



## Wally Kirby

March 16, 1947 - April 22, 2019

James Wallace, "Wally", Kirby was born on March 16, 1947 to Dovie Rogers Kirby and Jesse Roland Kirby in Louisville, Kentucky. He died Monday, April 22, 2019.

His family lived in Macon County, Tennessee where he graduated from high school. He obtained his BS from Middle Tennessee State University in 1969 where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order Fraternity and received his JD from Nashville School of Law. While attending law school, Wally was the administrator of the TBI Crime Lab from 1972-1976. Upon graduation he went to work for W. B. Lockert, Jr., as an assistant district attorney for the 23rd Judicial District, covering Cheatham, Dickson, Humphreys, Stewart and Houston counties. While working for the 23rd Judicial District he served under three District Attorneys, Lockert, Kenneth Atkins, and Dan Alsobrooks. He became the Senior District Attorney in 1990, Deputy District Attorney in 1997 and remained until he was appointed as the Executive Director of the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference in July 1999. Wally is preceded in death by his father, Jesse Roland Kirby.

He is survived by his mother, Dovie Rogers Kirby of Hendersonville, his wife, Martha Daniel Kirby, his three children, Ryan (Denise) Kirby of Murfreesboro, Jennifer (Steven) Chaffin of Chattanooga, and Jill Kirby of Nashville. He also is survived by two step-sons, Joshua (Faith) Owen and Adam (Abby) Owen,

all of Charlotte. He has nine grandchildren, Chelsey Kirby, Hannah Kirby, Gracie Kirby, Ryan Marie Kirby, Isabella Kirby, Celena Kirby, Seth Chaffin, EllaClaire Chaffin and Emery Owen.

In Cheatham County he served as Chair of the Cheatham County Democratic party, member of the Child Abuse Council, member of Pleasant View United Methodist Church, member of the Cheatham County Fair Association Board, chair of Junior Pro Basketball league and coached Dixie Youth baseball.

During his tenure with the District Attorneys General Conference he served in various positions; member of Tennessee Judicial Council; member of Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Nominating Commission; vice president, National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators, 2006-2007; president, National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators, 2007-2008; and, board of directors, National District Attorneys Association.

He was the recipient of the Patrick H. McCutchen Award in October 2007 for his dedication to the goals and ideals of the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference and his efforts to improve the quality of justice to all Tennesseans; District Attorneys General Conference Child Support Award; and the conference received two Southeast Regional Emmys for the concept for two public service videos, Meth Is Death and Baby Mama, Baby Daddy. In June 2010 he received recognition by the State House of Representative, Resolution 1402, for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee. He retired March 2015 after 45 years, 8 months of honorable service to the state of Tennessee.

Visitation with the family will be Thursday, April 25, 2019 from 3-8:00pm. A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, April 26, 2019 at 11:00 am with no visitation Friday morning at Austin and Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View, Tennessee. Memorial donations may be made to the Cheatham County

Imagination Library, P. O. Box 519, Ashland City, TN 37015

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **25**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home, Pleasant View  
6316 Hwy 41A  
Pleasant View, TN 37146  
(615) 746-4433  
<https://austinandbell.com>

## Celebration of Life Service

APR **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

WL

“ Marty: I just learned about Wally's passing from the Tennessee Bar Association website. I dealt with him a number of times in his various jobs. He was always a pleasure to deal with. I'm wishing you the best. Kirk Loggins

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**William Kirk Loggins** - April 29, 2019 at 08:18 PM

AS

“ Martha, I was unable to attend the funeral but I wanted you to know that you're in my thoughts and prayers. Wally was such a great guy and did so much for the Conference. He will be sorely missed.

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**Al Schmutzer** - April 26, 2019 at 10:46 AM

JD

“ Jeff Leech Family Dentistry purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Wally Kirby.



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**Jeff Leech Family Dentistry** - April 26, 2019 at 09:03 AM

GW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Wally. He was a very nice man and a good neighbor. He was my next door neighbor on Fox Hill Road shortly after I got married. Wally will be missed by many!

*Genese Hallums Wilson*

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**Genese Hallums Wilson** - April 25, 2019 at 04:46 PM

SJ

“ So sorry Martha and all your family. I grew up in Lafayette with Wally through graduation in 1965. Those were the days when all of our peers were very close and spent many good times together at ballgames and other school events. Wally will be fondly remembered. Sherrill Jones Jones.

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**Sherrill Jones Jones** - April 25, 2019 at 04:20 PM

BL

“ Martha, sorry to hear of Wally's passing. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. Please give Ms Mable my love and best wishes.  
Bobby Lee

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**bobby lee** - April 25, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Wally Kirby.



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April 25, 2019 at 09:53 AM

JA

“ I knew Wally as a colleague from the Prosecutors Assoc. He was a special man. He was always warm and friendly and we hit it off immediately; of course it helped that we were both Bama fans. :-)

Whenever we met up at conferences he was always up for getting together with the group for social hour even after a long day of meetings. We had some really good times and shared some really great stories. There are not enough people in this world that you can just talk to about anything; and Wally was one of them.

He was always ready to lend a hand and he never let his friends down. Even inviting me over to stay at his house with him and Mrs. Martha after the Nashville marathon.

He was the epitome of class without being stuffy. He could laugh at others and himself. He was an absolute joy to be around and was always ready to spend time with friends.

I will miss you Wally. Prayers and Blessings to Martha and the entire Kirby family.

Jason Swann

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Jason - April 24, 2019 at 05:27 PM

NW

“ Nancy K. White lit a candle in memory of Wally Kirby



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Nancy K. White - April 24, 2019 at 04:26 PM

VM

“ I well remember Wally playing Little League Baseball. He was an out standing pitcher. He was in the same class as my late Brother Mike Miller. I can also remember Mr. and Mrs. Kirby. Mr. Kirby contributed to the baseball programs in Lafayette. Wally will be missed by all who knew him!

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**Vollie Miller** - April 24, 2019 at 03:28 PM

NC

“ National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Wally Kirby.



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**National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators** - April 24, 2019 at 09:30 AM

RB

“ Wally was such a nice man and father. I remember when we we both would drop our kids off at Aunt Sue Boyd's. He was always smiling.



*Rhonda Balthrop Bowery*

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**rhonda bowery** - April 23, 2019 at 10:48 PM

RB

“ I knew Wally and his sweet Mother and Daddy in Lafayette. Such a precious family. They all were spotless anytime you would see them. Mrs. Dovie you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. I live in Hendersonville and my phone number is 615-824-3726. I would love to talk with you some time. I worked at Citizens Bank with Jean Davis.

RebeccaMcDonald Vanderpool and Bob - April 23, 2019 at 06:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wally Kirby.



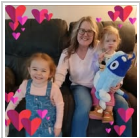
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“ Crystal Brown lit a candle in memory of Wally Kirby



Crystal Brown - April 23, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ Going to miss Wally very much. He was always so very kind to me and my son Josh. So very sorry Martha and family.

Crystal Brown - April 23, 2019 at 10:25 AM

SJ

“ Sue Jones lit a candle in memory of Wally Kirby



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**Sue Jones** - April 23, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wally Kirby.



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April 23, 2019 at 12:02 AM