



## Johnny Herman Kirksey

March 26, 1972 - March 18, 2026

Johnny Herman Kirksey, 53, passed peacefully in his sleep on March 18, 2026. He was the husband of Terri Kirksey. They were married on July 13, 2001. Johnny was born and raised in Fair Play/ Bolivar, Missouri. He was the son of the late George Herman and Sharon Carol (Dryer) Kirksey. Johnny graduated from Fair Play High School in 1990. Johnny owned and operated Kirksey Trash Service for 18 years and drove a special needs bus and worked for the Fair Play Schools for 5 years. He was raised in the Salem Baptist Church in Cliquot, Missouri where he was saved and baptised as a young teen. He loved tinkering in the garage on his 1970 green Chevy Short Bed truck. He loved vacationing and camping with family and friends and taking his grandkids for rides on his golf cart and spoiling them. Johnny was always looking for a good deal on Facebook Marketplace and he called himself the Cat Whisperer. He sure loved his fur babies. Johnny was related to practically everyone and he loved to tell his stories about his crazy younger days. He never met a stranger and everyone knew Johnny. He was the patriarch of our family and we could always count on him to be there for help. He was that way with his friends too. He always made sure everyone was taken care of, or having a good time and felt included. He had a special place in his heart for his bus full of special needs kids and loved them dearly. Johnny had a huge heart, great laugh, smile and loved to tell dumb jokes. Terri called him her Superman and John Boy, which he loved. Even though he laughingly grumbled, he loved making props and doing all of Terri's crazy ideas for the

dance studio, Center Stage. Johnny was a doting father and never missed a game or special event for his kids and grandkids. Johnny was the best husband, father, Pop Pop and friend you could ask for and he will be greatly missed by all.

Johnny is preceded in death by his mother and father George and Sharon Kirksey, Father-in-law Frank Thompson, Sister-in-law Sherri Thompson and Brother-in-law Mark Thompson.

Johnny is survived by his wife Terri (Thompson) Kirksey, his children Garrett and wife Kourtney Kirksey, Taylor Blankenship, Justin and wife Peyton Kirksey, Beau Blankenship and Ashlynn Kirksey. His brother Jesse Kirksey, Mother-in-law Trish Thompson, Sister-in-law Robin Thompson and grandkids Lucille, Vivian, Phillip, Elijah, Henry and Arthur, along with so many other family members and friends that are like family.

Services for Johnny will be held at 11:00 A.M. Monday, March 23, 2026, at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri. Visitation will begin an hour prior to the service starting at 10:00 A.M.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Ridge Cemetery

South 33rd Road  
Aldrich, MO 65601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Van Deren Family + Nicole Young purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Johnny Herman Kirksey.*



Van Deren Family + Nicole Young - March 23 at 11:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny Herman Kirksey.*

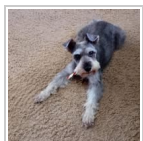


March 22 at 12:50 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Johnny Herman Kirksey.*

March 22 at 12:50 PM



“ *I went to school with Johnny, and would I would see him as an adult, he still had the same smile, and the same kind "Hello". He will be missed. Continued prayers for his family as they navigate this new journey.*



Jo Christian - March 20 at 09:25 PM

PF

“ Presley family. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Johnny Herman Kirksey.



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**Presley family.** - March 20 at 02:05 PM

LJ

“ Leslie J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Herman Kirksey.

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**Leslie J.** - March 20 at 12:04 PM

CN

“ Chrissy Nies purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Johnny Herman Kirksey.



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**Chrissy Nies** - March 20 at 08:54 AM

CN

“ Chrissy Nies planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Kirksey.

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**Chrissy Nies** - March 20 at 08:54 AM

NT

“ *Natha Taylor purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Johnny Herman Kirksey.*



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**Natha Taylor** - March 20 at 08:45 AM

SF

“ *Shawn Carson and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Johnny Herman Kirksey.*



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**Shawn Carson and family** - March 19 at 06:37 PM

BA

“ *Bob, Bobbie Ann, Brian, Jill, Daron, Sherry purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Johnny Herman Kirksey.*



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**Bob, Bobbie Ann, Brian, Jill, Daron, Sherry** - March 19 at 11:32 AM

TP

“ *Tamera, Alex & Taylor Peek purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Johnny Herman Kirksey.*



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**Tamera, Alex & Taylor Peek** - March 18 at 11:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnny Herman Kirksey.*



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March 18 at 10:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny Herman Kirksey.*



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March 18 at 10:24 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Johnny Kirksey.*

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March 18 at 10:24 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Johnny Herman Kirksey.*



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March 18 at 08:39 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Johnny Kirksey.*

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March 18 at 08:39 PM

DI

“ Dana & Casey Ingle purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Johnny Herman Kirksey.



Dana & Casey Ingle - March 18 at 06:54 PM

DI

“ Dana & Casey Ingle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Kirksey.

Dana & Casey Ingle - March 18 at 06:54 PM



“ Extending love and strength to the Kirksey family . I knew Johnny via Jesse.

Cindy Stunkel - March 18 at 04:09 PM



“ Cindy Stunkel lit a candle in memory of Johnny Kirksey



Cindy Stunkel - March 18 at 04:06 PM

RY

“ johnny was always so thoughtful and knew how to make everyone laugh.

rylee - March 18 at 10:50 AM