



ROBERT E. KIRBY

March 5, 2012

Robert E. Kirby, 97, died on Friday, March 2, 2012 at The Glen At Willow Valley, Lancaster. Born in Brooklyn, NY he was the son of James Francis and Lillian Martin Kirby. He was married to his wife Alice Gunderson Kirby for 73 years.

He was educated in New York and was ordained into The United Christian Church. Robert began his career in 1938 as a church fundraiser and founded Kirby Smith Associates. He moved his firm and his home to Lancaster County in 1972 and retired in 1984 having served over 2,000 churches nationwide. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church, Lancaster. He was a member of the Phi Gamma Club- Fishers of Men (Evangelist) Outreach, Word of Life and Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association. Robert supported Word of Life Camps, Lancaster Bible College, Dr. Charles Stanley's In Touch Ministries and charter member of the Republican National Committee. His hobby was model railroads and he belonged to the Train Collectors Association.

In addition to his wife Robert is survived by his four sons Russell Kirby of Florida, James (Elvira) Kirby of MD, David (Kathy) Kirby of Orlando, FL, Robert (Abigail) Kirby of St. Johns, BVI, his daughter Martha (Alfi) Leman of St. Petersburg, FL, eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister Grace Alexis.

Relatives and friends are invited to Robert's Funeral Service on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange Street (at the corner of Orange and Pine Sts), Lancaster with Mike Myers officiating. The family will greet friends at The Groffs from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the Service. A private family Interment will take place in Colemanville Methodist Cemetery, Conestoga, PA. In lieu of flowers Memorials may be made in Robert's name to In Touch Ministries, P.O. Box 7900, Atlanta GA 30357.

Tribute Wall



“ *ROBERT E. KIRBY*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *To all the Kirby family,*

I'm so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing - Lori saw it on Facebook and let me know. I wish that I had found the obituary sooner so that I could have expressed my love and condolences in person. Your dad was a true classic and his legacy will live on forever " there's always something". I miss you all and pray for you to be comforted in your sad loss. I cherish all the wonderful memories we share and you will always be a part of my life.

Love, Janet Carretero

Janet Carretero - March 10, 2012 at 04:54 AM

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“ I heard the news from Dawn and Ken Larsen from Lancaster, where they live with their 3 children and 10 grandchildren... it is sad to see a generation pass on, but what a wonderful reunion in heaven there must be !! I called Aunt Lois (Mom's sister) to tell her the news.... (We, Ken(Skip), Billy & I, miss our Mom, Jane, who passed away on June 22, 2011 quite unexpectedly, but we know that she is with the Lord.....Dad, Ken, passed away on February 9 1997)... I remember your Dad with fondness. He had a great influence on my early spiritual life... I remember our trips to Word of Life and our gatherings for those wonderful family reunions and also the visits with our family and yours on a Sunday once and awhile in your New Jersey homes. Mom and I got to visit your parents a few years ago and I am glad that we did. Our sincere sympathy to all of you. We wish that we could be there. With love, Janet (Larsen), Jim, Matthew and Elizabeth Scheiper

Janet Larsen Scheiper - March 07, 2012 at 08:19 AM

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“ Grampa Kirby,

Thank you for all the great memories, Rest In Peace. The Kirby name will continue on for many generations.

Love

Your number one grandson

Jeffrey J. Kirby

Jeffrey J. Kirby - March 07, 2012 at 05:42 AM