



Kirk M Beckert

February 19, 1951 - December 13, 2020

Kirk M Beckert, age 69, went to join his loved ones in heaven on December 13, 2020, after fighting a short but brave battle with Covid 19. Kirk had the unique and special gift of inspiring everyone he met throughout his life. All who knew him will miss his creative sense of humor that could brighten even the worst of days.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Ellen J. Beckert, his son and daughter-in-law, Stephen Beckert and Stephanie Sawyer, his daughter Gretchen Beckert, his brothers and sisters-in-law, John A. and Pam Beckert, and Richard N. and Sandy J. Beckert, sisters-in-law and their husbands Audrey L. and Frank Begun, Amy and Greg Grambeau, and his nieces and nephews: Brent and Lindsey Beckert, Betsy Beckert, Rebecca Beckert, Erica and Bob Veenstra, Dana Begun, Marcie and Michelle Grambeau. He is preceded in death by his parents John P. and Betty J. (Taber) Beckert.

Kirk was born in Pittsburgh, PA and grew up in the suburb of Mt. Lebanon, PA, where he and his family enjoyed many sports and spending time at their ski mountain house in Somerset, PA. He graduated with a B.S. in Hotel Administration from Cornell University, where he met and married Ellen. They lived in Richardson, TX outside Dallas for over 40 years, with many special friends and family nearby. Now retired, Kirk spent the first years of his work career in restaurant development and management before choosing his second career path in education. He spent over 20 years as a special education teacher and coach with Richardson ISD, and as Chief Marketing Officer for Texans Can Academies, as well as time with Summit Consolidated Group, before retiring in 2016. One of his most proud moments was being named Coach of the Year as head coach for the L.V. Berkner HS girl's golf team.

During his work career, he served on the Board of Texas Association of Business, and was also currently serving as a volunteer Governor's appointee to the Advisory Board of OneStar Foundation.

Kirk loved life, and was constantly learning and creating new pathways to spend time with

friends and family. He spent many hours on the golf course throughout his life, as well as hunting, fishing and boating with his family.

Due to current COVID conditions, his family has decided to wait for a memorial service until a later date. Those wishing to make a contribution in his honor can do so online through the OneStar Foundation website at www.onestarfoundation.org, or they can be mailed to the following address: OneStar Foundation, 9011 Mountain Ridge Drive, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78759.

Comments



“ Kirk was a special friend to our Family and especially to my late husband--Milton (a.k.a. "Milt"). Full of life, comical, witty, and fun to be around guy. The memory of Kirk will always hold a special place in our hearts as he was an inspiration to many.

Rejoice in Heaven! You will be missed down here!

Balleria Douglas and Family
Garland, Texas

Balleria Douglas - December 26, 2020 at 01:03 AM



“ Ellen -
We are so very sorry to hear this sad news. May the memories of good times spent together help to provide some small degree of comfort during this difficult time. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Sending hugs your way.
Warm regards,
John Fetters & Coleman

John Fetters - December 22, 2020 at 03:03 PM



“ The Mosebrook family extends their condolences to Ellen, Stephen and Gretchen and the rest of the Beckert family. Fond memories of our kids playing together, on the golf course with Kirk, traveling to Orlando with Kirk and Ellen and listening to Kirk's stories. Had a million of them. Great to see his many accomplishments and endeavors. All well done. I'm glad I got to know you. Rest In Peace my friend.

Karel

Karel Mosebrook - December 22, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ I have so many memories of Kirk. He was such a great Dad to Stephen and Gretchen. What a fun Dad he was! And what a joker! He loved playing pranks! I remember him putting a dead bird in Chandra's desk drawer at Yale and cackling with glee when she screamed! He was the life of the party. Your family is very special to us. Our kids climbed your tree and played with Gretchen and Stephen while waiting their turn for piano lessons. Kirk was often out there with them. He will be missed by many. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Deb And Dave Knust

Deb Knust - December 21, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ 25 files added to the album A life well lived



Ellen Beckert - December 21, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ While I have not seen your family in a long time, I hold a very special place in my heart for all of the Beckert family. I am so sad to read this news about Kirk and will keep all of you close in my heart. I read the obituaries religiously. When I saw Kirk's picture staring me in the face, I realized why I read them ... in the hopes that I will not see the face or name of anyone that I know. It sounds as though he accomplished so much in his life after his restaurant days. Sending my deepest sympathy to you.

Nancy Kariel - December 20, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ Married to my big sister Ellen for all those years, so many family memories, so many reunions and weddings, and Easters, and Thanksgivings! One of my favorite memories happened when Frank and I celebrated our birthdays at “Kirk's” restaurant. He treated us to a fancy, flaming ice cream dessert called a Hardy Har. As he lit it on fire, we asked why it was called a Hardy Har. His response: “Because you are going to laugh like hell when I catch my tie on fire!” Will miss his sense of humor.
Audrey Begun

Audrey Begun - December 19, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ We are very blessed to have the Beckert's as extended family. Our thoughts and prayers to Stephen, our son-in-law, his mother, Ellen and sister, Gretchen. And, of course, our daughter, Stephanie. So thankful that I was able to visit with everyone this summer. Kirk was always so welcoming and kind. We love you and are praying for you.

Marsha Nahra

Marsha Nahra - December 19, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ I'll never forget my 5 yr old daughter and Mr. Kirk about 15 years ago. He was trying to tease her about something and she just turned to him, held up her hand palm out and said..... "Whatever!" We were all speechless. Kirk laughed the hardest. Good times hanging out with the best neighbors one could ever have hoped for. I will be missing the wonderful smells every evening. I could always tell when Kirk was cooking, it smelled fabulous outside. If I had a dollar for every time I said 'Yumm... Kirk is cooking again!'

Rest in Peace. As always Ellen and Gretch, we're here if you need anything.
The Summers Family

DAndra Summers - December 19, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ As an extended “bro-in-law” (my brother is married to Ellen’s sister, Amy) I had the pleasure to meet and spend some time with Kirk on the golf course as well as at the Beckert home in Richardson. The golf and ensuing “wind downs” at the tavern were special times that provided “boys will be boys” moments that remain fond memories for me.

Later, at a get together for his son’s graduation (I think) at the Beckert home Kirk and I were discussing his new (that day) acquisition, which was the latest model Ford Mustang, bright blue, powered by a huge amount of horsepower and a manual transmission. I was basically drooling over it and Kirk, being the “people person” he was, asked me if I wanted to “take it for a spin”? “WHAT!?” So I did. It was amazing and I was thrilled to have had the opportunity to cruise the ‘hood in Kirk’s new ‘Stang, although I was paranoid I would not bring it back in one piece, I did and it’s a memory that will stay with me forever.

My condolences and heartfelt thoughts go out to you Ellen, and your entire family. I’m thinking of you all and know that you understand how blessed you were to have Kirk in your lives, even though he left us way too soon. Take care and may peace and fond memories live with you all forever...

Doug & Patty Grambeau

Doug Grambeau - December 19, 2020 at 12:14 AM