

*We can't always choose the music life  
plays for us, but we can choose how  
we dance to it.*

*...unknown author*



*In Loving Memory...*



*William Harvey Kirtz, Sr.*

*Sunrise*  
*December 22, 1951*

*Sunset*  
*August 1, 2022*

*Tuesday, August 9, 2022*

*1:00 p.m.*

*Stuart Mortuary Chapel*

*2201 North Illinois Street | Indianapolis, Indiana*

Our Loved One Has Been Entrusted  
To The Final Care Of:



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## *Life...*

**William Harvey Kirtz, Sr.** (“Captain Kirtz of the Starship Enterprise”), 70, spent his last day on earth August 1, 2022. His wife of 35 years was by his side holding his hand as he departed.

**William** was born on December 22, 1951, in Richmond, Indiana to Robert Kirtz and Sarah Stevenson. He was the only child born in this union. After the untimely passing of his father, he lived with his grandfather in Richmond. As a teenager, he often traveled from Richmond to Muncie to visit his mother.

**William** married Dorothy Wandricks and was blessed with five children. Some years later, **William** met Cheryl Hopkins, who had two children of her own from a prior marriage. After a five-year courtship, the two married in March 1987, joining two families with not a dull moment.

**William** was an incredibly hard worker. He began his truck driving career at Glazer Scrap Corp. in Richmond, and ultimately retired from Omni Source Corp. (Indianapolis) in August 2014. He never grew tired of telling his family about his experiences driving those big rigs, and he never grew tired of frequenting restaurants for a great big steak and a margarita.

**William** was full of life and had personality for days. He was a beast at the roller-skating rink, took pride in how he dressed, and loved his cars. William was a jokester, loving to rhyme words and throw out famous quotes (that he made up)! One of his favorite sayings, “ain’t nothing but a party,” was the motto he lived by, and as a result, he never met a stranger.

**William** had interesting taste in music, often wearing a cool pair of shades and bouncing his head to Cream, Steely Dan, The Rolling Stones, or Led Zeppelin. Some of his favorite TV shows included: Sanford & Son, Hogans Heroes, and (of course) Star Trek.

**William** was preceded in death by his parents and two of his grandchildren, Marissa Kirtz and Trey Elzy.

**William** is survived by his wife, Cheryl; children, William H. Kirtz, Jr., Eli Kirtz, Deon Kirtz, Andre (Jennifer) Kirtz, Simonne (Arthur) Smith, Toni Elzy and Brandee (Noah) Chanin; 19 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; brother, Dwight (Roslyn) Holland; sister, Glorianne (Scott) Meyers; and a host of other relatives and friends.

*Humbly Submitted.....The Family*

## *Order of Service*

*Pastor Devanta Scruggs, Officiating*  
*New Mount Zion Baptist Church | Shelbyville, Kentucky*

**PROCESSIONAL**.....Musical Prelude

**SCRIPTURE READING**.....Pastor Devanta Scruggs

**PRAYER**.....Eli Kirtz

**SELECTION**.....The Edwin Hawkins Singers

*“Oh Happy Day”*

**OBITUARY**.....*Read Silently*.....Soft Music

**REMARKS**.....Family, Friends, and Ministers

*Two (2) minutes, please*

**SELECTION**.....Mahalia Jackson

*“Troubles of This World”*

**WORDS OF COMFORT**.....Pastor Devanta Scruggs

**MEMORIAL VIEWING**

**COMMITTAL**.....Pastor Devanta Scruggs

**BENEDICTION**.....Pastor Devanta Scruggs

**RECESSIONAL**.....Musical Postlude



## *Thank You*

*The family of William H. Kirtz, Sr. appreciates  
the many comforting prayers, messages, and other  
expressions of kindness we have received. May the  
Lord bless each of you.*