

Bernal E. Kirby

Bernal E. Kirby, 70, of North Liberty, died unexpectedly Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, at his home.

A gathering time of family members and friends will be held Saturday, Dec. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the North Liberty American Legion Bicentennial Post #1776 on Mehaffey Road, rural North Liberty. Military honors will be provided at the post at 3:30 p.m.; others are welcome and encouraged to attend. Graveside services will be held Monday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m. at the Gilman Cemetery in Gilman. A memorial has been established in his memory.

He was born July 24, 1932, in rural Gilman, the son of Joseph L. and Alma M. Weaver Kirby. He graduated from Newburg High School and attended Marshalltown Junior College and the University of Iowa. During the Korean conflict he served in the United States Navy. For many years he worked as a laboratory technician at the State Hygienic Laboratory at the Oakdale Campus of the University of Iowa. He was a member of the American Legion Bicentennial Post #1976 in North Liberty.

He is survived by two daughters, Melody Lynn Kirby of Hopedale, Ohio, and Lauri Sue Shoemaker of Temple, Texas; three sons, John Douglas Kirby of Houston, Texas, and Shawn Michael Kirby and Joseph Leander Kirby of Temple, Texas; seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one brother, Rex Kirby of Newburg and two sisters, Phyllis Graham of Grinnell and Wanda Gray, South Pekin, Ill. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Gerald Kirby and one sister Marvel Adams.

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