



Ronald Kirby

April 29, 1933 - August 12, 2025

Ronald Lynn Kirby, 92, passed away peacefully next to his wife on August 12, 2025.

Ronald was born on April 29, 1933, in Allegany County, Cumberland, Maryland. His parents were George Albert Kirby and Anna Lewis (Kirby). He was the baby of the family with 3 older brothers and 2 older sisters. He graduated from Fort Hill High School Class of 1952, where he played football and ran track. This is also where he met his sweetheart, Norma in their junior year of high school. Ronald briefly attended Potomac State College. Ronald and Norma married right out of high school on February 28, 1953. They had 72 years of marriage together. They had a son (Paul) and lived in Reisterstown, Maryland. Ronald was employed at AAI Corporation in 1952 until his retirement. After retirement he and his wife moved to Conway, South Carolina.

Ronald enjoyed golfing, gardening, and his grandchildren. After moving to South Carolina, he became involved in church and he loved to read and teach scripture to anyone who would listen. He was also involved in volunteering at the local hospital and at the college football games as an usher. He was instrumental in putting together a youth football and basketball program in the late 70's in the local town he lived in named Reisterstown. Ron was an amazing grandfather to his grandchildren. He always went out of his way to

ensure that he was informed about their lives. He would make trips monthly with his wife to visit them and he had a bond with his son that was unbreakable. Ron's favorite moments were sitting on the couch watching college football and eating ice cream with his wife. Ron was completely dedicated to his family.

Mr. Kirby was predeceased by 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Survivors include his loving and devoted wife of 72 years, Norma Jean Kirby; his son Paul and (Patty) Kirby of Cleves, Ohio; and his grandchildren and great grandchildren, Joshua and (Amanda) Kirby- New Jersey, Cayla, Madison, and Breanna Coen and (Jose) Marrero- New York, Michael, Harlow, Ruby, and Maverick, Stephiane Woods- Texas, Abygail, Kendalynn, Juliana, Katherine and (Drew) Swalls- South Carolina.

No local services are planned at this time. You may share memories and thoughts in his guest register at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ It was a pleasure to get to spend time with Norma and Ron. He told me the secret to a long marriage was "a kiss and an I Love You, every morning." He always thanked Norma and said "I love you" her when he got into bed. May your memories help you through the difficult days ahead. Kathy Lasinsky Volunteer Coordinator with Patriot Healthcare

Kathy Lashinsky - August 15, 2025 at 09:00 AM

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“ I am so glad I got to meet and know Ronnie and Norma. Both very special people. God bless all of you at this sad time. Praying for you all.
Cassie Yates with Patriot Hospice

cassie yates - August 14, 2025 at 08:16 AM

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Thank you Cassie and to your entire Staff. You all were so kind and helpful to Ronnie and Norma. God Bless you all.

Paul Kirby - August 14, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ I am heart broken as I read this at 10:45 this evening. Ron and Norma have meant so much to me and our family. Always so kind and the best friend to our mom. Pam and I always loved stopping in to see them in SC. Ron was so entertaining with his incredible life stories and some questionable stories but I always looked forward to the next visit. I'm so sorry I didn't get to say goodbye. What a fantastic human being that we loved so much.

Scott Van der Meulen - August 13, 2025 at 11:09 PM

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Scott thank you. Your mom and dad were such great friends. Yes he did have a lot of questionable stories...

Paul Kirby - August 14, 2025 at 10:02 AM

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“ *From a very early age (elementary school) I knew Mr. and Mrs. Kirby. They don't come any better than them. Mr. Ron was always so kind. God bless him and his family*

Bob Landsman - August 13, 2025 at 10:35 PM

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Thank you Bobby.

Paul Kirby - August 14, 2025 at 10:03 AM

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“ *My greatest memories of my Uncle Ronald revolve around his sense of humor and quick wit. He always kept everyone laughing and trying to keep up with his jokes. A year ago when he met my grandchildren for the first time he amazed them with the same wit I remembered as a kid. Aunt Norma, one of his best assets, and Uncle Ronald showed what a loving relationship looks like. I thank them both for being a blessing in my life. A niece, Sharon Nealis*

Sharon Nealis - August 13, 2025 at 06:50 PM



Gods speed Uncle Ronnie. I hope that you are surrounded by all of your loved ones. I sure will miss you.

Krista Collins - August 13, 2025 at 07:40 PM