



Darrel Kirsch

December 2, 2023

Darrel Kirsch, 65, of Lancaster, passed away on Saturday, December 2, 2023, from a hard-fought battle with cancer. Born in Lancaster, PA, he was the son of the late Francis L. Kirsch and Shirley A. Imhoff.

Darrel served in the U.S. Army with 237th Combat Engineer Battalion as a water treatment specialist from 1975-1979. He went on to pursue a degree from Thaddeus Steven's College with an associate degree in masonry, which began his 37-year career with KLB Masonry.

In 1975, Darrel met his ex-wife in Heilbronn, Germany, and went on to have two children. His daughter, Melanie Kirsch (fiancé of Kenny Rodriguez) and Rance Kirsch (husband of Megan Kirsch). Darrel had four grandchildren: Payton Gonzalez, Olivia Gonzalez, Dillon Kirsch and Rowen Kirsch.

Darrel was a lifetime member of AMVETS and a member of the VFW. He enjoyed traveling, hunting, political debates, and a good cigar.



In addition to his children and grandchildren, he is survived by his siblings, Dawn Gangemi, Christina Kirsch, and Connie Imhoff.

A Celebration of Life Darrel's life and graveside service to be held at Fort Indiantown Gap will be announced soon.

The family requests donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital, an organization Darrel felt strongly about at www.stjude.org.

Tribute Wall

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Shelly Marshall - March 15, 2024 at 10:56 AM

JR

“ *Rance and family, I don't know if you remember us but we met in the County Park years ago walking our dogs. We think of you often since your card is still hanging on our fridge. We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. He sounds like he was a wonderful dad and will be a real loss to you and your family. I see that you have another child! Congrats on that. Sending you all peace and strength at this time. We hope you are all doing well. Joanne Rafferty and Ann King and Maisie the dog.* ”

Joanne Rafferty - December 10, 2023 at 10:36 AM

TT

“ *In memory of our family superhero, Uncle Darrell, I cherish a life filled with authenticity, strength, and the perfect dose of humor.*



Uncle Darrell stood as my unwavering pillar of strength, a real-life superhero always ready to swoop in when our family distress signal went up, shielding us from life's chaos.

He was the master of turning any conversation into a good time, whether diving into family tales or venturing into the fascinating realm of history and politics. With his unique flair, he made it all sound like the coolest story you ever heard. What I will always remember was the bond we shared, delving into our family roots and researching our family tree. It was our own little adventure, unlocking the mysteries of our ancestry one story at a time.

Uncle Darrell's humor was a shining star in the family. His ongoing joke about being the most handsome in the family was a classic move that could make a mirror question its own reflection. If there's a "Most Handsome" award in heaven, I'm pretty sure he's already claimed it, with a wink and a chuckle.

What I admired most about my Uncle Darrell was his authenticity, work ethic, and curious nature. He lived life on his terms, unapologetically and authentically himself. Generous to the core, Uncle Darrell was the type to offer the shirt off his back, and if you dared to ask, he might've considered tossing in his shoes too – all in the name of family solidarity. His love for family, especially his sisters, knew no bounds. He'd go the extra mile, like buying bushels of crabs for them to enjoy in the summertime, all while smoking a cigar and cracking jokes. With his infectious smile and the bluest of eyes, he could light up any family gathering.

He is dearly missed, but his legacy lives on in the laughter, love, and superhero moments he shared with all of us.



Trisha Townsend - December 09, 2023 at 08:21 PM

JM

That's an awesome tribute to your dad, Mel and Rance.

Jean Menard - December 10, 2023 at 08:47 AM

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Shelly Marshall - March 15, 2024 at 10:54 AM