



## Joseph Calvin Kirby Jr.

September 6, 1946 - June 9, 2021

Joseph Calvin Kirby, Jr. “Joe” was born on September 6, 1946, to the late Joseph and Dorothy Kirby. He was educated in the DC Catholic School System. He furthered his education at University of District of Columbia. He went into the Army in 1964 to 1967 and then did 25 years of government service. He retired as an Accountant Supervisor from the Quarter Financial Report of the Census Bureau. And was the Captain of the Sweet Spot.

Joseph had one son, named Joseph C. Kirby III, who preceded him in death on September 26, 1996. Joe loved spending time with his two grandchildren, Janice Carney, and Joseph C. Kirby IV, and great grandson, name Cameryn Carney. He fell in love with and married Mirvat Suleiman, whom have been together for 27 years. Joe, like his brother Mike, was always the life of the party and loved spending time with family and friends. He was brilliant and could speak on any topic for hours. He was funny and had a great sense of humor. Joe loved the water, boating, and the beach and even the captain of his cherished boat, The Sweet Spot. Joe was an equestrian, too! He loved Jazz and loved to dance, especially Hand-Dance. Cooking and barbecuing were two of his favorite talents, and he was known for his famous chili!

On June 9, 2021, Joseph passed away due to sudden illness. He kept his witty sense of humor, his courage, and his optimism to the end.

Joe leaves to cherish his memory, his best friend and dedicated wife, Mirvat Suleiman; two grandchildren, Janice Carney (Leonard), and Joseph C. Kirby, IV; one great grandson; Cameryn Carney; one living sister, Angela Kirby-Conway, one living brother, Mark P. Kirby, Sr. (Michele) and sister in law, Shelia Kirby' two siblings who preceded him in death, Gloria Copelin and Michael O. Kirby, Sr.; four nieces, Vanessa and Donna Copelin, Erin Watts (Kevin) and Carmen Conway; three nephews, Michael O Kirby, Jr., Stephen Kirby, and Mark P. Kirby, Jr. (Reane); three great-nephews; Terrence Mason, Ricardo and Ramone Woolfolk; one great-niece; Ra'chel Veney; and Suleiman family; mother in law, Samia Suleiman; and four brothers, David (Agnes), Marcus (Nancy), Sammy, and Willed Suleiman; two nephews, Sammy Ramiece Suleiman Jr. and David Rosado Suleiman Jr., three nieces, Beatrice, Madisyn, and Ayva Suleiman; host of other relatives. Close personal friends, Rod and Renee Alexander, and host of other friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Maryland National Memorial Cemetery

13300 Baltimore Ave  
Laurel, MD 20707

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 18.** 10:30 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Laurel  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Joseph Calvin Kirby Jr.,  
Please Click the Link below.



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**March Life Tribute Centers - Laurel** - June 16, 2021 at 01:59 PM

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“ Joe and I have been friends for over 50 years. I first met Joe in 1961 when we both lived on Longfellow Street in D.C. His whole family and I became very close friends. No matter where I moved, I would always keep in touch with Joe. We confide in each other about most problems and I always felt better and loved after talking to my Joe. I will miss him with all my heart. I will keep a part of him with me always. I love you, Joe.

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**Connie King Hawkins** - June 18, 2021 at 11:32 AM

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“ Growing up with the Kirby's Joe Kirby was like a big Brother in the 900 blk of Longfellow st community in the late 1950's and 1960's. He was a very knowledgeable and well known neighbor. We shall miss him here with us. And pray for and send our families deepest condolences. To God be the Glory.  
Alvin Ricks aka Senghor Baye

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**alvin ricks aka Senghor Baye** - June 18, 2021 at 11:12 AM

DT

“ To the family, you have my deepest condolences. Uncle Joe was an amazing, kind, funny and witty soul. I will miss you!

Love,  
Darleata

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**Darleata Tyler-Osborne** - June 17, 2021 at 08:37 PM

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“ Dear Family, Please accept our deepest condolences during this very difficult time. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless, Derrick and Tonda DeVine

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**Tondalayia DeVine** - June 16, 2021 at 10:07 PM

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“ With my deepest sympathy to Mirvat and the Kirby family. Joe was my favorite cousin. I will truly miss him, particularly his great wit. You are in my prayers.  
Be Blessed.  
Candy

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**Carolyn Petty-Martin (Candy)** - June 16, 2021 at 06:16 PM

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To the Kirby Family

Praying that Gods comfort will surround you and may the memories you shared bring a smile and warm the hearts in the days ahead. Remembering Joe at the many New Years nights gatherings at my cousin-in-laws house (Michael (RIP) where we all danced the night away. Gods grace.

Jerry/Jennifer Wilson

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**Jennifer Wilson** - June 18, 2021 at 10:40 AM