



George W. Kirchmann Jr.

October 3, 1929 - February 17, 2020

George W Kirchmann Jr., age 90, of Kankakee passed away, Monday, February 17, 2020 at Citadel Nursing Home in Kankakee. He was born October 3, 1929 in Kankakee, to George W. Sr. & Eunice (Offerman) Kirchmann. George married Welita Smithers on October 9, 1955.

George attended Valparaiso University in Indiana, where he played on the basketball team. He also served in the United States Army where he played basketball, traveling across the United States.

He was a meat cutter at A&P, Weiner's Grocery, and McIntyre Meat Market until his retirements. In his younger days, he also officiated basketball and football games.

George was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee. He served on many committees and enjoyed singing in the choir.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Welita Kirchmann of Kankakee; one daughter and son-in-law, Mary & Bruce Fitzpatrick of Bourbonnais; one son, David Kirchmann of Champaign; and three grandchildren, Sarah Fitzpatrick, Ryan Fitzpatrick, and Alex Kirchmann. George was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Larry Kirchmann; and stepmother.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the noon memorial service on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Rev. Karl Koeppen will officiate the service.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

TN

“ It is with great sadness that i read of the passing of George Kirchman, he was a wonderful man. George was the main usher on saturday nights and on occasion he would need some help. It was my honor to help him. If you ran into George anywhere he always took the time to talk to you. His bright smile and personality will be missed. The wife and i wished that we could attend your memorial service but sadly we are out of town. Rest in peace

tom nelson - February 24, 2020 at 04:19 PM

DK

“ So very sorry to hear of George's passing. Quite a very nice man. got to know him at Weiner's and then had the opportunity to have dinner with him at the 100 club gatherings. He was very proud of his son and always talked about his basketball skills. He will be sorely missed. Dewey Kilbride

Dewey Kilbride - February 22, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of George W. Kirchmann Jr..



February 20, 2020 at 10:19 PM

DB

“ To the family of George W. Kirchmann, especially son David. With the loss of any family member, we must concentrate on all the positives that the Lord blessed us with George's time on this earth. I, personally, have been so blessed to know his son David, a great person, father and sports enthusiast. In knowing David, I learn to know George. Accept my prayers for all the Kirchmann Family and always remember, "we are one". Peace.

David L. Beres
Fond du Lac, WI

David L. Beres - February 19, 2020 at 09:06 PM

AK

“ I always enjoyed listening to your basketball stories you would tell me as a kid. You were the best grandpa anyone could ask for. We'll all miss you a lot. Rest easy grandpa, I love you.

Alex Kirchmann - February 19, 2020 at 07:30 PM

LM

“ Mrs. Kirchmann, Mary, David and your families. We wish to extend our sincere condolences to all of you. George was a fantastic ball player and official. Most of all he was a great person. He was a dear friend of our father and mother who both enjoyed having him work with them at the McIntyre Meat Market. May God Bless and comfort you with beautiful thoughts and memories of a fine gentleman and faithful servant of God.

The McIntyre Family

LARRY J. MCINTYRE - February 19, 2020 at 06:09 PM

RW

“ Mrs. Kirchmann (Welita), Mary and Dave. I am so saddened hearing of George's passing. My eyes are filled with tears as I write this. He left such an impression on me. He was such a kind and gentle man. I learned a lot from him that helped me later in life. George was always my favorite Boss but I mostly considered him my friend. My heart aches for your loss. May he Rest In Eternal Peace. I'm sure he's refereeing in Gods Gym. Ron and Sandy Wilkins 1362 Hanz Drive, New Braunfels, Texas 78130 Henry's Crew- 1966-67-68

Ron Wilkins - February 19, 2020 at 01:22 PM

MB

“ So very sorry at this time of the passing of your husband, father, & grandfather.

Mary Kay & Jim Beedle

Mary Kay Beedle - February 18, 2020 at 07:08 PM

SW

Dave and Kirchmann family, I am sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Prayers and hugs for your family-co worker, Sue White

Sue White - February 19, 2020 at 08:13 AM

GK

“ *Rest in Peace Mr. Kirchmann*

When I was a boy he was often one of the SPL boys basketball referee's... He knew my Dad and some of my health issues. On the court it was always Mr. Referee never Mr. Kirchmann. He had one rule for everyone, not just me. If you are tired put your hands on your knees, he would take a referee timeout. If you didn't recover he would have the coach take you out to rest... He and Larry Dawkins saved my tired butt many times, they called me and others Tiger. Our school logo.



Rest in Peace Mr. Referee

Gary Krumwiede - February 18, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ *Deepest heartfelt sympathy to the Kirchmann family!! George knew & strongly believed the promises of eternal LIFE!! He was a GREAT personal support!! You will be missed!!*

*In His Name
John O. Heil
servant of OUR Lord Jesus*

John Heil - February 18, 2020 at 04:04 PM