



Kirby C. Fortenberry Jr.

July 25, 1938 - September 22, 2013

Kirby Carl Fortenberry Jr., 75, a loving husband, father and friend passed away Sunday, September 22, 2013. Kirby was a native Houstonian. He was preceded in death by his parents Lillian and Kirby Carl Fortenberry, his brother Clyde Fortenberry and step brother Worth Hillebrandt. He is survived by his wife Shirley Fortenberry, his son Kirby Fortenberry III, daughter Amanda Dawson and husband Mike, stepsons Taylor Cutshall and wife Yoya and Chris Cutshall, his sister Anna Wingfield and grandchildren Michael and Eric Dawson, his niece Lynda Conley and husband Mike and children.

Kirby graduated from San Jacinto High School and was All-City Center in '55 on the football team. He attended University of Houston and graduated from University of Texas with a BBA with Honors. He was a CPA and worked with Arthur Young Co. With a partner, he started Sunny's Convenience Stores and was VP/Treasurer. He then became President and owner of Flexmaster USA. In 1999 he retired, moved to Chappell Hill, TX where he pursued his lifetime hobby of building and flying remote control airplanes. He was a member of HARKS, Bomber Field and Brenham P-C Flying Clubs.

A memorial service to celebrate Kirby's life will be held on Thursday, September 26 at 2:00 in the afternoon at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive. In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center or charity of choice. Visit www.DettlingFuneral.com

to leave online tributes.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **26.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kirby C. Fortenberry Jr.

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Kirby C. Fortenberry Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ Kirby C. Fortenberry Jr.

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Kirby C. Fortenberry Jr.

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ Kirby and I played softball on the streets of oakdale and many other streets. We went to elementary school(Sutton). Johnson jr. High and San jacinto high. What a neat guy. Jay Abramson

jay Abramson - October 14, 2017 at 11:09 PM



“ Shared good times with this fine man, back when he was CFO Sunny's Convenience Grocery Stores. I liked his honest nature, a rare commodity in the business community. Larry Kelly

Larry Kelly - September 26, 2013 at 03:32 PM

BL

“ Shirley, so sorry to hear this news. Really like Kirby and it has been a long journey. We are out of town so know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Beverly Laymon Lubbock and Dan Lubbock 713 467 2795

Beverly Laymon Lubbock - September 25, 2013 at 12:42 PM

JC

“ I had the fortunate event of meeting Kirby years ago when I came to visit his daughter (my beautiful friend) in Houston. He was a good man and hard worker. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family, he will be missed by many.

Julie Coston - September 25, 2013 at 10:51 AM

FI

“ Flexmaster USA Inc. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Kirby C. Fortenberry Jr..



Flexmaster USA Inc. - September 25, 2013 at 09:56 AM

JG

“ We worked, fished, hunted, and played hard. He will be missed dearly.

Jim Gerace - September 25, 2013 at 09:35 AM

LY

I hope someone will tell everyone that his brother was a half brother Harvey Worth Hillebrandt and not a step brother.

lyounger - February 18, 2018 at 05:47 PM

RF

Kirby was a good friend. I still remember bumping into him at Kay's bar, he was having beer with Robert Parks and Chester Canada. He said I saved him. You would only understand that comment if you knew Robert and Chester.

Jimmy Franklin

R. James Franklin - September 17, 2024 at 06:39 PM

AH

“*Andy Hart purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Kirby C. Fortenberry Jr..*



Andy Hart - September 24, 2013 at 10:14 PM