



Randolph Eugene Kirby

February 7, 2018

Randolph (Randy) Eugene Kirby, 78 Born in Charlottesville, Randolph Kirby moved to Alexandria, VA in 1950. He became a firefighter for the City of Alexandria in 1958 and served as Fire Marshal of the City from 1975 until his retirement in 1983. Later he and his wife Lucy moved to the Shenandoah Valley. After her death in 2014, Randolph eventually moved from their residence in Edinburg to Woodstock, VA, where he passed away at home on February 4, 2018. One of eleven children, he leaves behind a brother, Mike, his son, Randy Jr., a granddaughter Leslie, many nieces and nephews, and countless friends. Randolph served his country in the Army Reserve and was very active in his community throughout his life. He was a Presbyterian, a member of the Alexandria Lions Club, and was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Master Mason at the Alexandria Washington Lodge #22. He especially enjoyed teaching fire safety to local schoolchildren and was widely known and loved for his unique sense of humor and playful, generous spirit. An avid fly fisherman, wading the trout streams of Virginia with his fellow firemen became an annual tradition that yielded not just fish, but hilarious stories and fond memories that lasted them a lifetime. A Celebration of Life service will be held Sunday at 2:00 p.m., March 11, 2018, at Woodstock Presbyterian Church, 142 E. Court St. in Woodstock, VA. A light buffet will follow in the Church social hall. Flowers may be sent to the Church on Friday, March 9 from 9:00-12:00 or donations can be made in Randy's name to one of his favorite charities: The Salvation Army of Shenandoah County 617 Kestrel Ct., Woodstock, VA

22664, The Friendship Firehouse Association 107 S. Alfred St., Alexandria, VA 22314 or the Masonic Home of Virginia 500 Masonic Lane, Richmond, VA 23223. There will be a separate service held for Randolph by his brother Masons of the Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. It will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 4th, at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22301. Those who attend should enter the building through the North Gate. All are welcome. A private family burial service will be held at a later date at Snow Creek Cemetery in Statesville, NC where Randolph will be laid to rest alongside his beloved wife, Lucy.

Tribute Wall

WT

“ With heavy hearts, Carolyn and I have to say goodbye to our good friend Randy. I always enjoyed our fishing trips to Nags Head, NC. For some reason, we never packed our fishing poles. Also a fond memory, Randy would tell the story of taking a pair of size 20 shoes and leaving them in the motel room just to get the maid's reaction. We will miss you, Randy. Your friend, Warren

Warren Trice - February 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My deep condolences in the loss of Randy. I've known him all my life; he and wife Lucy were good friends with my folks. He visited our house very often, and I remember him as always smiling and telling jokes. He had a good career in Alexandria, and will certainly be missed a lot.

Sue Emerson Bonnett - February 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I'm deeply saddened to hear of Kirby's passing. His wife, Lucy Norville Kirby, was my second cousin. Lucy and Randy were a shining example to all of love and integrity. He had a smile for everyone in our family and was always cheerful and loads of fun to be around. I know that he and Lucy are reunited in heaven, but But he will certainly be missed by so many people left behind here upon the earth. Sincerely, Lucy Smith Hobbs

Lucy Smith Hobbs - February 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Randy was a true friend to all! He helped me early on when I was just a rookie cop. I have always felt grateful just to know him and like many, enjoyed his constant sense of humor. He used to tell me that a cop was just a fireman without brains. A true and honorable public servant. He will be missed by many. May he Rest In Peace

Mike Crabill - February 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I too remember Randy as a genuine and special friend. I share in his loss and want offer condolences and my sympathy to his family and all who are saddened by his loss. May he rest in the arms of our Holy Savior.

David Lee and Margie Chichester - February 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ A great guy--always positive in his outlook and respected for his energy. The Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association is a better organization for his presidency. We will remember.

Bill Kehoe - February 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Michael, So very sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved brother. I am the only sibling left of my three brothers; no sisters. Just wanted to let you know that you and your family are in our prayers, and we are hoping that God will give you rest. Come unto Me, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. May God bless you and yours in your time of sadness and grief. In Christ's love, Chief Herring and wife, Louise

Lynn H. Herring & wife, Louise - February 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM