



## John Gilbert Kirkman

October 7, 1949 - February 15, 2021

John Gilbert Kirkman, 71, of Mooresville, passed away on February 15, 2021. He was born on October 7, 1949 in Mount Ulla, NC to the late Ross Rogers and Elizabeth Benfield Wilson. He was a very beloved mailman in Mooresville for many years. Mr. Kirkman enjoyed being outdoors on the tractor and driving his 55 chevy truck. He had a great love for his grandchildren, always tried to help anyone he could, and was a friend to all and a mentor to many.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, Mary Kennamer, Glenda Dean; and brothers, Marvin, Jimmy, and Clyde Kirkman. He is survived by his wife, Jan Graves Kirkman; children, Chad Kirkman (Stephanie), Jesse Kirkman (Amy); sisters, Betty Threadgill, Marsha Trexler; grandchildren, Emersyn Kirkman, Hunter McKinney, Colton Kirkman, Isabel Kirkman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 25 from 10:00-11:00 AM with a service following at 11:00 AM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel. A private graveside service will be held at Salisbury National Cemetery. The family is asking everyone wear face coverings and practice social distancing. For those who are unable to attend the chapel service, you may go to the following link for the live stream

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC864hAs96dTRLVVL1la0Qlw/videos?view=2&flow=list>

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a church his nephew has started, Mt. Logan Baptist Church, PO Box 6543, North Logan, UT 84341 or his home church, First Reformed Church, 210 N. Central Ave, Landis, NC 28088.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Kirkman family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

FEB **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Memorial Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ He was a very kind, and encouraging person. He enjoyed people & loved the Lord Jesus. May the Lord be with Jan & his family. Love Sandy Sanchez from New Hope in China Grove,NC

Sandy Sanchez - March 29, 2021 at 01:35 PM

MN

“ Back in John's teen years, I was manager at Derrick Truckstop. John lived nearby and would come to the Truckstop, picked up a few dollars doing odd jobs. He was a well-mannered young fella. My daughter who was around 5 -6 yrs old fell in love with Johnny. He grew into a fine young man. We would see him at the Kannapolis cruise-ins and catch-up on each other. Proud to have know Johnny. Marvin Nunn and family.

Marvin Nunn - February 26, 2021 at 12:10 PM

LF

“ John will be missed in particular by his chaplain. He had a quiet, but effective way of helping veterans at Richard's Coffee Shop.

Leo Fahey - February 26, 2021 at 10:34 AM

MR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Michael Roberts - February 25, 2021 at 02:31 PM

EC

“ Sorry for your loss of John. Prayers for all of you as you deal with this loss today and in the future.

Elizabeth W Chewning - February 25, 2021 at 12:51 PM

SJ

“ I always enjoyed seeing John at Mault's service station in the mornings. He would greet us with a warm smile and upbeat outlook on life. I enjoyed his stories of all the places he had traveled. He always spoke with so much love about his wife, children and grandchildren. We will sincerely miss him.

With Deepest Sympathy,  
Sara Johnson & Family

Sara Johnson - February 25, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ We are sending our love and prayers to all the family. We knew John from Richard's Coffee Shop, he was always the kindest gentleman. He and his wife brought in a box of bags for the gift shop as we were using bags from the Grocery stores.... he will be missed by so many but never forgotten. Sue and Norm Brittain 🙏



Sue Brittain - February 25, 2021 at 09:57 AM

AG

“ I attended church with John and his family for years. John was a great person and extremely personable. knowing him was a blessing. Alan Goodman

Alan Goodman - February 23, 2021 at 07:22 PM

JM

“ Jim Morrow purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John Gilbert Kirkman.



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**Jim Morrow** - February 22, 2021 at 01:27 PM

GG

“ I was in high school with John. He was my postman when I lived in Mooresville. I saw him recently at the military museum at the old Patterson school. He was ALWAYS UPBEAT and smiling !! I sure hate to loose him .

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**Galen a Grant** - February 21, 2021 at 09:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Gilbert Kirkman.



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February 20, 2021 at 06:40 PM

MG

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers at this difficult time. We always enjoyed seeing John and family at church.

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**Mike and Joyce Gregerson** - February 19, 2021 at 08:54 PM

WB

“ *R.I.P. my friend, rest! Thank you for your friendship! Prayers and condolences for your family!*



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**WILLIAM D BUMGARNER** - February 18, 2021 at 12:53 PM

JS

“ *It only seems like yesterday I was in your shop wiring up some new lights, talking about life, just having a good time. My thoughts and prayers are with the family that I never had the privilege to meet. John will be sorely missed, but never forgotten. JJ Sibley*

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**JJ Sibley** - February 17, 2021 at 07:05 PM

LM

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family. John was always fun to talk to.*

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**Lisa Martin** - February 17, 2021 at 02:57 PM

RD

“ *Ralph Deal lit a candle in memory of John Gilbert Kirkman*



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**Ralph Deal** - February 17, 2021 at 01:56 PM

RD

“ I always seen John at Mault's Service Station near China Grove,NC we had long talks about different things.

Jan and the family I'm sorry for your loss, sure going to miss seeing John around Mault's.

Ralph Deal-Mooresville,NC

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**Ralph Deal** - February 17, 2021 at 01:55 PM

LK

To Jan and your entire family. we are so sorry to hear of John's passing. We so enjoyed our time of fellowship together, even if it was for such a short time. Our prayers are with you and yours..Larry and Donna Knotts ❤️

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**Larry and Donna Knotts** - February 17, 2021 at 06:23 PM

JL

“ John Kirkman Family, I am so very sorry to learn of John's passing. Ran into him couple of weeks ago at the grocery store. He was very amazed I remembered him and called his name(even with masks). I used to work downtown and he ran the postal route in those days. We talked for a few minutes, talked about his grandchildren and family, and my grandchildren, etc. Prayers and thoughts for your family.

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**Janice Lail** - February 17, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ So very sad to hear of John's passing. We were not only cousins but goof friends since childhood. John will be sorely missed and always remembered. My deepest, deepest condolences to his wife and children. May God embrace you and give you peace.

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**James Lowder** - February 17, 2021 at 04:39 AM

CB

*So very sorry for the loss of John. Praying for you and your family.*

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**Carol Boltjes** - February 17, 2021 at 10:35 AM

LB

*I'm so sorry for your loss. John was a very nice man and funny too. I enjoyed working with him. He knew how to get the job done. Thoughts and prayers you and your family.*

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**Lesia Barkley** - February 17, 2021 at 10:32 PM

KH

“ *John you're going to be missed by so many people. I have known you for about 15 years, from the Coffee Shop. You will always have a special place in mine and my family's heart. Jan and family I'm praying for all of you.*

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**Kate Hamilton** - February 16, 2021 at 10:57 PM

RP

“ *Jan and family. So sorry for your loss. Johnny was such a sweet person. Prayers.*

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**Reba Poole** - February 16, 2021 at 09:40 PM

MR

“ *Jan and family, We are so sorry to learn of John's passing. Our prayers and love to each of you.  
Harold and Martha Robertson*

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**Martha Robertson** - February 16, 2021 at 08:13 PM

JM

“ I can't believe you are gone, John. We spent so many Saturday mornings at Corine's with Neil, Edna Mae, and Joe, all members of the Morrow family. They are all gone and now I have lost a brother. You will live forever in my thoughts.

*Jim Morrow*

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**Jim Morrow** - February 16, 2021 at 08:07 PM

MB

“ I will surely miss your contagious smile John..thanks for all your support and stories you would tell me at the store. RIP buddy Marilyn



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**Marilyn Bailey** - February 16, 2021 at 07:52 PM

SR

“ Prayers for family and friends . Will miss his smiling face at Corines on Saturday mornings and at Richards Coffee Shop such a nice person May he Rest in Peace

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**Silax Robinette** - February 16, 2021 at 07:23 PM

CM

“ So sorry for your loss.Emory and Cynthia McLaurin



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**Cynthia McLaurin** - February 16, 2021 at 05:35 PM

JY

“ Worked with John for many years at the Mooresville Maon Post Pffice, and so so sorry to hear this news. I will always consider John to b my friend. Keeping his wife, children, grandchildren and the rest of his family I. My prayers. Rip my friend. Judy Young

Judy Young - February 16, 2021 at 04:54 PM

RJ

John and Jan have been good neighbors and friends for 35 years.. He will be missed. Prayers for his family..

Ralph Dickson, Jr - February 16, 2021 at 05:07 PM

RO

John and my Dad, Harold Oliphant worked together for years at the Post Office. John always had a smile whenever I saw him. A Great Man. Prayers for comfort and peace for his family.

Richard Oliphant - February 16, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ Lori Underwood lit a candle in memory of John Gilbert Kirkman



Lori Underwood - February 16, 2021 at 04:51 PM



We are sorry for your loss. Praying for the family. 🙏🙏🙏❤️ Lori Jeff Underwood

Lori Underwood - February 16, 2021 at 04:53 PM

CB

Prayers for the Kirkman family! John was such a nice and caring man.

Charles and Sharon Broome - February 16, 2021 at 06:40 PM

WS

*Jan and Family - I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing Praying that God will wrap His Comforting Arms around each one of You during this difficult period 🙏*

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**Wayne Setzer** - February 17, 2021 at 08:39 AM

WS

*Jan and Family, So Sorry to hear of John's passing. Praying that God will wrap His Loving Arms around each one of You during this difficult period 🙏*

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**Wayne Setzer** - February 17, 2021 at 08:41 AM

GO

*Great man, will truly be missed and rembered*

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**Gerald Oliphant** - February 17, 2021 at 09:11 PM