



Kirk Wayne Baird

September 16, 1959 - February 7, 2022

Lt. Col. Kirk Wayne Baird, 62, of San Gabriel, Texas, passed into the gates of Heaven on February 7, 2022. Kirk was born on September 16, 1959, to Carolyn Faye Baird and Gene Kirk Baird in Taylor, Texas. Kirk attended Thorndale ISD, followed by the New Mexico Military Institute. Kirk graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in Agricultural Economics. After earning his college degree, Kirk enlisted in the military. He served in the Texas Army National Guard (124th Cavalry, the 736th Maintenance Company as Company Commander, the 111th Area Support Company as Transportation Director, and the State Area Command as a Maintenance Officer). After his military service, Kirk worked his way up to a superintendent role at the Texas Army National Guard's (TXARNG) Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site (MATES) program. He also worked as the Director of Maintenance for TXARNG. His service to Texas reflects his pride as a Texan.

Kirk will be greatly missed by his family and friends who remember him as deeply rooted in the community. Kirk's passions included working on the extensive ranch land he owned, spending time with his loved ones, joining in fellowship at San Gabriel Christian Church, and supporting his beloved Thorndale Bulldogs. Thorndale residents will remember the many times Kirk volunteered to help support area youth at sporting events. Family and friends won't forget "Bubba" sipping coffee on his front porch, watching old Westerns, and cheering on the Aggies. Perhaps most importantly, Kirk will forever be

remembered as a loving son and a supportive brother, uncle, cousin, and nephew. His siblings and other family members could always count on Kirk for mentorship, support, and love. His generosity and kind spirit will live on through the family and friends he touched.

Kirk is survived by his mother, father, and sisters, Melissa Baird, Eva Baird, Michele Baird, and Misty Baird, and great-nephew, Marcus Shaw, along with many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his brother, Ricky Baird.

Visitation will be at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale, Texas on Monday, February 14, 2022 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Funeral services will be at San Gabriel Christian Church on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, starting at 10 A.M.

Pallbearers will be nephews, Kenny Shelander, Kelly Knue, Joshua Ware, Brandon Jenkins, Jerrith Baird, and Braxton Baird.

Memorials or donations may be made to the ALS Association at www.als.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **14**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Church Service

FEB **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

San Gabriel Christian Church
263 County Road 421A
San Gabriel, TX

Burial

FEB **15** (CT)

Locklin Cemetery
4653 FM 486
Thorndale, TX 76577

Tribute Wall

CP

“ *My sincerest heartfelt condolences to Misty and the entire family on your loss. May Kirk rest in eternal peace in God's heavenly kingdom. Sending love and prayers for your comfort and peace during this difficult time.*

Celeste Pena - February 15, 2022 at 09:58 AM

MM

“ *Kirk was a true Patriot. He was a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of VFW Post 4009 when it was in Thorndale. He loved his family and his country. I could always depend on him to come by the house before Memorial Day to get flags to put on the Veteran's graves. Fly high Kirk. Prayers for the family.*

Marjorie Menzel - February 14, 2022 at 05:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kirk Wayne Baird.*



February 13, 2022 at 07:57 PM

VF

“ *So sad to hear of Kirk's passing. He was always there for me and his nieces. Thinking of the Baird family during this difficult time. Hugs and prayers to all.*

Vanessa Turner (Baird) Fritts - February 13, 2022 at 06:37 PM

JT

“ Kirk was one of the good ones -
Thorndale Class of 1978-
Rest in peace my friend-
Condolences to the families-
-Jeff Turner

jeff turner - February 12, 2022 at 04:21 PM

CG

“ We are sending condolences to Kirk's family and friends. We remember when Kirk coached little league baseball and basketball. I remember seeing and visiting with Kirk at dances. Kirk you are not gone, just away! But you will live on many hearts. God has called you home to be by his side. He said your job here on earth is done. Come home where there is no pain and sorrow. Kirk is whole and well now. One day we will see Kirk again in our heavenly home. God bless and keep you and your family and friends in this time of sorrow.



Cynthia and George Galbreath - February 09, 2022 at 10:33 PM

GS

“ He called me Sis and knew who he could come to me for any kind of personnel information or help. He was a great guy and will be missed.



Gladys Simpson - February 09, 2022 at 07:44 PM

JF

“ *Condolences To The Family of Kirk. Glad to have known him as a School Classmate in the early days I remember that he always had an interest in military service by reading and developing a mindset of that kind of business looks like he followed and achieved his dream. "Rest In Peace Kirk".*



John Fuessel - February 09, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ *Kathy Bright lit a candle in memory of Kirk Wayne Baird*



Kathy Bright - February 09, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kirk Wayne Baird.*



February 09, 2022 at 02:44 PM

RK

“ *Our time together in the Texas Army National Guard. The trips we shared in Germany, coffee shop, pastries, and the train rides. I sorely miss those happy days with Kirk. RIP my friend.*

Ronald Kirkpatrick - February 09, 2022 at 09:49 AM

JW

“ I will never forget our Sr. trip when Kirk was with the group on the paddle boat that turned over. I'm so glad no one was hurt. Kirk was one special friend.

jana waiser - February 08, 2022 at 10:57 PM



Oh Jana! Thanks for bringing back a sweet memory. Kirk was a great guy.

Patti Smith - February 09, 2022 at 01:49 PM

MB

Great Guy! He was one of the best people I worked with.

Mike Beam - February 12, 2022 at 12:53 PM

TW

My sincere condolences to Kirk's family. Kirk was a wonderful person. I worked with him for several years and thoroughly enjoyed our friendship. I know that our Father in heaven has a special job for him.

Ted White - February 15, 2022 at 11:49 AM