Tharp - May 01, 2024 at 10:22 PM

SS

“ I have such great memories of visiting aunt Barb and all the kids. We enjoyed so many family reunions at the Albia Park. Kenny had the best laugh! I know his family is sitting around the table playing cards and listening to his laugh. My deepest sympathy to Cindy and the rest of his family. You’re in my prayers.

Sheila Major Sonka - May 01, 2024 at 08:15 PM



“ Kenny and I worked together for many years at AYM. He was a good friend and a good man. My sympathy to Cindy and the family, he will be missed.

Lisa Cornelison - May 01, 2024 at 07:01 PM

CD

I also worked with Kenny at AYM. He was a great guy. So very sorry to hear this. Sending thoughts and prayers to Cindy and his girls

Cheryl A. Drummond - May 02, 2024 at 05:58 PM