



Daniel Bernard Kirby

December 30, 1926 - February 4, 2021

In New Haven, on February 4, 2021 Daniel Bernard Kirby, 94, Battalion Chief Ret. NHFD, a longtime resident of Fair Haven. Beloved husband of the late Emma Rose Barbato Kirby. Loving father of Rev. Mark Daniel Kirby, O.S.B., of Ireland, Daniel J. Kirby (Jill Lazusky) of North Carolina, Donna M. Cable (Wayne) of Woodbridge and Terence G. Kirby (Sandy) of New Hampshire. Also survived by his cherished grandchildren Sean (Nicole) Cable, Lauren (Brendan Rieger) Cable, Crystal (Joseph Maselli) Kirby, Kalyn (Robert) Whitney, Megan (Stephen) Lanno, Emily (Christian) Johnstone, Veronica, Michael, Mary and Jonah Kirby and great-grandchildren Baiden and Lochlan Cable, Maxfield Rieger, Magnolia and Ruby Whitney, and Kirby Louise Johnstone. He was eagerly awaiting the birth of baby Rieger in May. Predeceased by a son Michael D. Kirby, a grandson Jeremy Daniel Kirby and by brothers Bernard, Richard, Edward, Francis, and John Kirby. Daniel was born in New Haven December 30, 1926, son of the late Daniel J. and Margaret Mary Gilbride Kirby. Mr. Kirby was the founder and first President of the NHFD Emerald Society. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and a member of the American Legion, NHFD Post 132. He was also a member of the New Haven Elks Lodge 25. He belonged to the Admiral Foote Camp #17, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He served as an officer of NHFD Local 825 of the International Association of Firefighters and was honored with the Lt. James Dillon Award for Service to the Union. Mr. Kirby held dual-citizenship in the United States of America and the Republic of Ireland, having

proudly received his Irish citizenship on November 7, 2012. He was a member of the New Haven Fr. McKeon Division 7 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and for many years chairman of Catholic services. He was also a member of the Knights of Saint Patrick, the New Haven Gaelic Football and Hurling Club, and the Connecticut Irish American Historical Society. Mr. Kirby's enthusiasm for all things Irish never waned. He was a faithful correspondent with his cousins and extended family in Ireland. His several visits to Ireland in the company of his wife Emma left him with treasured memories. In 2001 Mr. Kirby and his wife made a long-desired trip to her ancestral home in Piedimonte Matese, Italy, leaving him deeply moved by the welcome extended him there by relatives and friends. Mr. Kirby was a member of Saint Francis Parish. He served as President of the Holy Name Society, President of the Parish Council, President of the Parish Society, and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Until obliged to stop driving at the age of 90, Mr. Kirby attended daily Mass, at first in Saint Francis Church and later in Saint Mary's and Saint Joseph's Churches. Until he became housebound, Mr. Kirby made a weekly hour of Eucharistic adoration for the sanctification of priests. The family expresses heartfelt thanks to all who cared for him during his final weeks in The Grimes Center, New Haven.

A Mass of Requiem will be held at a later date. Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden has the care of arrangements.

Donations can be made to Saint Francis School, 423 Ferry Street, New Haven, CT 06513 or Silverstream Priory (Co. Meath, Ireland) through the Monastery of Our Lady of the Cenacle Foundation, 20315 South Hwy. 75, Mounds, OK 74047. See <<https://www.cenacleosb.org/support-usa>>. To leave an online condolence please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Tribute Wall

KD

“ *Mark and Family..I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Father,*

Kevin Dinan

Kevin Dinan - February 22, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ *My deepest and most sincere condolences to your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. May God's peace and comfort be with you.*

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” John 14:27

Jennifer DiSapio 

Jennifer DiSapio - February 15, 2021 at 04:29 PM

JM

“ *Fr Mark and Family: Sorry to hear of Dan's passing. We knew Dan since his early days at the firehouse on Lombard Street during the 50's. Over the years our paths crossed constantly. We always enjoyed his company. Our prayers and thoughts are with him, your Mother, and your family. May he rest in peace. Joe & Fran Mulligan*

Joe & Fran Mulligan - February 15, 2021 at 08:56 AM

KK

“ Dear Donna, Terry and the Kirby Family,

My heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your Dad and Grandfather. Growing up in Fair Haven he was a presence in my life. He smile whenever he saw us would light up a room. Thank you for sharing him with us.

Katy King

Kate King - February 15, 2021 at 07:28 AM

FD

“ *Sending condolences to the Kirby family.
Sincerely, cousins Felix and Mike Del Giudice*

felix delgiudice - February 14, 2021 at 01:59 PM

DD

“ *In behalf of The DeRosa family, I'd like to express our prayers and sympathy to the Kirby family. We have known Terence for many years and through him and his stories, know his mom and dad as two terrific people. I'm sure they are holding hands in heaven right now.*

RIP Daniel, God Bless ❤️

Diana DeRosa - February 12, 2021 at 03:40 PM

DD

“ *Deepest sympathy to the entire Kirby family. Rest In Peace Chief
Dave DiVito
NHFD Ret.*

D. DiVito - February 11, 2021 at 08:38 PM

JA

“ Dear Mark, Daniel, Donna, and Terence,

I am writing on behalf of my mother, Lucille Zorena, who was a friend and neighbor to Danny on Grafton Street. My mom thought so highly of your dad that she introduced him to her good friend Tootsie. The rest is history.

Lucille wishes to express her grief over the loss of your dad and keeps saying that Danny must have missed Tootsie terribly. Now, they are together in heaven.

We are so sorry to hear of Danny's loss and hope you find comfort in all the happy memories you have of him. I remember him as always having a big smile on his face.

*With condolences,
Lucille Zorena and her daughter Jacqueline Albis*

Jacqueline Albis - February 11, 2021 at 10:59 AM

PA

“ *Rest In Peace chief, it was great to have worked with you in the beginning of my career*
Patrick Andrews

Patrick Andrews - February 11, 2021 at 06:37 AM

AM

“ *I'm going to really miss you, Uncle Danny. Love you.*

Amy - February 10, 2021 at 02:46 PM

FM

“ *Dan Kirby, a member of New Haven Fr. McKeon Division 7 Ancient Order of Hibernians. He was chairman of our Catholic services for many years. On behalf of Division 7's brother Hibernians, we are deeply sorry to hear of Dan's passing. May he Rest In Peace.*



Finbarr Moynihan - February 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM

EM

“ *A great Chief to work under*

edward malone - February 09, 2021 at 10:16 PM

FK

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Father Mark Daniel Kirby - February 09, 2021 at 02:16 PM

ML

“ *So very sorry for your loss, what a great man, wonderful father & grandfather.*

*God bless the Kirby Family,
Mary & Martin Lundgren*

Mary Lundgren - February 09, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daniel Bernard Kirby.*



February 09, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Bernard Kirby.*



February 09, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Father Mark Daniel Kirby - February 09, 2021 at 12:05 PM



*Donna, Danny, Mark and Terence, what a beautiful picture. My sincere condolences on the passing of your dad. And I did not know your mom had passed. They are together now forever. What a beautiful couple.
Sincerely
Debbie DiGioia*

Debbie DiGioia - February 12, 2021 at 12:28 PM