



## Terry Gene Kirch

February 24, 1949 - March 22, 2023

Terry Gene Kirch was born on February 24, 1949 in Kansas City, Missouri to parents Merle and Arphena Kirch. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on March 22, 2023 in Gardner, Kansas.

Terry is well loved by his wife, 3 children, 12 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and large family. His life is characterized by his deep care for his family and by being an honorable man for all who were lucky enough to know him. Terry and his wife, Kathy, fell in love at an early age and were high school sweethearts. They were devoted to each other and loved each other deeply for 56 years. Along with his love of woodworking, Terry enjoyed the outdoors and you would often find him doing things that he loved such as playing fetch with his dog, gardening, sitting outside, watching wildlife, hiking in the mountains, fishing & most of all playing senior softball with his friends. Terry began his working career with the City of Olathe and eventually climbed his way to the superintendent of the city's wastewater department position from where he retired after a long, successful career.

His family will miss his silly smile and his big laughs and hugs but is comforted knowing that they will meet again. Terry was a Christ follower and he understood that one day, he would meet his Lord. This meeting was incredibly announced immediately after his death by a pack of coyotes howling very near to his home. His family is thankful that he passed away peacefully with

his large family at his side and was released from the terrible disease of dementia. He will be missed by many.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents, Merle E. and Arphena L. Kirch (Richardson) of Overland Park, Kansas. He is survived by his wife Kathleen of the home; son, Michael E. (Melissa L.) Kirch of Olathe, Kansas, daughters Tamela J. (Glenn A.) Stockton of Gardner, Kansas & Leann D. (Chad A.) Schroeder of Rantoul; grandchildren: Madison Kirch, Micheal & Rylie Waris, Amanda Maness, Elizabeth Maness, Deontea Kirch, Ronald & Angella Beaver, Zachariah Schroeder, Cameron Schroeder, Nicholas Schroeder, Derrick & Jessica Stockton, Derek & Sophia Kandt, Alexander & Nicole Stockton; and many, many wonderful great grandchildren all of whom he loved tremendously.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Dr  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 831-3345  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com  
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Reception

APR 1. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gardner Church of the Nazarene  
16640 N Moonlight Rd  
Gardner, KS 66030

# Tribute Wall



“ *Terry Gene Kirch*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM

SB

*My Deareat Terry.....*

*You were always kind, always fair always understanding and always had a smile on your face. I love you Terry. You are thought of daily and I miss you. I will see you again. You were always so fair and genuine and understood all the ups and downs and always done your best to make it better for everyone's wellbeing. You were my hero. Gods speed beautiful man. We will meet again.*

**Shirley Jean Burna** - June 14, 2025 at 08:49 PM



“ *224 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - March 31, 2023 at 01:34 PM

SB

*Such a kind and understanding young man. I loved my cousin dearly. Rest your souls in peace beautiful man.*

**Shirley Jean Burns** - February 04, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Terry Gene Kirch.



March 31, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Terry Gene Kirch.



March 31, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Terry Gene Kirch.



March 29, 2023 at 08:54 PM



“ *Ron and Mary* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Terry Gene Kirch.



**Ron and Mary** - March 29, 2023 at 06:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Terry Gene Kirch.*



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March 29, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Terry Gene Kirch.*



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March 28, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ *Terry and his family have always been a part of my life.his father and mine grew up together and were best of friends. Weekends at the lake and square dancing were what I remember most. Terry always made it a fun time at the lake! May you have an abundance of memories to comfort you.*  
*Kim Wallace Hocker*

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**kim hocker** - March 28, 2023 at 01:51 PM



“ *Played softball a few years with Terry, he loved the competition. Went on a trip to Guatemala with him and saw his zeal for Godliness first hand, witnessed his love for his family and always thought he was a well rounded man to be a role model. Well done Terry,,,, we'll done. And prayers for the family for smiles In memories.*

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**Greg Nelson** - March 28, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Terry Gene Kirch.*



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March 27, 2023 at 10:15 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Terry with family*



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**Tonya Ebner** - March 27, 2023 at 10:04 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Pictures of Terry with family*



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**Tonya Ebner** - March 27, 2023 at 10:00 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Terry Gene Kirch.*



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March 27, 2023 at 09:25 PM



“ *Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Terry Gene Kirch.*



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March 27, 2023 at 08:11 PM



“ *Terry Was Not Only My Cousin But A Very Good Friend. We Spent Time Going Fishing Or Working On Wood Working Projects. We Spent Alot Of Time With Terry & Kathy, Always Stopping For Ice Cream Wherever We Were! He Will Be Missed Alot. Sending Love To Kathy & Family.*

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**Jesse & Jeanne Kirch** - March 27, 2023 at 07:49 PM