



James M. Kirsch

October 10, 1945 - March 21, 2022

James M. Kirsch, age 76, of Jefferson Hills, passed away Monday, March 21, 2022. The son of the late Clarence and Virginia Kirsch, Jamie is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Kathleen (Bowers) Kirsch, daughter Julie Collins and her husband Bob, son Michael and his wife Lindsay, sister and brother-in-law Sherry and Denny Chernay, brother Rick Kirsch and wife Carol, and his nieces and their families. He is also survived by his six grandchildren, whom he adored and found every opportunity to shower with his love and unique zeal for life: Sarah, Emma, Grace, Jack, Cameron and Colin. Jamie's last moments were spent doing what he loved, sinking a par putt on the 17th green. He was a teacher and football coach at Upper St. Clair for thirty years. He was arguably even busier following his retirement in 1999, enjoying his golden years to the fullest - he would play golf on any course, travel to any destination, and relax with his loving family. He was a member of First Christian Church of Fayette City, where he lent his rich voice to the church choir. He was also a member of Nemaquin Country Club, enjoying golfing with his good friends. He had a zest for life and unbridled love for his many friends and family. Friends will be received on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 from 2 to 4 P.M. and 7 to 9 P.M. in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com. 724-929-5300. Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 10 A.M. in the funeral home with Pastor Wayne Boring officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Belle Vernon Cemetery

1000 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.
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Visitation

MAR 23. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAR **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ Dear Kathy -

I want to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family at Jamie's sudden homegoing. May you know the Lord's peace and presence at this difficult time. He always seemed to enjoy being with us at our reunions and showed it with his smile and laughter. He became one of us from the beginning. You were a beautiful couple, and it was very evident that you enjoyed being together!

Carole (Heath) Henning

Carole Henning - March 25, 2022 at 08:49 PM

LT

“ Mrs. Kirsch and family,

You have my deepest sympathy. It saddened me to learn of the passing of Mr. Kirsch. I must still show my respect for my high school teachers. 😊 Praying for your family. God shall comfort you in times like these. Hold on to your memories and as you trust in the Lord know that you will see each other on the other side of glory. I have my memories of USC back in the 70's. I thank the Lord for allowing our lives to touch. A memory of mine was running into you guys at Kennywood as a family. Your kids were young then. 😊 Oh how time changes things. Rest in Christ.

Leatrice Thomas - March 24, 2022 at 11:39 PM

BD

“ *My condolences to the family. I Loved to play golf with Jamie. Even though I am not from Pittsburgh I Went on several Pinehurst trips with him and very much enjoyed his company and his many stories. I especially liked the way he “crowed” whenever he made a birdie.*

Bill Decker - March 24, 2022 at 11:20 AM

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“ *Kathy,
Please accept our deepest condolences for the loss of your dear
Jaimie. May the wonderful memories of him and your faith that you
will see him again keep you and your family strong during this most
difficult time. Know our prayers are with you always.*
Carla (Watts) and George Kranz

Carla Melita (Watts)Kranz - March 23, 2022 at 06:49 PM

JM

“ *Dear Kathy and Family
I have fond memories of Jamie as a tremendous colleague both in
coaching and teaching. He was always able to find the positive in
every situation. I never saw him without a smile and a positive word
for everyone he encountered.
My sincerest condolences to you. May you find comfort in the kind
words, thoughts and prayers of so many friends.
You will be in the thoughts and prayers of my family and me.*

Jerry Malarkey

Jerry Malarkey - March 23, 2022 at 03:06 PM

GD

“ *My sympathies to Jamie's family. He was a golfing friend at NCC.
I always enjoyed his friendliness and good humor!*

Dr George Jones

George Jones, M. D. - March 23, 2022 at 11:10 AM

TB

“ Dear Kathy--
We were sorry to hear of Jamie's passing. Our hope is that you and your family will be comforted by faith, memories, love and the support of friends and one another.
Barb and Ted Barnett

Ted Barnett - March 23, 2022 at 09:48 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James M. Kirsch.



March 23, 2022 at 08:21 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of James M. Kirsch.



March 23, 2022 at 07:46 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James M. Kirsch.



March 22, 2022 at 09:02 PM

KM

“ I'll never forget the moment Mr. Kirsch gave me a huge bear hug on the frozen field after we won the 1989 PA State Championship game. We were both in tears. Life moment. Great man. Heartfelt condolences to the entire Kirsch family. Keith Martin

Keith Martin - March 22, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James M. Kirsch.



March 22, 2022 at 05:28 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of James M. Kirsch.



March 22, 2022 at 05:07 PM

CL

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. From your stories of your family, and the few times that I met him, I know that he was someone who shed a lot of light on this world. Prayers to you and your beautiful family,
Cheryl Leonard

Cheryl Leonard - March 22, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James M. Kirsch.*



March 22, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Dear Kathy, Julie and Michael.....
I am thinking of all of you, with this great loss.....So very sorry.....I, too, thought he was a Special Guy!.....I have thought of you guys often.....and remember it was Kathy, who invited me to a friendly gathering one afternoon, close to Christmas.....when I was new to the neighborhood.....and I met so many, who became good friends!
Knowing Jamie is now with The Lord.....has much comfort to it.....and I will pray for all of you.....His Dear Family.....Sending much Love and Hugs....
Dorothy Smoyer and Family.....*

Dorothy Smoyer - March 22, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ *Kathy Baer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James M. Kirsch.*



Kathy Baer - March 22, 2022 at 01:56 PM

TK

“ *The Cushenberry's - Ernestine & Karen purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James M. Kirsch.*



The Cushenberry's - Ernestine & Karen - March 22, 2022 at 01:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James M. Kirsch.*



March 22, 2022 at 01:34 PM

JO

“ *Jewel Omslaer purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of James M. Kirsch.*



Jewel Omslaer - March 22, 2022 at 12:42 PM

RA

“ *Rick, Carole, Beth, Chris, Ricki, Amelia purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James M. Kirsch.*



Rick, Carole, Beth, Chris, Ricki, Amelia - March 22, 2022 at 08:24 AM