



## Eric J. Kirchner

October 25, 1959 - July 14, 2020

Eric J. Kirchner was born October 25, 1959, in Kankakee, Illinois the son of Ralph "Butch" Kirchner and Ardis Knight. He passed away Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at his home.

Eric worked at Shoup Manufacturing for 37 years. He was a partner in Kirchner Racing, first with his brother and most recently with his son who races. He enjoyed fabricating and especially woodworking. There was no one he would not help, and there was nothing he could not fix or build.

Eric is survived by his wife, Denise of 40 years, and his son Ben, both of Limestone; his mother, Ardis (Bryan) Knight of Tennessee; his brother, Kevin (Sheila) Kirchner of Bonfield; his sister, Heather (Jeremy) Thurston of Herscher; his step brother, Nigel (Kathy) Knight of Kankakee; his step mom and Pop, Nancy (Jerry) Snedecor of Bonfield; and many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his father Ralph "Butch" Kirchner and infant sister Elizabeth, Heather's twin.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Visitation will be from 3 -7 p.m. Thursday July 16 at Clancy- Gernon - Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee with a celebration of life service at 7 p.m.

Per CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing are recommended.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or to the family for the local MS support group.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUL 16. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

DW

“ So sorry for your loss of Eric, Denise. With our sympathy, Donna & Merlyn Witheft

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**Donna & Merlyn Witheft** - July 19, 2020 at 02:45 PM

DS

“ Denise, oh how I wish there wasn't so much time and miles since I've seen you guys and I wish I'd gotten back to see Eric and tell him how much our friendship and all those special memories mean to me. You have my prayers and heartfelt sympathy. You two have such a wonderful bond... and special relationship the beginning of which was evident from that first date. I love you girl take care and I hope we can talk before too long. Doug

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**Doug Schultz** - July 19, 2020 at 12:03 AM

JP

“ Our sympathy goes out to all the families  
In our thoughts and prayers  
John P. Papineau and family

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**John P.Papineau** - July 18, 2020 at 03:00 PM

TK

“ Deepest sympathy to the family. Enjoyed the times.

*Tommy Kroll*

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**Tommy Kroll** - July 16, 2020 at 02:16 PM

KL

“ Deepest sympathy to all the Kirchner family, thoughts & prayers.



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**Kathy Lott** - July 15, 2020 at 05:42 PM

RH

“ Sending our deepest sympathies, Denise. Our prayers are with you and your family!

-Kurt and Rhonda Foltz

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**Rhonda** - July 15, 2020 at 01:13 PM

GF

“ I Pray that your treasured memories of Eric will keep you strong. With sympathy, understanding and Prayers. Many caring thoughts are with you at this moment.

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**Gerri Fiets** - July 15, 2020 at 08:17 AM

JB

“ Sorry for your loss Denise , I've known Eric for many years and had him bend steel for me at Shoup's manufacturing many times throughout the years . I always enjoyed calling him to do things for me. Sometimes we would talk for awhile before we got to business! You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers 🙏. Jeff and Donna Brandenburg

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**Jeff and Donna Brandenburg** - July 15, 2020 at 08:04 AM

JM

“ *Julie Mitchell-Wood lit a candle in memory of Eric J. Kirchner*



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**Julie Mitchell-Wood** - July 14, 2020 at 10:15 PM

JM

“ *My deepest Sympathies & Prayers to Denise and Family. Such Sweet, Beautiful Memories are brought to mind when reflecting on Eric & Denise, lasting Love & brought Blessings to all who knew them !*  
*Love & Hugs* ❤️

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**Julie Mitchell-Wood** - July 14, 2020 at 10:14 PM

GG

“ *Gloria And Bill Graham lit a candle in memory of Eric J. Kirchner*



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**Gloria and Bill Graham** - July 14, 2020 at 09:48 PM

GG

“ *So sorry for your loss keeping you all in prayers.*

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**Gloria and Bill Graham** - July 14, 2020 at 09:48 PM

CH

“ *Denise, my dear long time friend. I am so very sorry for your loss of Eric. You two were the envy of all of us that searched for true love. You had it, pure and simple. Love you friend, you are in my heart Prayers for you, Denise. Love you*

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**Chricrosman** - July 14, 2020 at 09:09 PM

LA

“ *Lori Allie lit a candle in memory of Eric J. Kirchner*



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**Lori Allie** - July 14, 2020 at 08:52 PM

LA

*Denise and family, so sorry for your loss. Love and prayers to you. (Lori Klopp)*

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**Lori Allie** - July 14, 2020 at 08:53 PM

MS

“ *So sorry to Denise and her family. May Eric RIP! God Bless you all. 🙏*



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**Mark and Lisa Stipp** - July 14, 2020 at 08:48 PM