



John Eugene Kirkman

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John Eugene Kirkman, age 66 of Largo, FL, passed away on September 25, 2022 in his home. His passing is preceded by his beloved father, John B. Kirkman. He leaves to cherish in his memory, his mother Carolyn (Ginther) Martin and his children, Melanie (John) Lewandowski, Lisa Kirkman, Andrew John (AJ) Kirkman and Gina Dasher, along with his grandchildren Kendra Brown, Seth Lewandowski and Miley Lamm.

Siblings are Randy (Karen) Kirkman, Vicki Upchurch, Julie (Charlie) Upchurch, Scott Kirkman, and Cindy (Steve) Rossi-Hoyt, and many nieces and nephews.

He was born in Toledo, Ohio on October 27, 1955. Son of John B. Kirkman and Carolyn (Ginther) Martin. He was the eldest of their 6 children.

He graduated from Summerfield High School in 1973 and was involved in many athletics.

John joined the Air Force in October of 1974 and was stationed in Marquette, Michigan as a Senior Airmen and served as a Electronic Warfare Systems Specialist and was honorably discharged in 1977.

He married his first wife, Karen Vanhaerents on July 10, 1976. They would go on to have 2 daughters, Melanie and Lisa. They would eventually move to Pinellas County, Florida where he remained and called home.

John then married his second wife, Teresa Grunden in November of 1997 and they would go on to have their son, Andrew John (AJ).

After moving to Florida, John worked at Paradyne Corporation for many, many years. He then moved on to become a Network Support Engineer at Vology, Inc. John was a family man and enjoyed watching his favorite sports, the Michigan Wolverines and the Tampa Bay teams, Buccaneers, Lightning and Rays.

He also enjoyed fishing and playing softball in various work leagues. He enjoyed listening to rock music and playing his guitar.



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There will be a Celebration of Life on October 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m at Memorial Park Funeral Home. A reception will immediately follow.



Events

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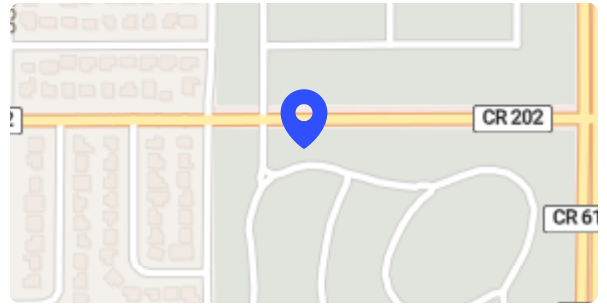
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Celebration of Life Service

Friday, October 7, 2022

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Memorial Park Funeral Home
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

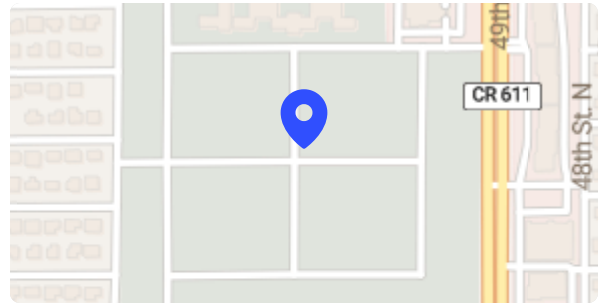


Committal Service

Friday, October 7, 2022

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM ET

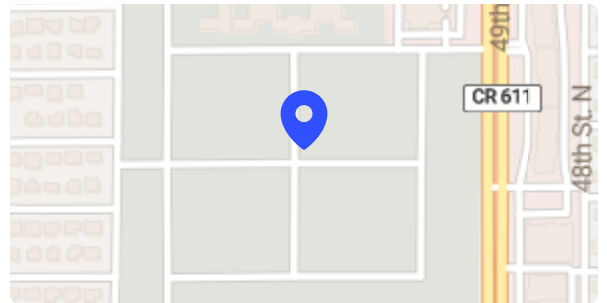
Memorial Park Cemetery
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



Cemetery Details

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(727) 369-8228





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Memorial Park Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.



October 5 at 3:29 PM



Izzy posted:

Shocked... Johnny K... Man the memories. 1st time meeting you in you cube at Paradyne. The all the softball games. and get together s at AJ's Wing House and Sneakys. You were a good guy and and dear friend. RIP my Network mentor.

June 10 at 4:45 PM



Tricia K lit a candle in honor of John.

Uncle John, I can't believe we are coming up on a year since we had to say our goodbye's. The shock still has not gone away. I think of you often. The last time I saw you at dinner for Seth's birthday and the flamingo mishap! We had such a great time. You had just come back from Michigan with the guys and shared your stories with all of us. I never had a chance to thank you in person for everything you did for us and for my Mom during my Dad's passing! You were a rock for us. Thank you!! I never, ever thought that just 6 short months later we would be saying goodbye to you. I miss you dearly! RIP, Love always, Tricia



September 6 at 6:24 AM



Paul Ebacher posted:

John, I cannot yet believe that you are gone. You and I spoke just the day before and, as always, you helped me through a technical problem I was having. You have been a great coworker but more important you have been a great friend. I will miss you. Peace, my friend, Peace.

October 7 at 2:31 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Kirkman family.



October 6 at 3:09 PM



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John Lewandowski posted:

October 6 at 11:29 AM



Teresa Kirkman lit a candle in honor of John.

Teresa Kirkman lit a candle in memory of John Kirkman

October 6 at 10:30 AM



Anonymous sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Kirkman family.

October 6 at 5:39 AM



Nick, Arin & All The Kids sent a Fall Fantasia to the Kirkman family.

October 5 at 10:31 AM



Arin Rudd lit a candle in honor of John.

Arin Rudd lit a candle in memory of John Kirkman

October 5 at 10:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Kirkman family.

October 5 at 8:24 AM





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Mardi Ruehs posted:

Remember John and all of the family growing up in Erie, MI. So sorry for your loss, sending thoughts and prayers. Mardi (Reid) Ruehs

October 4 at 7:35 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Kirkman family.



October 4 at 5:19 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Kirkman family.



October 4 at 5:11 AM



Anonymous sent a "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial to the Kirkman family.



October 3 at 12:16 PM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Kirkman family.



October 3 at 5:57 AM



Karen Vanhaerents lit a candle in honor of John.



September 30 at 7:34 PM



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SK

Sunny King posted:

My heart goes out to John's family. He was a kind and decent guy, great coworker, and a friend. My condolences to all - he is sorely missed.~Sunny King

September 30 at 3:18 PM

TH

Tanner Harp posted:

John, you were one of the first people I met when I started working at Vital Network Services in 2009. You were managing the NOC and I was trying to move from CSR to the NOC. You were one of my biggest advocates in helping me achieve that goal. I will forever be grateful! We sat alongside each other for many years in Network Engineering and developed a nice friendship along the way. We made it through a couple of company transitions and work highs and lows. Although I never met AJ in person, I was always excited to hear about his baseball games, fishing excursions, and journey in life. I know how much AJ meant to you by the emotions displayed when we talked about him. AJ, you were loved. I will cherish the memories made throughout the years. Thank you for the friendship. Much love and aloha to you and the Kirkman ohana!-Tanner

September 30 at 2:37 PM



Media

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October 5 at 3:29 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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