



Larry Ross Kirkman

August 12, 1943 - February 24, 2021

Larry Ross Kirkman, 77, of Weddington, NC went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ peacefully Wednesday morning, February 24, 2021. He was born August 12, 1943 in Lexington, NC. Larry is the son of the late Rosse Omer (R.O.) Kirkman, Jr. and Faith Berrier Kirkman. He loved his family dearly and is survived by his sister Lynda Anderson of Raleigh, NC, daughter Sandy Higgins and her husband Darren and sons Connor and Aidan of Waxhaw, NC, and son John Kirkman and his wife Jennifer and daughter Michaela and son Christian of Thousand Oaks, CA.

Larry and his late wife Martha (Marty) Blackwood Kirkman were married December 30, 1965. They were committed Christians and dedicated members of Briarwood Christian Church in Birmingham, AL and Christ Covenant Church in Matthews, NC. At Christ Covenant they were part of a special Covenant Group of Christian couples who became very dear friends and family and have been together for over 20 years. Larry served as an elder, member of the board of Covenant Day School, and part of many committees during the 37 years he attended Christ Covenant. Many remember him as kind, quick to tell stories and send notes of encouragement. He was a mentor to many.

Larry enjoyed a long and successful career in consumer goods and insurance sales. He was an avid, third-generation woodworker of colonial furniture and loved history, reading, tennis and golf. He played tennis at Campbell College and was a charter member of Providence Country Club in Charlotte, NC.

A small graveside service for family members will take place at Forest Lawn East Cemetery in Weddington, NC Sunday, February 28th. His family and friends will be hosting an online memorial service in early March and welcome all to attend. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorial gifts be made to the Christ Covenant Church Mercy Ministry.

Comments



“ Larry was a wonderful friend. We bonded over Bar-B-Que (especially Lexington No. 1), golf, and cars, among other things!! He was a generous, delightful man.

He is missed by friends!

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John Windell Sr. - March 07 at 12:01 PM



“ Dear Kirkman Family,
So sorry for your loss.
Jesus has welcomed a great servant in Larry Kirkman, who was the epitome of a shepherd/elder. He was a beloved member of the Coram Deo class who displayed wisdom, character and the love of God.
His frequent contacts with us lifted our spirit and inspired us during the times of COVID. We will miss him.
Hugh and Fran Wise

Hugh and Fran Wise - February 28 at 01:02 PM



“ We already miss Larry as we did dear Mart. We met the friendly & godly Kirkman soon after we came to the church in the late 80s, also enjoying our lovely Covenant Grp that they led. A happy memory for me is the glee Larry got over a surprise 50th BD display on his mailbox-black balloons & crepe paper etc. He knew I had set it up on the dark of night. Mart got the same. We will always hold them dear as well as their lovely children. Carol Bodwell for Ken too.

ken & Carol Bodwell - February 27 at 11:42 AM



“ Danks and I miss Larry so much; the Good News is we will see he and Mart again 🦋
Larry was the spearhead of our Covenant Group. He kept us connected and organized; he often said we were like “herding cats”.

Renee Seel - February 26 at 07:25 PM



“ Larry was the sweetest neighbor and friend to our family, he always had a smile and kind words to share. Larry often spoke of his wife Marty- who has passed before we met her- in the most endearing way, we are so grateful they knew Jesus and they are together now in heaven. We are going to miss getting chat with Larry in the yard and sharing stories, he was precious in every way! Love, The Drees

Rachel Drees - February 26 at 07:15 PM



“ Larry was the best big brother! Both parents worked long hours so he took me along most everywhere he went. I always played short stop on his team when we played neighborhood baseball. He taught me how to play tennis, and I taught him how to dance. After lots of practice in the living room, he could show up at parties and Shag with the best of them. We both were lifeguards for several years at our community swimming pool, and the girls his age were always buttering me up thinking that would get them a date with the handsome older brother. We spent his senior year and my freshmen year together at Campbell University -- oh, the stories I could tell! That is where he met Martha Blackwood his future wife. She was the first girl that I ever thought was good enough for my big brother, and I was right!

With the Covid restrictions, Larry and I spent the this past Christmas holiday at my house in Raleigh. We got tested so we felt it would be safe for just the two of us. We had a wonderful time. He brought Lexington BBQ and all our favorite treats from Conrad-Hinkle, and I cooked the things we used to like as kids. I have many wonderful memories of my brother, but our time together at Christmas will always be my favorite.

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Lynda Anderson - February 26 at 06:30 PM