



Jonathan Lewis Kirkman

November 29, 1935 - December 22, 2014

Mr. Jonathan "John" Lewis Kirkman, age 79 of Oxford, passed away Monday, December 22, 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ottis and Ethel Kirkman. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Yvonne Kirkman, Oxford; son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan William and Jena Kirkman; grandsons, Joshua Kirkman and Justin Kirkman, Greensboro, NC; sisters and brother-in-law, Lynda Coleman, Ocala, FL, Margaret Anna and Ed Richardson, Liberty, NC; brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Martha Kirkman, Piedmont, SC; many nieces and nephews. Mr. Kirkman had been a Ham Radio Operator since he was 15 years old and was active in the Corvair Club. He was an active member at Crossroads UMC. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, December 27, 2014 at 3 p.m. at Crossroads UMC with Rev. Zack Martin officiating; interment will follow at Walnut Grove UMC Cemetery, Loganville, GA. Family will receive friends from 1 until 3 p.m. prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Crossroads UMC, 2460 Highway 138 NE, Conyers, GA 30013. Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

Walnut Grove UMC Cemetery

915 Church Way
Walnut Grove UMC Cemetery, GA 30052

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Crossroads United Methodist Church
2460 Highway 138 NE
Conyers, GA 30013

Service

DEC 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ I'm deeply sorry for your loss. I hope the words found in the bible at Isaiah 25:8 brings comfort. God promises to "swallow up death forever". No more will we have to suffer heartache for God says he will "wipe away the tears from all faces". Such a joyous time it will be; reunited with our dead loved ones!

cheyenne - January 18, 2015 at 08:41 AM

MB

“ I had the pleasure of working for Mr Kirkman. I would go to work every morning Mr Kirkman always had a smile on his face .Mr Kirkman never complained about anything even when he didn't feel well . I would ask him Mr John what would you like for breakfast he would look at me and smile and say a big breakfast . So his big breakfast was 4 pieces of bacon 2 eggs with a lots of cheese ,grits and a piece of toast with grape jelly. Mr John always blessed his food before he ate so I stand their with him. We would say when he would be standing up Big John Big Bad John Mr Kirkman would be saying it to... I was 36 years old I have never made a meatloaf Mr Kirkman sat in the kitchen and told me how to make one.. I have been so blessed the year and half that I got to work for Mr Kirkman.... I will forever miss Big John Michelle Banks

Michelle Banks - January 01, 2015 at 01:18 PM

JC

“ I had the privilege to work as a caregiver with the Kirkmans as a caregiver for 14 months. Mr. Kirkman was the most humble, but firm and fun loving gentleman in all of my years as a certified nurse assistance. Each day that I left his home he had given me something to smile or laugh about. When I would leave for the day and say , now you try to be good, he would say " "I'm always good". When I come in and say, "good morning big John", he answered , "Big Bad John". I learned to say my blessing with a new perspective after hearing Mr. Kirkman say his grace .Whenever he blessed the food before he ate, he always reached for our hands even if we weren't eating with him. I will never forget how he encouraged me to help him do something that I once had no interest in, putting puzzles together. Now I really enjoy it! I will forever miss Mr. Big Bad John.Janice Carter

Janice Carter - December 31, 2014 at 03:15 PM

PP

“ Dear Vonnie, I was shocked beyond belief when I saw that "Big John" had passed away. I have just now seen the notice on e-mail - otherwise, you know that I would have been there. John was such a funny person to be around and that big ole laugh of his just started everyone laughing. We all had such a ball in the Building Engineering group, and John was so much a part of that. It has been a long time since I saw John - It was at Frank Hollis wife's funeral, and that was a long time ago. You will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. John was always talking about you, so please know and be assured that you were the light of his life. God Bless

Much Love,
Phyllis (Tate) Price

Phyllis Price - December 29, 2014 at 01:50 AM

LL

“ John was a positive influence on The Central States VHF Society, a national amateur radio organization. John was a man of character that was recognized by many in the organization, a trait that endeared him to hundreds of amateur radio operators. John committed each annual convention to the Lord as he prayed for the group. Personally, it has been a privilege to know John over the years. Lauren Libby, W0LD, Colorado Springs, Colorado and Cary, North Carolina.

Lauren Libby - December 24, 2014 at 09:11 PM

BR

“ John will be missed by all the members of Central States VHF Society. John and Yvonne traveled each summer to wherever the conference was held. We enjoyed working him on the air when radio conditions permitted, but really enjoyed his friendship when we could talk at conferences. 73 to W4WDH de W9FZ Bruce Richardson

Bruce Richardson - December 24, 2014 at 08:07 PM



“ Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Jonathan Lewis Kirkman.



December 24, 2014 at 01:47 PM