



## James Ronald Kirby

September 10, 1940 - May 1, 2021

James (Jake) Kirby was born September 10, 1940 in Ozark, MO, and passed away Saturday, May 1, 2021 at his home in Bolivar, MO. Jake was the third of six children born to James Nathan and Mary Almeda Staton Kirby. He attended school in Ozark, Spokane, Strafford, and finished in Springfield. He also served in the U.S. Army and was Honorably Discharged in 1964. He met the love of his life Jean Manes and they married in his Savior's presence on October 12, 1967. Their love produced five children, James Sidney, Timothy Leon, Jeffery Todd, Rhonda Jean, and Thomas Christopher. Jake's hobbies included working on the farm, in his shop and spending time with his family. He loved to laugh and have fun with his children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and three siblings, Virginia Sloan, Luella Kindred and Leon Kirby. Jake is survived by his wife Jean, his five children, Jim and Marlene of Bolivar, Tim and Michelle of Bolivar, Jeff and Christie of Olathe, KS, Rhonda of Bolivar, and Chris and Alicia of Bolivar, fourteen grandchildren Shelbie, Mallory, Zachary, Trevor, Sydnee, Jessica, Nathan, Sean, Seth, Eli, Michael, Caleb, Hannah, and Landon, nine great-grandchildren, Raeden, Jayse, Alec, Zoey, Paisley, Elliana, Jacklyn, Hayzel, and Hudson, one brother Charles and Kay Kirby of Pleasant Hope, one sister, Rose Nelson of Cape Fair, and several nieces and nephews. Jake was loved by many whom he loved back with his infectious smile and laugh.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Wednesday May 5, 2021 at Butler

Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM Thursday, May 6, 2021 with Pastor Todd Harder officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar.

Memorial donations may be made to CMH Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

S. Dunnegan Ave.  
Bolivar, MO 65613

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
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<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James Ronald Kirby*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *James Ronald Kirby*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Uncle JR you are going to be missed by so many lives because you touched SO MANY....me included. Your laugh was infectious and beautiful. When I last seen you 2 years ago I'm thankful I got to hear you laugh. You had a beautiful heart of gold and always working on someone's mower. Thank you for the memories Uncle JR. I'm going to miss you and look forward to hearing you laugh in heaven. I love you*

**Stacey Portugue** - May 04, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ *Rick Hale lit a candle in memory of James Ronald Kirby*



**rick hale** - May 03, 2021 at 12:19 PM