



## Paul Edward Kirkley

October 14, 1949 - February 23, 2022

Paul Edward Kirkley, age 72 of St. Augustine, Florida, went home to be with his Lord suddenly on February 23, 2022 at Flagler Hospital of acute leukemia. He was born in Wilmington, Delaware to the late Paul and Elsie Kirkley. After graduating from the University of Delaware, Paul began to work at the Coca-Cola plant in Wilmington, where he was the manager. He continued this work in Key West and then Easton, Maryland. After serving on the board at the YMCA, he switched careers to be the Associate Executive Director at the Talbot County YMCA. After 8 years in that role, he became the Executive Director of the Dorchester County YMCA. During this period, he impacted so many children and students through coaching and mentoring. Kirkley then returned to Florida where he was the director of the Arlington Family YMCA in Jacksonville, FL. Shortly after, he found home in St. Augustine, Florida where he was the director of the St. Augustine Family YMCA. His true passion was coaching, whether it was his children or the girls lacrosse team at high school. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Monica Kirkley.

Paul is survived by his wife Jan Kirkley of 45 years; daughters Katie Spies (Corey) of Easton, MD; Sarah Music (Yancey) of Yulee, FL; Rebekah Andreu (Keith) of St. Augustine, FL; and grandchildren Maddison Spies, Mackenzie Spies, Georgia Spies, Audrey Spies, Lawton Music, and Emily Andreu.

Paul's most treasured accomplishment was being a devoted husband, father, and 'Popie'. He was an amazing role model to his children and grandchildren,

as well to many others, and even as adults we all still see him that way. He was always there for us through our ups and downs, and taught us to enjoy every moment life has to offer.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday March 1, 2022 at 11:00am at Anastasia Baptist Church, 1650 SR-A1A St. Augustine, FL 32080.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Anastasia Baptist Church  
1650 A1As  
Saint Augustine, FL 32080  
(904) 471-2166

# Tribute Wall

CL

“ Jan, Katie, Sarah, Rebekah & families, I am so sad to hear of Paul's passing. I have a lot of fond memories working at the Talbot County YMCA with him, and attending Talbot Bible Church with all of you. He always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. I agree with George, he brought a "positive lift" to your day. I know he is in Heaven now, and will always be your special angel.



*Love, Hugs and lots of Prayers,*

*Carolyn Lane*

---

**Carolyn Lane** - March 01, 2022 at 08:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Paul Edward Kirkley.



---

February 28, 2022 at 02:02 PM

GH

“ Our Sincere Sympathies to all of the Kirkley Family.

*Paul was certainly a remarkable Husband, Dad, Business Leader, Community Leader, who always brought a “positive lift” to anyone’s day and I always enjoyed his tremendous competitive spirit while taking time “Always” to teach and help and lift up others.*

*He had a genuine gift of making things better for us all with Coke, at the EastonY, Dorchester Y, as a tireless volunteer to TCY Swimming, local youth lacrosse 🏑 in Talbot County, or just taking time to share some “pointers” to our kids - Paul made it Fun to improve and learn 😊*

*He was a tremendous gift to us all and his legacy is one of a great man, servant leader, with a passion to always help others - genuine JOY 😊*

*I know our family were all blessed from knowing Paul, Jan and the entire family - know we are praying for you all. 😊*

*George Higley*



---

**George Higley** - February 26, 2022 at 12:17 PM

GH

*Our Sincere Sympathies and Prayers to the Kirkley Family*

---

**George Higley** - February 26, 2022 at 12:22 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Paul Edward Kirkley.*



February 26, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Paul Edward Kirkley.*



February 26, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Edward Kirkley.*



February 26, 2022 at 09:52 AM



“ *Sending my heartfelt condolences to all of Mr. Kirkley's family, friends, and loved ones. He was a lovely man, and I have such fond memories of my time spent in the Kirkley household as a child. I will always remember his kindness and his caring smile. He always made me feel at home and treated me like family. May fond memories carry his loved ones through in their time of loss.*

**Lacey Talero** - February 25, 2022 at 08:31 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Paul Edward Kirkley.*



---

February 25, 2022 at 06:11 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Paul Edward Kirkley.*



---

February 25, 2022 at 05:58 PM