



Charles P. Kirk

October 29, 1926 - August 13, 2013

Charles P. Kirk, 86 of Clare, passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on Tuesday, August 13, 2013. Charles was born the son of Charles M. and Helen I. (Pommerenke) Kirk on October 29, 1926 in Detroit. He was united in marriage to Helen "Connie" Fiffick on August 19, 1961 in Detroit. Charles had served his country during WWII in the Army, and had worked in the Engineering Department at Chrysler Automotive. Charles and Connie had moved from Warren to the Clare area full time in 1995; together they had attended the St. Cecilia Catholic Church. Charles loved driving and showing his classic cars; he was a former member of the Hudson Essex Terraplane Club. Charles was a fan and enjoyed following the Tigers, Red Wings and Lions. He loved all animals and will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Charles is survived by his wife Helen and children Carolyn Kirk of Rochester Hills, Charles S. Kirk of Warren, Maryanne (David) Kerkau of Farwell and Thomas Kirk of Clare. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother and two sisters.

A Mass of a Christian Burial will be held on Monday, August 19, 2013 at the St. Cecilia Catholic Church with Father Thomas Held officiating. Burial will be in the St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will take place at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Sunday from 2 - 9 P.M. with a Vigil service at 7:30 P.M. Memorial contributions may be made to the Clare County Animal Shelter, the St. Cecilia Catholic School or to Heartland

Hospice. Please consider leaving the Kirk family an online condolence at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery

411 Schoolcrest Ave.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanhf@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Service

AUG 18. 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Cecilia Site
106 E. Wheaton Street
Clare, MI 48617

Tribute Wall

ST

“ Carolyn

Your dad called me many times at the end of softball seasons to thank me for coaching you. He was always warm and gracious. I remember one time he asked me if I thought there would be a future for you in high school football if he taught you to place kick. I said that I had never heard of a girl playing high school football in Michigan. He definitely was ahead of his time! And he was very proud of your athletic ability. I'm glad that you transferred that softball swing to the golf course.

Both Mo and I are so sorry for your loss.

Sue Treciak

Sue Treciak - September 01, 2013 at 02:04 PM

CA

Thank you Sue and Mo. Those are the memories of my Dad that make me smile and warm my heart. I am fortunate to have so many great memories like that to comfort me. Thanks for reminding me of how gracious and proud he was. XO

Carolyn - September 08, 2013 at 09:34 AM

PN

“ I was deeply sorry to hear about the death of “Nyerol” I have very fond memories of him. I remember going over to the Kirk house as a teenager. Nyerol was often working on car parts (he molded parts I think) and listening to the Tigers games on the radio or big band music. He was always happy and very friendly with me. One year for the 4th of July, he took us in one of his Hudsons (not sure which one) and we were in the Windsor–Detroit International Freedom Festival where the cars go across the Ambassador Bridge. It was great!! He had a very good sense of humor and he was always able to put a smile on my face.

With love and hugs,

Pa-mela (how Nyerol would pronounce Pamela ?)

Pamela Nelle - August 19, 2013 at 07:27 PM

CA

Hey Pa-mela, thanks for the memory. We will have so many others to talk about too. . It seems like yesterday when we were cruising around in the backseat of one of his cars in some parade or show, We all love you too!

Carolyn - August 20, 2013 at 10:45 AM

RR

“ *Carolyn and the Kirk family - our deepest condolences on your loss. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Rob and Diane Rudzewicz



Rob Rudzewicz - August 18, 2013 at 07:24 AM

CA

Thank you Rob and Diane. The prayers have helped so much. We all greatly appreciate the support we have been given.

Carolyn - August 20, 2013 at 10:41 AM

JL

“ *janet lutz purchased the Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet for the family of Charles P. Kirk.*



janet lutz - August 17, 2013 at 12:33 PM

JL

“ *Kirk Family, So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Love, Walter Kemp and Janet and Marty Lutz

janet lutz - August 17, 2013 at 12:29 PM

CA

Thanks you so much Janet. It was great to see you and your dad. Mom can't believe he is 98! Ho looks so good. Please let him know I enjoyed seeing him, and thank you for your condolences.

Carolyn - August 17, 2013 at 10:55 PM

PW

“ Dear Carolyn and family,
My deepest sympathy does toward the Kirk family. Although, I never had the honor of physically meeting Charlie (Carolyn's dad) I feel as if I've known him for almost 30 years thru the stories, photos and video's Carolyn has shared with me.
Grief is a poignant part to life that comes with the circle of life however, I hope the family has comfort that they were by his side and he was peaceful.
Thank you Carolyn for sharing stories of your dad with me, they were both heartwarming and funny. I wish I would have met him personally, he seemed like a pretty cool guy.
Love you,
Pat

Pat Wheeler - August 16, 2013 at 06:36 PM

CA

Thank you Pat. Knowing that you are there for me is so comforting. You have been a wonderful friend. I love you too.

Carolyn - August 17, 2013 at 08:11 AM

AR

“ Alan Rudzewicz purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Charles P. Kirk.



Alan Rudzewicz - August 16, 2013 at 09:17 AM

AL

“ Dear "Senator", I will greatly miss our conversations about family politics, the Tigers, Lions and Red Wings. It was always fun to share memories with you about playing ball at Lodge Park on the east side of Detroit and other venues. I thank you for always making me feel welcome and a part of the family. Your wit and humor will stay with me. Thank you for many good times. Alan

Alan - August 16, 2013 at 08:49 AM

DK

“ I didn't get to know Charles (dad) for very long, but for that short time he treated me like i was always a part of the family. Very kind and gracious to me and blessed Maryanne's and my marriage. That meant so much to me! Talking with him about his cars was one of the best times I had with him. I will miss him very much.

p.s. got a wink for you dad !

David Kerkau - August 15, 2013 at 06:50 PM

CA

I am so glad that Dad got to know that Maryanne is happy, and I am so glad that you got to know him even though it was for a short time. I know he will have many more winks for you from heaven!

Carolyn - August 16, 2013 at 08:00 AM

SH

“Helen, Carolyn, Charlie, Maryanne, Tom,
My deepest sympathy goes out to all of you.
We loved your dad very much and are going
to miss him. Your dad was a great man. I
remember coming on vacations from before i
started school. And I remember one summer when i was about 15,
it was the first time I met your dad's sister and they kept talking
about Sonny and Connie. On the way home I asked your mom who
they were and here it was your mom and dad! I remember all of you
coming to PA in the Hudson and driving down Main Street with
everyone staring at us!!! You dad still called me Blondie when we
talked on the phone.
He will be missed, but we all have so many memories in our hearts.
I am so sorry I can't be there with all of you at this time, but i have to
be here with my dad. I am sending lots of love and prayers. Love to
all of you.



Sharon

Sharon - August 15, 2013 at 06:34 PM

CH

“Carolyn,

Deepest sympathies to you and your family
during this difficult time. Take comfort knowing
your Dad is resting peacefully now and not in
any pain.
Love you!
Christine & Don



Christine - August 15, 2013 at 02:48 PM

CA

Thanks, love you guys too!

Carolyn - August 16, 2013 at 07:53 AM

CK

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Carolyn Kirk - August 15, 2013 at 09:00 AM

SH

Love these pics.

Sharon - August 15, 2013 at 07:25 PM

PW

I love these..... oh my goodness the socks tell the whole story.

Pat Wheeler - August 16, 2013 at 06:38 PM

CR

“ *Cheryl Ruffer purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Charles P. Kirk.*



Cheryl Ruffer - August 14, 2013 at 05:05 PM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Charles P. Kirk.*



August 14, 2013 at 04:59 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Charles P. Kirk.*



August 14, 2013 at 04:42 PM



“ *Carolyn, your dad was such a great guy i always felt welcomed in your home! I will miss his warm smile and his calm demeanor! I hope that your mom is doing well! it has to be tough to lose somebody that you were with for well over 50 yrs. Take care and God bless!*

Alan Gandini - August 14, 2013 at 03:45 PM



Thanks Al, Mom is doing alright. She is a strong little lady. We prayed for his peace and he is there now. Thanks for your thoughts. God bless you too.

Carolyn - August 14, 2013 at 04:13 PM

MJ

“ Carolyn:

Jeff, Carlie and I are thinking of you at this time. Your dad is resting peacefully and without pain or discomfort.

*Love you,
MJ, Jeff, & Carlie*



MJ - August 14, 2013 at 01:10 PM

CA

Thanks so much! I know he is alright now.

Carolyn - August 14, 2013 at 04:11 PM

LB

“ Carolyn,

*I remember how gracious both your mom and dad were to me when you brought me to their home for lunch one day. I felt like I was treated like a long time friend of the family. Your dad showed me his garage treasures which was fun for me to share and remember. My sympathies to you, your mom and the rest of the family.
Leslie*

Leslie Benyo - August 14, 2013 at 09:59 AM

CA

Wow Leslie, I had forgotten about that. So great to hear your memory! Dad was so proud of his cars: I am happy he was able to share them with you! XO

Carolyn - August 14, 2013 at 11:10 AM

CW

“ Charles Westergaard purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Charles P. Kirk.



Charles Westergaard - August 13, 2013 at 10:37 PM

CW

“ I shall remember 'til I pass those wonderful times talking cars and whatever with Charlie and Connie. Charlie and I shared our passion for Hudson products and most conversations were hard to end. Connie thank you for sharing Charlie's passion for the old cars, and thank you for your always kind hospitalities.
Charlie W.

Charles Westergaard - August 13, 2013 at 10:20 PM

CA

Thank your Charlie, I will share this with Mom.

Carolyn - August 14, 2013 at 08:15 AM

CA

Charlie, I also want to add that you were a very significant part of dad's friendship circle. All of us kids remember you as one of of dad's closest friends. Thank you again for staying in touch and talking with dad just a few months ago. Carolyn

Carolyn - August 14, 2013 at 11:13 AM

RO

“*"Uncle Charlie" you will be greatly missed. I will always cherish my childhood memories of going to Hudson Meets and Tigers Games with you. I will always remember listening to Big Band music with you in your garage while you worked on your cars. And every year I will say a special prayer for you when I see the first snowflake of the season.*

*Love,
"Raquel Baby" aka Rochelle*

Rochelle - August 13, 2013 at 08:37 PM

CK

He will love that Rochelle! You can now call me when the first snowflake falls, even though I will be just as irritated as my father!

Carolyn Kirk - August 13, 2013 at 09:38 PM

CK

Of course I meant to add an LOL!

Carolyn Kirk - August 13, 2013 at 09:46 PM

CR

The cars, games and music and the things I remember too! Do you remember when either C.P. or Connie had a Fury and we used to make a mad face and say "I'm in a Fury"? Loved the way your parents laughed through life :)

Cheryl Ruffer - August 14, 2013 at 05:13 PM

CA

I remember that we had 2 Plymouth Fury's - one I drove to college- but I dont remember saying "I'm in a fury" with a mad face. This is cool to hear things that I had forgotten!!

Carolyn - August 14, 2013 at 08:17 PM