



Donald J. Kirk Sr.

January 31, 1929 - July 5, 2021

Albany-Donald J. Kirk passed away peacefully on Monday, July 5, at St. Peter's Rehabilitation Center in Albany at the age of 92. Don was born in Albany and was the son of the late John and Rose Huberty Kirk.

Don loved spending time with his family but his greatest love was for his late wife, Katherine Rose Simon. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in April 2019 before she passed in June of that same year.

Don worked as a mail carrier for the U.S. Pine Hills Post Office and later went on to proudly serve as a supervisor before retiring 34 years ago.

Don also served his community throughout his life. He was an usher at Our Lady of Mercy Church until the parish closed. Don was also a life member of the Fuller Road Firehouse. He loved directing traffic and responding to fires even as he grew older. Lastly, one of his most rewarding jobs was helping his family. Whether Don was driving them to the airport at 3:00 a.m., helping put up a basketball hoop or installing a fence, it did not matter what they needed help with, he was always there for his family.

Don is survived by his son, Donald J. Kirk, Jr., and his daughter, Joanne

Buckley (Michael); grandchildren Melissa MacLaughlin (Thomas), Katie Bender (Patrick), Kristin Mathews (Scott), Sara Buckley (John) and Chad Buckley; great grandchildren Thomas, Kate and Olivia MacLaughlin, Anna and Ryan Bender and step-great granddaughter Raina Mathews; brother-in-law Nunzio Hughes and many nieces and nephews. He was also predeceased by his daughter, Kathie Kirk Patrizio; his grandson, Jonathan D. Kirk; and his brother, Jack, and sister, Mary O'Brien.

A special thank you to Nunzio Hughes and Jack Alvaro for visiting dad weekly for many years.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Don's family Thursday, July 8, 2021 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway; unvaccinated individuals must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Funeral services Friday, July 9, 2021 at 11:00 am at Christ the King Church, Westmere, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. The Funeral Mass will be streamed at www.ctkparishny.org

The Rite of Committal will be held at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Donald in a special way may send contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 26 Broadway, 14th Floor, NY, NY 10004, in memory of Kathie Kirk Patrizio, or to the Jonathan D.

Kirk Foundation at the Community Foundation, 2 Tower Place, Albany, NY
12203. To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
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<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Service

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ The King Church
20 Sumter Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald J. Kirk Sr.*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - July 07, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ *Donald J. Kirk Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Kirk Family,
Sorry for your loss.*

Nicole Mestoik (Patrizio) - July 07, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ *To the Kirk Family,
Don and I worked together on a few campaigns. He was a real
Gentleman.
May God Bless you during this difficult time.*

*Tony Catalfamo
Altamont (formerly from Colonie)*

Tony Catalfamo - July 07, 2021 at 06:51 PM



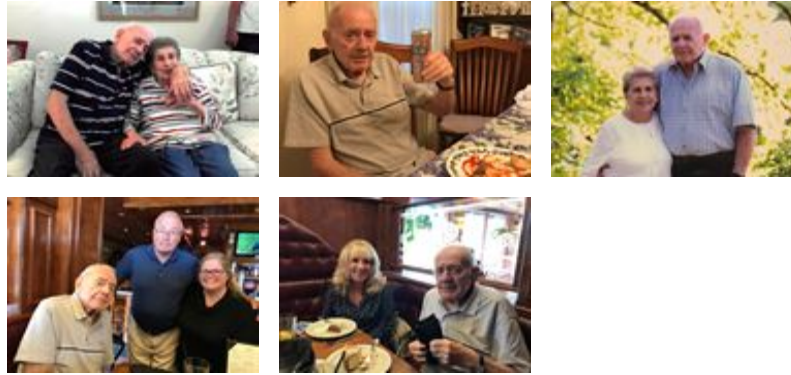
“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Donald J. Kirk Sr..



July 07, 2021 at 03:59 PM



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“ To my cousins , I wish I could be there to celebrate your Dad’s amazing life. To know he is resting with your Mom. Kathie and Jonathan brings me peace. Uncle Don was a character , he made me laugh by being ‘a typical Kirk’ . There is a picture posted on your Mom’s site of the six of them...you Dad and Mom with Aunt Mary and Uncle Obie and my dad and mom all together and looking very happy (at the casino most likely) That is how my minds eye sees the all now.

Love and prayers to you both, wishing you strength and lots of happy memories of in the difficult days ahead.

Debbie Stricklin

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“ Kirk family,

I worked with Don as a fellow supervisor for many years retiring 24 years ago. We worked together doing many route inspections over the course of our postal career. Don was a friendly gentleman who was well liked by many. I will keep him in my prayers and may Don rest in peace.

Al Brousseau Englewood, Co.

Al Brousseau - July 07, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald J. Kirk Sr..



July 06, 2021 at 09:37 PM