



## John Ray Kirby

January 2, 1946 - April 3, 2023

John Ray Kirby, 77, of Rossville, passed away Monday, April 3, 2023. He was born on January 2, 1946 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late John Junior Kirby and Naomi Hayes Cagle and had lived in the Chattanooga & North Georgia areas for most of his life. He was of the Baptist faith and was a graduate of Kirkman High School, Class of 64. He served his country as a United States Marine Corp. Veteran, during the Vietnam War and retired from Rossville Mills after more than 27 years of service. He had a passion for racing, fishing, football, gardening and spending time with his family & friends. He was a loving and devoted father, brother and friend that will be truly missed by all who knew him. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Mavies Marie Henderson Kirby.

Survivors include his daughter, Dana Kirby & (Terry Howell); sister & brother-in-law, Gennie & (Alfred) Greene; and numerous extended family & friends.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, 2023 in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. There will be no visitation at the funeral home. Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

# Cemetery Details

## Chattanooga National Cemetery

Holtzclaw Ave.  
Chattanooga, TN

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR 18. 2:30 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery  
Holtzclaw Ave.  
Chattanooga, TN

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ *Dana Kirby lit a candle in memory of John Ray Kirby*



Dana kirby - April 18, 2023 at 10:21 AM

DK

*Daddy I miss u so much just know everything you taught me in life I remember and will carry with me you were the best dad hero and other best friend for life I love u and hope ur finally in peace with no suffering or pain ill cherish our memories and hold u close to my heart not a day will pass without u on my mind till I see u again rip love ur daughter*

Dana kirby - April 18, 2023 at 10:28 AM

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“ *Susan Cagle lit a candle in memory of John Ray Kirby*



susan cagle - April 11, 2023 at 06:32 PM

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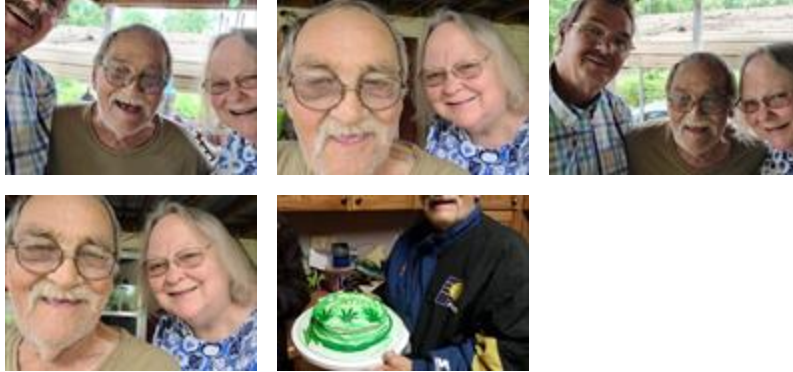
“ *Linda Smith lit a candle in memory of John Ray Kirby*



Linda Smith - April 11, 2023 at 05:58 PM

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“ Johnny was like a big brother to both James and me. We have shared so much together throughout my lifetime. From family dinners at my parents home to camping trips. This is not goodbye my dear friend. We shall meet again. I love you brother.



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**Linda Smith** - April 11, 2023 at 05:56 PM

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“ Phyllis Maynor lit a candle in memory of John Ray Kirby



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**Phyllis Maynor** - April 11, 2023 at 02:10 PM