



## Kenneth D. Kirleis

December 5, 1959 - July 30, 2024

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Kenneth Dale Kirleis (64) on July 30, 2024. On the day he left us the world dimmed. Ken, a beloved husband of 45 years and father of three, will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He was born in Hammond, Indiana on December 5, 1959 and was the youngest of four boys. Family vacations led to a lifelong fondness of being on the water. In fact, Ken owned a boat before he ever owned a car.

He graduated from Morton Senior High School in 1978 which is where Ken met the love of his life, Katherine (Young) Kirleis. He went on to earn an associate degree in supervision from Purdue University in 1999. His career spanned for more than four decades at Inland Steel/ArcelorMittal. He was first hired as a shift worker and retired 44 years later as a Senior Field Force Maintenance Planner.

Ken was a natural fisherman, a skill he taught to his children and grandchildren, who he was so proud of. He enjoyed a round of golf, was an excellent cook and liked watching sports of all kinds.

Ken is survived by his wife, Katherine Kirleis; children, Kenny (Jamie) Kirleis, Kristen (Chris) Bradley, Louie Kirleis; grandchildren, Mary and Kenny Kirleis, Austin and Beau Bradley, Louie Kirleis; his siblings, Arnold Kirleis, Randy (Karen) Kirleis, mother-in-law, Katy Ready, brother-in-law Jeff (Linda) Young. Ken is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gustav and Pauline Kirleis; his

brother, Dennis Kirleis.

The memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2024 at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway in Crown Point, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at 11:30 a.m. A burial will follow at St. John/St. Joseph Cemetery in Hammond, Indiana. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Hobart Humane Society. [info@hshobart.org](mailto:info@hshobart.org). [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. John-St. Joseph Cemetery

1547 167th St.  
Hammond, IN 46320

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG 10. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
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# Tribute Wall



“ The Moore Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth D. Kirleis.

The Moore Family - August 09, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kenneth D. Kirleis.



August 09, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ Love, Brianne, Matt and the Kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth D. Kirleis.

Love, Brianne, Matt and the Kids - August 09, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ Love, Brianne, Matt and the Kids purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth D. Kirleis.



Love, Brianne, Matt and the Kids - August 09, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth D. Kirleis.



August 07, 2024 at 02:39 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kenneth D. Kirleis.



August 07, 2024 at 09:21 AM



“ The Levenda family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth D. Kirleis.

The Levenda family - August 07, 2024 at 09:21 AM



“ I worked with Ken for several years, He was my mentor when I was hired as a supervisor for Arcelor Mittal and he always had my back. Great person and we kept in touch after his retirement. I will always remember him and miss him. Thanks for inspiring me. Rich Junkens

Rich Junkens - August 06, 2024 at 09:58 AM

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“ - Your Stryker Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kenneth D. Kirleis.



- Your Stryker Family - August 06, 2024 at 08:47 AM

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“ Berry & Ewa Tomaszuk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth D. Kirleis.

Berry & Ewa Tomaszuk - August 05, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth D. Kirleis.



August 05, 2024 at 04:16 PM

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“ The Mencias Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth D. Kirleis.

The Mencias Family - August 05, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth D. Kirleis.



August 05, 2024 at 11:59 AM

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“ *Chris & Kathy Hess purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Kenneth D. Kirleis.*



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**Chris & Kathy Hess** - August 04, 2024 at 06:33 PM