



## Richard B. Kirk

April 8, 1928 - February 15, 2024

Richard B. Kirk, age 95 of Mattoon, IL passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at Odd Fellow-Rebekah Home in Mattoon, IL.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at the First Baptist Church, 1804 S. 9th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938. Reverend Dennis Strawn will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Mattoon, IL. Military Rites will be conducted by Mattoon VFW Post 4325. The visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Tuesday evening, February 20, 2024, at the church. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services.

Richard was born on April 8, 1928, in Mattoon, IL to the late Clyde and Grace B. (Webb) Kirk. He married Norma Jean Seaman on June 27, 1948, in Mattoon, IL; she preceded him in death on August 22, 2016. He is survived by one daughter, Shelley ZuHone and husband Dan of Mattoon, IL; six grandchildren: John ZuHone and wife Jessi of Quincy, MA, Megan Lakemacher and husband Justin of Shakopee, MN, Bethany Kirk of Sullivan, IL, Bostyn Kirk and fiancé Brandon Hahn of Tuscola, IL, Baylee Bath and husband Derric of Fishers, IN, Brennyn Daily and husband Dru of Sullivan, IL; six great-grandchildren: William and Audrey ZuHone, Ryland Lakemacher, Leighton Bath, Bennett and Andie Daily; and daughter-in-law, Sarah Kirk of Gays, IL. He was preceded in death by one son, Mike Kirk; one grandson, Kirk ZuHone; and one great-grandson, Brady Daily.

Mr. Kirk was a proud veteran of the US Army and served during the Korean Conflict. He was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church and a thirty-five-year member of the Kiwanis Club both in Mattoon, IL.

For more than thirty-six years, he was an insurance agent at Country Companies in Mattoon, IL. He also ran a small family business, R. B. Kirk and Son Trucking, where he worked alongside his son, Mike. After his retirement he worked as a farm hand.

A skilled craftsman and carpenter, Richard took pride in making wooden cars with motors and doll houses for his grandchildren. He also built two boats from scratch. Even in his older years he had a mini workstation in his nursing home room where he built wooden bird houses and toys that he gifted to family, friends, nurses, and doctors.

He was a member of the Lettermen Club and was later inducted into the Mattoon High School Hall of Fame for his accomplishments in football.

Richard's most heartwarming moments were those spent with family and friends. He savored the memories made.

Memorials in his honor may be made to the First Baptist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memorial Gardens

1701 Dewitt Avenue  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
1804 S 9th Street  
Mattoon, IL 61938

## Service

FEB 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
1804 S 9th Street  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Tribute Wall



“ Shelley, so sorry to see that your dad has passed. Thinking of you.  
Mindy Willingham Wingler.

Mindy Wingler - February 26, 2024 at 07:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Richard B. Kirk.



February 20, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ LLC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard B. Kirk.

LLC - February 20, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Richard B. Kirk.



February 19, 2024 at 03:45 PM



“ Ben wheeler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard B. Kirk.

Ben wheeler - February 19, 2024 at 03:45 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - February 19, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ The Sabean Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard B. Kirk.



The Sabean Family - February 19, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ The Sabean Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard B. Kirk.

The Sabean Family - February 19, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ Good Man, Good Cousin he is missed by many. Mick Highland

Mick Highland - February 17, 2024 at 02:46 PM

PS

“ Richard I will miss you more than words can say. You were gruff on the outside but a sweetheart through and through. You're laugh used to crack me up when you would tell me stories of you and my dad. All the toys you made for everyone! Oh how Braxton treasures them all! I want you to know you are LOVED BY SO MANY! You were one of many blessings I was able to receive! My prayers are with Shelley and the family. ❤️👤🙏

Penny Shinholster - February 17, 2024 at 09:54 AM

KC

“ Kathi Janssen Cobble lit a candle in memory of Richard B. Kirk



kathi janssen cobble - February 17, 2024 at 08:31 AM

DW

“ Deanna and James Whitlow purchased the Faire st of All for the family of Richard B. Kirk.



Deanna and James Whitlow - February 16, 2024 at 08:45 PM

SS

“ Stacy Sewell lit a candle in memory of Richard B. Kirk



Stacy Sewell - February 16, 2024 at 08:44 PM

KP

*Dick was a great man of God and a good friend to many. He will greatly missed my many. Kay Henderson Pease.*

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**Kay Pease** - February 17, 2024 at 05:37 PM

MW

*Shelley, so sorry to read the loss of your dad. Thinking of you and your family.*

*Mindy Willingham Wingler.*

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**mindy wingler** - February 18, 2024 at 03:19 PM