



Robert M. "Bob" Kirkland

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Decatur-Robert M. Kirkland, 61, of Decatur, passed away Sunday, July 20, 2014 at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur.

Bob was born September 21, 1952 in Decatur, the son of John and Cordelia Eileen (Fisher) Kirkland. He proudly served his country in the USMC during Vietnam. He was previously employed with the Decatur Public Building Commission for eighteen years and TSC Director of the Macon County Jail for thirty-four years. He attended Trinity Lutheran Church and enjoyed gardening, fishing, and helping others. He leaves behind his sons Chris Kirkland of Decatur and Timmy Kirkland of Decatur, daughter Laura McCormick and husband Brandon of Decatur, mother Eileen of Decatur, grandchildren Christopher, Jordan, and Nicholas Kirkland and Haley and Mariah McCormick, great-grandchild Raylan McCormick, brothers Bruce Kirkland of Harristown, Russell Kirkland of Decatur, and Tom (Diane) Kirkland of Decatur, sister Vickie Kincaid and husband Jeff of Decatur, nephews Shannon, Rob (Lorena), Todd (Kristy), Tommy (Heather), and Jeremy, and nieces Kelly (Mike), Karla (Chet), and Amanda.

He was greeted in Heaven by his father, sister Gwendolyn, and infant granddaughter. Services to celebrate Bob's life will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 26, 2014 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, with Pastor John Laux officiating. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 25, 2014 at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will be in Graceland Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Decatur Macon County Animal Shelter.

The family of Robert Kirkland is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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DF

David M. Freyling posted:

The rain came down steadily as the thunder rolled in the distance like the memory of an artillery barrage unleashed in a battle fought long ago. Three sharp volleys of rifle fire by the Guard of Honor then came the beautifully mournful 24 notes of "Taps", then, did I know this??Veterans' soul had found peace at last.

July 26 at 8:40 AM

JD

Jerry Dawson posted:

Bob was truly a friendly person who never had a cross word to say about anyone. Bob played on our Sheriff's softball team back in the 1980's and was a really good player. Working in the courthouse and law enforcement center for many years, it was always a pleasure to see Bob Kirkland making his rounds. Rest in Peace, friend, you made many employees smile every day. Jerry Dawson

July 25 at 3:31 PM

TS

Tom Schneider posted:

I've had the honor and privilege of working with Bob for more than 20 years and gaining his friendship during that time. Bob was not only a hard worker, he was a smart worker. I enjoyed my conversations with Bob and I will remember his gentle smile. For the family, please remember that Bob spoke of you very often and shared his love for you with all of us! If you ever need anything from the Macon County Sheriff's Office, please let me know. May God Bless you all!Deepest Sympathy, Tom, Amy and Alex Schneider

July 25 at 2:20 PM

SC

Shari And Joe Coleman posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Robert M. "Bob" Kirkland

July 25 at 10:44 AM



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TL

Theresa Lyons posted:

I knew Bob for the couple of years that I worked at the courthouse. He was always so very kind and helpful...a joy to be around; he made me feel welcome as a "newbie" at the courthouse. We also discovered that a former neighbor of his was a dear friend of mine, and he would "catch up" on how Mrs. Kearney, now a widow, was doing. Bob was a great human being, and will be sorely missed. May God bless you with comfort and peace knowing that Bob is at rest in his heavenly home and, that as a believer in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, you will be with him again.

July 25 at 5:10 AM

SC

Shelly Clow posted:

I'm so sad to lose such a kind man! The courthouse will NEVER be the same without him. No one will be able to take care of ALL of us like Bob did. He will truly be missed. Thoughts and prayers to his boys. Shelly Clow

July 23 at 10:09 AM

MF

Macon County Friends posted:

Bob was always so generous with his time and resources with us here at the courthouse. We will miss his kindness and smiles.

July 23 at 9:50 AM

SB

Steve Bean posted:

Bob was the most caring and helpful person in County Complex these past 24 years I worked with him. I was working one Sunday at the Courthouse and was ready to leave and notice I had a flat tire. Bob was driving by and stopped. Just like any other day Bob help change the tire. Peace of the Lord by with you and your family. Thanks for everything and being a true friend. Steve Bean

July 23 at 9:49 AM

DE

Dennismoore posted:

I only knew you for a few years Bob. You will always be one of the best persons I worked with at the P.B.C. God bless you and your family. Rest in peace Bob. your friend Dennis Moore

July 23 at 8:41 AM



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JS

Joyce Sparks posted:

its been along time since i have seen bobby but i do remember when ever you seen him no matter what kind of mood you were in he could always make you laugh. sorry i cant be there but my love and prayers are with you all. love joyce sparks (AUNT PHYLLIS DAUGHTER)

July 23 at 8:08 AM

JB

Joe Berry posted:

Bob was a awesome cousin, only man I knew who would do anything for everyone. Good miss hearing him say " there goes my name sake" gonna miss u, till we meet again Cousin

July 23 at 8:06 AM

SG

Shelby Gant posted:

Bob was truly one of a kind, had a heart of gold and never ending compassion for everyone. Bob had that contagious smile and if ever having a bad day, he was always there to listen, a shoulder to cry on and always offering support! He will be greatly missed by many. May you rest in peace Bobby! Your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers.

July 23 at 4:33 AM

RW

Ruth A . Waller posted:

My heart was so saddened to hear the news of the passing of our friend and colleague Bob. I have seen Bob almost every day for the past six years and he was ALWAYS in the act of helping someone and lots of times me. He was truly a blessing to all who knew him. I will miss him greatly but I will remember him fondly. Ruth Waller, Assistant States Attorney, Supervisor of Child support enforcement.

July 23 at 4:05 AM

TK

Todd Kirkland posted:

We Lost a very good man. Do anything for everyone no enemies. The best ones always leave to soon Gona Be Missed Greatly ??

July 22 at 11:55 AM



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SF

Sheila Fisher posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Bobby was a special person. I know my momma is waiting at the gates of heaven with a broom in her hand ready to hand to Bobby. Payback for all the times he gave her one when she worked for him at the county building. I think I just heard them both giggle. Always remember the good times and the great memories. They will get you through the rough patches. Love, Sheila Fisher and family

July 22 at 11:04 AM

SD

Sherry A. Doty posted:

I have known Bob for 30 years working with him at the courthouse. Always a quiet voice, a big heart and always there when needed. He will never be replaced by anyone in my eyes. My prayers go to his family such a special man. I will miss him deeply as the whole county will. Love ya lots Bobby. Sherry A. Doty

July 21 at 10:16 AM

RM

Rachel Milliman posted:

I am deeply saddened to hear of Bob's passing. It has been a pleasure working with him the past 6 years. He was always quick to lend a hand when needed. The courthouse will not be the same without him.

July 21 at 9:22 AM

CP

Christine Price posted:

My condolences to the Kirkland Family. Bob was one of the most wonderful and caring men I know. I have worked with Bob for almost 20 years and he will be deeply missed. I cannot express what a sadness this brings to my heart. Love you and will miss you always my Bob-o-Link!

July 21 at 4:19 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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