



## Kirk Day

July 12, 1971 - October 11, 2017

Jeffery Kirk Day, age 46 of Centre, passed away Wednesday, October 11th at Redmond Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be 3 PM Sunday, October 15th at Gadsden State Cherokee, with Pastor Gene Evans, Pastor Jack Roach and Pastor Keith Day officiating; burial will follow in Union Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 3 until 7:PM Saturday, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers include Dr. Barton Perry, Bob Perry, Ken Perry, Tim Burgess, Lance Lockhart, Michael Lockhart, Charles Hincy, Tony Wilkie, Harold Woodall, Mitchell Guice, Jarrod Bazemore, John Ellis.

Honorary Pallbearers will be all county employees and the class of '93 USMA graduates.

Survivors include his parents, Wayne and Barbara Day of Centre; brother, Keith (Cyndi) Day of Centre; nephews, Justin Day and Joshua Day; niece, Gabriella Day.

Kirk graduated from Cherokee County High School with honors in 1989. He was appointed and accepted to the United States Military Academy and completed his degree in 1993. He served nine years in the United States Army as a platoon leader, company executive officer, and battalion-level adjutant. He completed his career in the United States Army at the rank of captain. His overseas tours included company commander in South Korea and battalion-level adjutant in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In 2004 he was appointed by Gov. Bob Riley to complete the unexpired term of probate judge. of Cherokee County. He was elected to this office in 2012 and served as probate judge and chairman of the Cherokee County Commission until the time of his death. Kirk based his public service on West Point's values of "Duty, Honor, and Country." He felt that government service was an honor and a sacred trust. He loved Cherokee County and worked tirelessly for the good of it's citizens.

He was a beloved son, brother, uncle, and cousin. He enjoyed history, science fiction, and an occasional cigar.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Believer's Fellowship Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Needmore

Hwy 35  
Gaylesville, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MR

“ Although several years have now passed, I would like to express my much belated and deepest sympathy to the family of Judge Kirk Day after learning that he is no longer with us. It was my privilege long ago to have served with him as a fellow delegate to the Mock Constitutional Convention held at the statehouse in Montgomery, sponsored by Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform, and co-chaired by former governor Albert Brewer and former state Supreme Court Justice Gorman Houston. We were both there for several days representing our respective counties (Cherokee and Morgan); and by the end of that week I was honored to consider Kirk a new friend. Other comments posted in this Tribute Wall by people who knew him much better and longer certainly match what I recall from by own experience, and I deeply regret that he and I eventually lost touch. Upon recently learning that a local colleague of mine was a native of Centre, I inquired about our mutual friend and was sad to learn that he had passed away. This world is indeed a better place because Kirk walked among us, and I look forward to renewing his acquaintance in heaven someday.

*Mark Ray and Family  
Decatur, Alabama*

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**Mark Douglas Ray** - March 11, 2025 at 05:08 PM

SP

“ I had the utmost pleasure of having Kirk on my FEMA team working in Rainsville, AL for the tornado disaster recovery in 2011. I'm so saddened that he was taken from us too soon, as he was a dedicated and caring soul who taught me so much with a great sense of humor. He was an essential part of my team, providing leadership and teamwork when needed the most. I also loved the stories he shared about being a judge and I know he carried out his work with the highest sense of compassion and duty to serve all. I hope that his way of being serves as a model for us to continue. I just found out about his passing so I'm so sorry to have missed his funeral service. I certainly will continue my work in his memory. Love and caring thoughts to his family. I'll miss you, Kirk!

Sarah Powers  
Richmond, VA

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sp - December 04, 2017 at 05:11 PM

RT

“ As stated by my wife Laura, I served with Lt. Kirk Day at Ft. Benning, GA and in Korea after his promotion to Captain. Throughout my three year enlistment I remained friends with Kirk (calling him "Sir" even in civilian life as a sign of respect). Kirk was a soldiers soldier. He was the finest officer I had the opportunity to serve under, and I served with some great officers. He was a traditionalist and believed in the United States military. West Point taught him honor, sacrifice and discipline. Kirk was also very knowledgeable on current and historical military operations, especially anything to do with the infantry. Kirk lead by example (quoting the 3rd I.D. battle cry "Follow Me"), with confidence in his NCO's and confidence in his soldiers.

During my own time at Ft. Benning, I had some problems with high ranking officers. Kirk, having been assigned the company XO, assigned me again to his platoon. He had the utmost confidence in me, and because he judged a person for who they were and not by what he had heard, assigned me to leadership duties with little to no supervision. Subsequently, I worked with him doing security duties for DOD at the Atlanta Olympic Games in 1996. We became great friends and he always treated me equally, fairly and respectfully, even though he outranked me.

Post military, Kirk wrote a letter of recommendation for me for my current job as a firefighter in Massachusetts. So, after achieving the rank of Lieutenant, I called him first with the news (and he always loved talking about Massachusetts liberals). He was happy for me. Kirk then came to Plymouth, MA on vacation to visit my wife and I and eat lobster (to which he made a mess) and go to the beach (he got really sunburned). It was a great time. We would talk about soldiers such as SSgt's Simmons and Hertig, Spec Mason and Captain Loffert.

Having just learned of Captain Day's death is hard. I will miss him and am sorry I found out a month after. Mr. Day (Wayne) I tried to call you yesterday but quickly hung up the phone not knowing what to say, just I am so sorry.

I think that his upbringing in Alabama and his time at West Point made him comment to me frequently "you have to take care of the

*soldiers and your men under you". You see, Kirk looked at it as his job as an officer to lead. Advancing to another rank was not as high on his priority scale as other officers. High on his priority scale was the morale and well-being of HIS soldiers. Period. Because, as an Army Infantry Officer, Kirk expected his soldiers to conduct themselves in a proper manner and be good at their job. On a side bar though, due to Kirk's pride and commitment to his men, he made sure HIS soldiers had the right equipment, sorted out family matters prior to a deployment (housing and payroll for families), received proper medical treatment and were trained properly. Maybe you have to have served in the military to understand, but this type of trust and respect created a bond that I still keep with me today. I would follow Captain Day anywhere. He was so proud to be a United States Army Infantry Officer. And even though I long ago adopted his leadership skills, I could never be half the leader he was. That to me is what defined my friend Captain Kirk Day.*

*Respectfully,*

*Lt. Richard V. Toli, Jr.*

*Newton Fire Department*

*Newton, Massachusetts*

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**Richard V. Toli** - November 22, 2017 at 04:42 PM

LT

“*My husband and I are deeply saddened by the loss of such a great man. Rich Toli served in the Army and was stationed in South Korea with Kirk. He came to visit us twice at our vacation rental in Plymouth Mass. Our thoughts are with his whole family during this difficult time.*

*Peace and prayers,*

*Laura and Rich Toli*

*Waltham, Mass*

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**Laura Toli** - November 22, 2017 at 02:40 PM

JP

*RIP kirk love you buddy jim parker*

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**James t. Parker** - March 13, 2018 at 06:08 PM

RH

“ Wayne,  
*You and Barbara are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.*

*-Robby Herring  
Ambulance & Coach  
Nashville, TN*

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**Robby Herring** - October 17, 2017 at 10:06 AM

MS

“ *We're so sorry to hear of Kirks passing. He was an asset to our county and will be missed. Our condolences to his dear parents and family.*

*Marilyn, and David Sanders*

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**Marilyn Sanders** - October 16, 2017 at 01:01 PM

SF

“ *Sweet memories of Kirk as a child growing up at our church. Although we have not seen him since he reached adulthood, his resume and reputation speak volumes. He was known as a man with an impeccable character, a man who lived and followed the values of Christ. He made a quite significant difference in this world. Most of all his accomplishments, he was truly loved and respected by his fellow man. What a glorious day in heaven! Love and thoughts for his family. He will be missed.*

*Sharon Reed Fortenberry  
Laura Barrett*

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**Sharon Reed Fortenberry** - October 16, 2017 at 09:29 AM

JC

“ To Kirk's family: We are so sorry for your loss. Kirk was a good man that we respected, and we were very proud to have known him. We appreciated and respected Kirk for his service in our military. Kirk always did a fine job as Cherokee County's Probate Judge. While serving as Probate Judge, he preformed weddings for several of our family members; and he was always willing to do his best for Cherokee County. We will truly miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with all his family and friends.



Sincerely - Jerry and Patricia Culberson - Centre, Al.

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**Jerry Culberson** - October 15, 2017 at 01:27 AM

WR

“ Family: My thoughts and prayers to each of you in the passing of Bro Kirk. He served as Adjutant for Legion Post #62 before he was elected Probate Judge in 2012. I had the pleasure of serving with him in Post #62 as Chaplain. During this time, he worked tirelessly to recruit members and help the post to improve in many ways. He was a mild mannered servant and always wanting to improve the way of life in our county . The citizens of Cherokee Co along with myself will miss Kirk Day in the coming days. May God bless and comfort his parents, brother .,family and the people of Cherokee Co. Resp, Wendell O. Rakestraw, Woodsbend Al

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**Wendell O. Rakestraw** - October 14, 2017 at 10:17 PM

MG

“ *Barbara, Wayne, Keith and Family,*

*Debra, Sean, Jeff and I are holding you all in our prayers and thoughts. Kirk had the strength of spirit and character that inspired all around him to do well in the world. He had an instinct for leading and for acting in ways that brought people together around the best of ideas and acts. His qualities as a Soldier and an officer set the example for so many who served with him. From the time I met him in our home at West Point when he was a plebe through the times I visited with him at different times in the Army, he was always hopeful, positive, and leading the way. it was an honor to know him. He was a blessing. Your guidance, love and counsel as a family provided a gifted leader for our nation in more ways than any of us will likely know. We will miss him very much. Mark, Debra, Sean and Jeff.*

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**Mark Gerner** - October 14, 2017 at 04:51 PM

MG

“ *Mark and Debra Gerner purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Kirk Day.*



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**Mark and Debra Gerner** - October 14, 2017 at 04:28 PM

TM

“ Kirk, you were my friend, my confessor, my rock. I do not exaggerate when I say that you saved my life by listening. I cannot count how many times we ended a call asking for Christ's guidance of how to balance "render unto Caesar" and "love the neighbor." Wish I had more space to praise a man who dedicated his life to doing right by others. I thank God that I met Kirk that fateful at West Point. The Alabama kid, who went to West Point, and the Pittsburgh Yankee, who went to VMI, became best friends immediately.

*I find relief from my grief knowing that you are with Christ.*

*Thomas R. Michalow*

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**Thomas Michalow** - October 14, 2017 at 02:22 PM

BF

“ BILLY & ELAINE BROOKS & FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Kirk Day



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**BILLY & ELAINE BROOKS & FAMILY** - October 14, 2017 at 10:46 AM

BB

*Dear Barbara, Wayne, Keith, Cindi & Family,  
We are so saddened by Kirk's passing. Kirk was a true Gentleman in every sense. He was so thoughtful & caring, toward everyone he knew & met. One only had to talk to Kirk briefly to know he put God first in his life, Family second & his Country third. Serving the people in Cherokee County was a pleasure to him.*

*He loved the people of Cherokee County & we love him. He was a gentle & caring soul. He loved to talk with Veteran's young & old, about his love for our Country & serving in the Military to help preserve our Freedom in America.*

*He had planned to be at Billy A. Brooks Surprise 91st Birthday dinner tonight Oct. 14th to help celebrate!! I know his spirit will be there, as he was always at Billy's Birthday Parties & was so proud of mine & Billy's Military service in the Army! I know he will be there in spirit tonight & will continue to watch over Cherokee County in spirit!*

*God BLESS you Kirk, you will be missed. Thank you all you did for our County & Country!*

*May God Bless his Family as they go through this most difficult time in their lives. Billy & I love all of you dearly. May God give you peace in knowing what a fine son you raised.*

*Lovingly,  
Elaine & Billy Brooks & Family.*

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**BILLY & ELAINE BROOKS** - October 14, 2017 at 11:05 AM

MW

*Kirk was a dear friend, whose loss will be felt by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was a serious, conscience individual who generously served his community in various forms of activity. He was also a bright, funny friend who enjoyed life. I was blessed to know him through the Chamber of Commerce and also the Republican Committee. May God bless your family in the days ahead.*

*Mel Williams*

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**Mel Williams** - October 15, 2017 at 06:31 PM

MP

*“ Wayne we're so sorry for you and your family's loss. Your in our prayers. Martin Powers, Mobile Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, Mobile.*

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**Martin Powers** - October 14, 2017 at 09:10 AM

RC

“ We are saddened by the passing of such a professional, friendly, gentleman. He attended our Christmas parade during the years past. Such a gentle spirited man. Our prayers are with the family and with the county as it tries to fill a position held by a man with such high moral standards. Some times you don't even have to know a man personally when his reputation speaks for itself, it appears we have lost a good man.

*With our Deepest Sympathy and Regards,  
Rock Run Baptist Church--  
Rock Run Community Cherokee County)*

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**Rock Run Baptist Church** - October 14, 2017 at 02:32 AM

RT

“ Wayne and "B": Our thoughts and prayers are constantly with you and our tears continue to flow as we weep with you. Our Heavenly Father called Kirk to very special places of service in his short life. He served well. We now thank Him that Kirk is not in our past, but he is in our future and we look forward to the day of that great reunion.

*With great sympathy,  
Roger and Gerri Taylor  
Places In The Father's Heart, Inc.*

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**Roger & Gerri Taylor** - October 14, 2017 at 12:17 AM

KW

“ Kirk was a friend, And i was grateful to know him, I will miss him, Godspeed, i'll see you in Heaven. And with all the Love To Wayne & Barbara Day my friend's  
~ Kevin



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**KEVIN WOOD** - October 14, 2017 at 12:01 AM

P(

“ Ken and I send our deepest sympathy to you. Although I didn't know Kirk, I did spend lots of time with Wayne and Barbara at church when I lived in Centre. You are in our prayers.

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**Pam Cardin (Jordan).** - October 13, 2017 at 11:42 PM

LM

“ Kirk Day was a gentleman in every sense of the word. He served his Lord, his Country & Cherokee County to the highest standards, He will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him. Our prayers go out to his family.

*Larry, Nancy & Anna McDuff*

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**Larry McDuff** - October 13, 2017 at 11:40 PM

MC

“ Kirk was a great friend to the whole county & we will miss his big smile. We were always appreciative of the support he gave us. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.

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**McCord's Crossroads Homemakers Club** - October 13, 2017 at 11:04 PM

AM

“ Kirk was a wonderful person & will be missed greatly. My thoughts & prayers are with you.

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**Ann Ragan Murphy** - October 13, 2017 at 11:00 PM