



Charles C. Kirby

July 11, 1924 - October 23, 2016

Charles Kirby, 92, died October 23, 2016, with his family by his side. He was born at home on July 11, 1924, in Kirbytown, New York to Fred Leslie Kirby and Sara Grace Crane.

Charles graduated from Goshen HS and started college at Cornell University until he was drafted into the Army in World War II proudly serving as Military Police in the Panama Canal Zone. As a WWII Veteran, Charles was honored in April 2015, to participate in the Honor Flight to Washington DC. He was a proud patriotic American; displaying the flag each and every morning to start the new day the Lord had made!

Charles married (Elizabeth) Betty Anna McCrea on September 21, 1947 and celebrated 65 years of marriage, until Betty's passing in 2013. Together, Charles and Betty, were lifelong farmers in Kirbytown.

The love of farming encompassed dairy, beef, sheep, goats, chickens and even giant pumpkins. He always wanted to stay busy, so he worked evenings at the Milk Store in Middletown and as a bus driver for Minisink Valley Schools. Charles also became a Realtor and was on the Board of Realtors for MLS in which he truly enjoyed finding the special home, farm or lot for families to join the neighborhood.

Charles was more than a 65 year member of the Ridgebury/Denton Presbyterian Church serving in many capacities as an Elder, Deacon and on the Scholarship Committee. Additionally, Charles was a trustee for the Old School Baptist Church in Slate Hill. He took great pride in caring for the

building and the property.

Charles served the Town of Wawayanda, with Betty, as the Town Historian and caretaker of the Pines Museum. He enjoyed the ability to help people connect with their heritage through genealogy. Charles was a founding member of the Land of the Lenapes Historical Society. He also served as an elected Assessor for the Town of Wawayanda.

Charles was a man of God, a farmer, devoted husband, and dedicated to his many family and friends.

Charles and Betty, enjoyed living together as an extended family with Fred, Patti and granddaughters Erin and Sara for over 40 years.

Charles is survived by his son Fred and wife Patti at home; his daughter Bonnie and her husband Tom Martin of West Grove, Pennsylvania; his daughter in law, Gerri Kirby of Pine Bush, New York; his granddaughter, Erin and her husband Greg Eckert and great granddaughter Alexis of Endwell, NY; his granddaughter Sara and her husband Bill Rusk of Greentown, PA; his grandson, Aaron Martin and his wife, Katie, and great grandchildren Kyle, Rhiannon, Iain, and Teagan of Mechanicsburg, PA; his grandson, David Martin and his wife, Kathie, and great grandchildren, Peter and Amber of Harrisburg, PA; his grandson, Michael Kirby and his wife, Laura and great granddaughter Katelyn of Pine Bush, NY; his grandson Daniel Kirby and his wife Chrystal of West Chester, PA; his brother Arland Kirby and his dear friend Marie Wickham of Kirbytown, NY; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife Betty; son, Bill Kirby; sister Doris Kirby Clark and her husband Mort Clark and sister in law Dorothy Kirby.

The family extends special thanks for the loving care provided for Dad by Linda, Barbara, Stephanie and Courtney.

Visitation will be held on Thursday October 27, 2016 from 4 - 8 PM at Morse Funeral Home Inc, 33 Railroad Ave, Middletown, NY

A Funeral Service will be held on Friday October 28, 2016 at 11 AM at the First Presbyterian Church of Denton, 22 County Route 56, New Hampton, NY with burial to follow at the Pine Hill Cemetery, Town of Wawayanda, NY.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Denton Presbyterian Church, PO Box 72, New Hampton, NY 10958 or The Education Center and 4-H Park, c/o Cornell Cooperative Extension, 18 Seward Avenue, Middletown, NY 10940.

Arrangements are under the guidance of Morse Funeral Home Inc, 845 343 6918 www.morsefuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Morse Funeral Home Inc.
33 Railroad Avenue
Middletown, NY 10940
(845) 343-6918
morsefh@hotmail.com
<https://morsefuneralhome.com/>

Service

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Denton Presbyterian Church
22 County Rd 56
New Hampton, NY 10958
(845) 374-6886

Tribute Wall

BR

“ *Bill and Kathy Rusk purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Charles C. Kirby.*



Bill and Kathy Rusk - October 26, 2016 at 09:58 PM

MT

“ *The first committee that I served on with Charles was Denton's 175th Anniversary Committee, and as I said at his 90th birthday celebration, He was the most dedicated, hardest working, most reliable member of the committee and it was a pleasure to work with him. He truly was a "fine" man in all respects of that word; he led by example, held to Christian standards and family values. I'm blessed to have gotten to know Charles much better these last few years. Tho we will all miss him here, he has claimed his glory and his reward in his forever home above. Peace..... Marsha Tyrrell*

Marsha Tyrrell - October 25, 2016 at 04:58 AM

WS

“ *To the family of Charles, He was a great friend & neighbor while our family lived on pocatello, Rd. & i'm so sorry for your loss!*

*William Sherwood
Largo, FL*

William Sherwood - October 24, 2016 at 08:03 PM

LT

*Sending my deepest condolences to The Kirby family.... sending my love to you Sara and Erin💕💕
Lisa Tyner,*

Lisa Tyner - October 24, 2016 at 08:35 PM

BM

Bonnie, my sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your dear loved one. I'm so happy that he is happy with the Lord. May you be comforted in the absence of his early presence as you look forward to a Heavenly reunion.

Betty Martin - October 26, 2016 at 07:23 AM

LH

“ Bonnie and family, it has been many years but I would like to extend thoughts and prayers during this time

Lynda(Murdoch) Hogaboom

Lynda (Murdoch) Hogaboom - October 24, 2016 at 07:43 PM

LR

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Kirby. He was a very kind man and caring person. Growing up in the Kirbytown area as a Sherwood connected me to all of the Kirby's. Truly a great bunch of people. Our sincerest sympathy to you all! Laurie, George and Bryan Reynolds

Laurie Reynolds - October 24, 2016 at 07:23 PM

AG

“ Charlie was a great man, he will be missed by many. So sorry for your loss, keeping you all in prayer.

Alan & Laura Goedegebuure - October 24, 2016 at 07:04 PM

KD

“ *Mr. Kirby was an amazing individual! Even though we drove him nuts on the school bus, he always had a smile and kind word for all his students! He understood the importance of respecting everyone! We will always be forever blessed to have know and spent time with him and Mrs. Kirby! God's Blessings to all who loved him! I am so truly sorry for your loss!*

Kathy DeRose - October 24, 2016 at 05:52 PM