



Bruce E. Kirk

July 5, 1959 - May 9, 2026

Bruce E. Kirk, 66, of Kankakee, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 9, 2026.

He was born July 5, 1959, in Kankakee, the son of James and Doris (Keys) Kirk. Bruce proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force and later dedicated more than 30 years of service working in the Dialysis Unit at St. Mary's Hospital. He was known for his caring heart, strong work ethic, and the compassion he showed to those around him throughout his career.

Surviving are his husband, James Turrell whom he shared a loving and devoted life with; beloved buddy, Gilley, his dog who brought him great comfort and joy; his mother, Doris Kirk; brothers, Brian (Glyn) Kirk and Brent (Cathy) Kirk; and sister, Becky (Lindsay) Bunch.

He is preceded in death by his father, James Kirk.

The family would like to extend special thanks to the staff at Uplifted Care for the kindness, compassion, and support they provided to Bruce and his loved ones during this difficult time.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date in July, with details to

be announced.

Tribute Wall



“ Bruce was always kind. He laughed and never missed a chance to say hello or help someone out. He will be missed.

Linda Patnaude - May 14 at 11:38 AM

AS

“ R.I.P. Bruce



Alexia Sanders - May 13 at 04:50 PM



“ Bruce, was on of the first employees that worked at St. Mary's Dialysis Center who introduced himself to me. His infectious laugh and smile made my day. No words could describe him because he was one of a kind. To Bruce's friends and family I am so sorry for your loss.

Randi Rexford, EMT-B

Randi Rexford - May 12 at 10:16 PM

VB

“ I worked with Bruce for many years at St. Mary's Hospital. He was a nice guy who I enjoyed talking to. My Deepest Sympathy to Jim & his Family. 🕊️

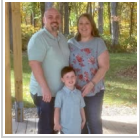


Vickie Bertrand - May 12 at 09:29 PM

GS

“ Bruce and I worked together for MANY years..we laughed ALOT and he helped me out of more jams then you can count..I called him BUBBALICIOUS..HUGS to Jim and all other family members

Gail Shockey - May 12 at 02:45 PM



“ Bruce will be missed. 14 years of working with Bruce at dialysis, he had a way of making hard situations at work feel easier. He was a genuinely kind person, that always made me laugh. He didn't forget me, I won't forget him.

Sarah Spence - May 12 at 12:11 PM

KS

“ I remember Bruce as a very caring employee. My condolences to his family and friends. Cathy worked with me at the hospital.
Kathy Sullivan

Kathy Sullivan - May 12 at 09:58 AM

ES

“ To know You and Hear Your Voice and Laughter was a Pleasure. You Taught and Helped me in many ways That not only as a Co-Worker but as what a Friend would do. You Will be Missed and Remember by Everyone who knew Your love and Kindness. Rest in Peace “ Bruce
“ ❤️



Ellen Sharp - May 12 at 08:01 AM

BK

“ Bruce taught me how to drive in a 5 speed bright orange Volkswagen. One day while driving with him I spun the tires on accident, he said “how did you do that? I’ve been trying to do but never could.” I said I just pressed the gas pedal then popped the clutch. LOL I love you brother and gonna miss you! RIP now

Brian Kirk - May 12 at 06:13 AM

CG

“ Bruce was very outgoing and funny he always had a sense of humor. He took care of my husband when he was living he would put him on the dialysis machine every time he went there and he would crack jokes and just have us cracking up all the time. We loved him he was a joy to be around. I’m going to miss his jokes. RIP Bruce I know you are up there cracking jokes you and Frank.
Sincerely Cindy Griffin



Cindy Griffin - May 11 at 11:12 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to James and also Bruce's family. I enjoyed every minute I spent working at St Mary's Dialysis with Bruce whom I also lovingly called Bubba. Such a solid human being- so kind, funny, dependable and caring.

Lisa Iverson - May 11 at 08:59 PM

MT

“ So sorry for your loss.



Maureen Talkington - May 11 at 08:15 PM

CR

“ Such a humorous person filled with joy, loved our jokes and conversations <3



christian ramirez - May 11 at 08:01 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear of Bruce passing. He was such a good guy. Sorry to the family your in our prayers.



Scott & Patty Haskins - May 11 at 07:10 PM

GH

“ Glenda Hill lit a candle in memory of Bruce E. Kirk



Glenda Hill - May 11 at 06:14 PM

JG

“ Walt and I remember Bruce from Rhein Main AB. He, your mom and you lived right next door to us. We shared almost all our holidays together, and a couple of trips: Berlin and Garmisch-Partenkirchen. While you, Jen and Lori went on a hike there, your Mom, Bruce, Walt and I went on a crystal tour. We had so much fun. Back home in Egelsbach, we shared many dinners, lots of card games, and you girls loved checking out the people who lived in other buildings.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Amber. Sovereign sorry for your loss.

Jill Grzeika - May 11 at 06:12 PM

GB

“ Gloria Bydalek lit a candle in memory of
Bruce E. Kirk

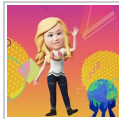


Gloria Bydalek - May 11 at 04:28 PM

GB

So sorry for your loss to all his family and friends

Gloria Bydalek - May 11 at 04:29 PM



So sorry to hear this. We attended the same high school, then met up again at Sheppard Air Force Base. He was always nice to me. I'm saddened that he's gone. My condolences to his family and friends.

Susan Peters - May 18 at 01:52 AM