

Remembering Private Kirkland

**A paper on Private Carroll Kirkland
and the Kirkland family's enduring service to our country**

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Final scene from "Saving Private Ryan"

Perhaps the most poignant and moving scene in American cinema is the final scene of "Saving Private Ryan." With his wife and family standing in the background, Private Ryan stands at attention and salutes the grave of Captain John Miller giving a tribute to the man who saved his life and paid the ultimate price defending our country. Captain Miller had been dispatched to find and bring home Private Ryan safely after his three brothers had been killed in the war.

An equally poignant picture is that of Sgt. Stringfellow Kirkland standing by the grave of his younger brother Private First Class Carroll E. Kirkland.

Remembering Private Kirkland



Sgt. James Stringfellow Kirkland paying respect to his younger brother, Carroll E. Kirkland, at the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery near the village of La Clouse, Aubel, Belgium.

Coppell is a city of over 43,000 residents located just north of DFW International Airport in Dallas, Texas. The oldest house in the community is Kirkland House which was built in 1904. With financial support from the Jean & Price Daniel Association, the Coppell Historical Society, and the City of Coppell, it was restored and relocated to Coppell's Heritage Park in 2011 and is at the heart of Coppell's historic Old Town.



John Marion Kirkland was born in 1867 in Alabama. In the 1880s, he came to Texas where he married Edna Jeanette Stringfellow on July 22nd, 1894. They had four sons, one of which died as an infant, and four daughters.

The Kirkland family was an extraordinary family with members who fought in WWI, WWII, the Korean War, and Vietnam. The children of John Marion Kirkland (1867-1943) and Edna Jeanette Stringfellow (1873-1954) were:

- William H. Kirkland (1895-1956) – WWI enlisted
 - Son: William H. Kirkland, Jr. (1918-1962) - WWII
- Enice Lois Kirkland (1897-1996)
- Sallie G. Kirkland (1901-1989)
- Jewell Jack Kirkland (1902-1998)
- John Klein Kirkland (1906-1907) died as infant
- James Stringfellow Kirkland (1908-1971) – WWII & Korea
- Louise E. Kirkland (1912-2004)
- Carroll E. Kirkland (1915-1944) – WWII killed in action

The Kirkland family was a Gold Star Family

The term Gold Star family is a modern reference that comes from the Service Flag. These flags/banners were first flown by families during World War I. The flag included a blue star for every immediate family member serving in the armed forces of the United States, during any period of war or hostilities in which the armed forces of the United States were engaged. " But in the event of a death, that blue star is replaced with a gold variant — the highest honor.



1st Lt. William Hubert Kirkland, Jr.



M. Sgt. Stringfellow Kirkland



PFC Carroll E. Kirkland

Carroll Kirkland was killed in action fighting at Hill 203 in the Hürtgen Forest in Germany during World War II. Described as the "green hell," one person described it as follows,

"To sum it up, we were fighting the cold, the wet under foot, the snow, the tops of the trees, the 88's (with their shrapnel), and let us not forget the Germans. These were the worst conditions I ever had to fight under,"

More information about the battle is provided later in this paper.

A Family of Service

- William Hubert Kirkland, Sr. (1895-1956): he registered for service in WWI. Further information on his service has not been found.
- William (Bill) Hubert Kirkland, Jr. (1918-1962): Lieutenant in Army Air Corps in WWII. Wounded in combat.



Bill Kirkland was awarded the Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart Medal

- Terry Alan Kirkland (1945-2002): served in Vietnam
- Stringfellow Kirkland (1909-1971): In WWII, Stringfellow was in the U.S. Army. He was inducted at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and saw service in N. Africa and possibly in Italy. During the Korean conflict, he returned to the military, serving with the U.S. Air Force, both in the early 1950s, and then possibly as a reservist in the 1960s.



Bronze Star and the Air and Space Commendation Medal



Hattie Sommerfield (White), wife of Stringfellow Kirkland: U.S. Army Nursing Corps Reserves, WWII



- Eric Lawrence Kirkland, grandson of Stringfellow Kirkland (1970-2019) Navy submariner.



- Carroll Kirkland (1916-1944): PFC in WWII in Germany. Killed in combat.



Some Items on Display at Kirkland House



The following pages include newspaper articles and further information on

- William Hubert "Bill" Kirkland, Jr. (military service in WWII)
- Stringfellow Kirkland (military service in WWII and Korean War)
- Carroll Edward Kirkland (military service in the U.S. Army, WWII)
- Eric Lawrence Kirkland (military service, US Navy)

William Hubert "Bill" Kirkland, Jr.

- Son of William Hubert Kirkland, Sr. and Laura Sue Bullock Kirkland
- News article indicate that Bill completed preliminary bomber flight training in July, 1943, at Roswell Air Field, NM.
- The bomber group and squadron that Bill flew with is as yet unknown. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was wounded while in combat.



BILL KIRKLAND ON WAY HOME

Lt. Bill Kirkland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland of Coppell, and recently wounded on a flight mission, has landed on the east coast on his way home, according to word received here.

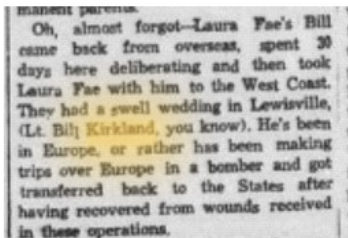
12.29.1944 Carrollton Chronicle (CC)

Lt. Bill Kirkland Comes Home

Lt. Bill Kirkland, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Kirkland of Coppell, has arrived home after having served on missions over Germany and recovery from wounds received in this action. To most acquaintances here the news has spread somewhat to this effect..." Laura Fee's Bill is home" – Referring to Laura Fee Lender, employee at Federal Credit Union.



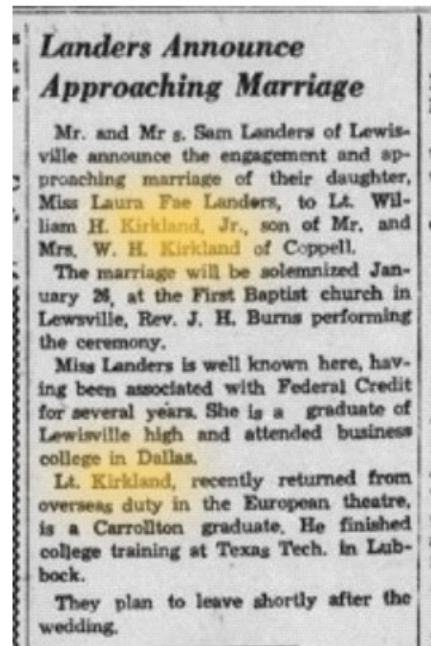
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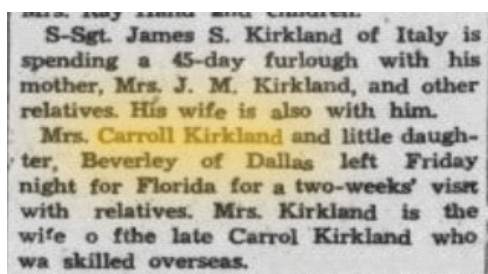
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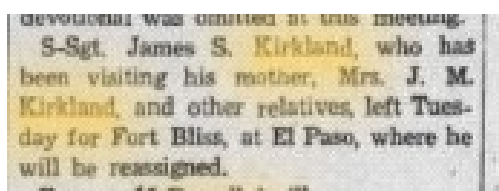
Stringfellow Kirkland

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- Brother of William Kirkland, Sr. and Carroll Kirkland
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S-Sgt. James S. Kirkland of Italy is spending a 45-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. J. M. Kirkland, and other relatives. His wife is also with him. Mrs. Carroll Kirkland and little daughter, Beverley of Dallas left Friday night for Florida for a two-weeks' visit with relatives. Mrs. Kirkland is the wife of the late Carrol Kirkland who was skilled overseas.

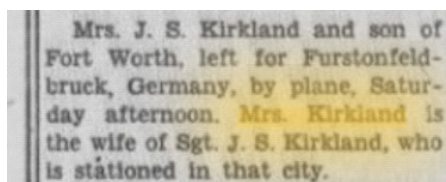
4.27.1945 CC



devotional was omitted at this meeting. S-Sgt. James S. Kirkland, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. J. M. Kirkland, and other relatives, left Tuesday for Fort Bliss, at El Paso, where he will be reassigned.

6.8.1945 CC

- In the 1930 census a James S. Kirkland is living in Dallas, married to Dorothy Kirkland. He was employed as a paper factory helper. In contrast to the 1940 census, this Kirkland is listed as having no schooling.
- In the 1940 census, Stringfellow Kirkland is living with his nephew Bill Kirkland, Jr., Bill's wife, and their baby girl Beverly in Dallas. At that date, Stringfellow is listed as divorced and working as a tobacco salesman. Also, he is listed as having completed 4 years of high school.
- In WWII, Stringfellow served in the U.S. Army, and in September, 1943 was in N. Africa
- Stringfellow and Hattie Sommerfeld were married 2.3.1950. Ancestry.com indicates they were married in Texas.



Mrs. J. S. Kirkland and son of Fort Worth, left for Furstonfeldbruck, Germany, by plane, Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Kirkland is the wife of Sgt. J. S. Kirkland, who is stationed in that city.

9.22.1950 CC

Name **Stringfellow Kirkland**

Marital Status **Married**

Event Type **Military Service**

Event Date **21 Mar 1942**

Event Place **Ft Sill, Oklahoma, United States**

Term of Enlistment **Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law**

Race **White**

Citizenship Status **citizen**

Birth Year **1908**

Birthplace **TEXAS**

Education Level **4 years of high school**

Civilian Occupation **Salespersons**

Military Rank **Private**

Army Branch **Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA**

Army Component **Selectees (Enlisted Men)**

Source Reference **Civil Life**

Serial Number **38147251**

Affiliate ARC Identifier **1263923**

Box Film Number **12946.60**

By Most GIs in Germany

By GRACE HALSELL
Special Correspondent

FURSTENFELDBRUCK, Ger., Dec. 23—Most of the men stationed at Furstenfeldbruck plan a traditional Christmas, "as good a one as possible being away from home."

Sgt. Stringfellow Kirkland says he and his wife, the former Hattie Sommerfield of Hamilton, and their children, David, 9, and Jenifer Lee, 17 months, will have a Christmas tree and "everything that goes with it."

"My wife will cook a turkey. You should be able to tell she's a very good cook," the Coppell native said.

trip fare from Germany to New York is \$390. Fare from New York is additional.

Coleman says he will visit all his "aunts, uncles and cousins" in Lubbock and in Morton.

M. Sgt. John T. Heavner of Grand Prairie, said he and his wife, the former Lorene Barnes of Amarillo, "probably will take a trip this Christmas, because our apartment is too small to put a Christmas tree in it."

However, the Heavners are accustomed to small quarters. They lived in a trailer in Texas, when the sergeant was stationed at Hensley Field.

good cook," the Coppell native said, patting his expanding waistline. Of his home town, he says: "Kirklands have been here since the Year 1. His mother, Mrs. Edna J. Kirkland, a brother, W. H., and three sisters, Jewel Kirkland, Mrs. W. O. Cooper and Mrs. H. D. Brooks, all live in Coppell. Another sister, Mrs. Louise Sneed, lives in Big Spring.

Former Temple Nurse

Both the sergeant and his wife have been attending University of Maryland classes offered overseas, and Mrs. Kirkland was one of three persons to receive a certificate of scholarship for her outstanding work. A nurse, she formerly worked at Scott-White Hospital in Temple.

"I just wish I could have brought it over here," he said.

It does seem like a likely solution to the housing shortage in Europe, but for reasons unknown to this reporter, servicemen are not permitted to bring house trailers to Europe.

Here since August, 1951, Heavner, his wife and daughter, 21-year-old Juanita Dale Coss, a student at Baylor School of Nursing in Waco, toured Europe together, traveling in Holland, Belgium, England, France, Switzerland and Austria by automobile.

Sets Indiana Christmas

Miss Coss, who is continuing her nursing work at Hillcrest Hospital in Waco, said she plans to spend

COPPELL AIRMAN, FAMILY, RETURN FROM GERMANY

M/Sgt. and Mrs. Stringfellow Kirkland, son, David, and daughter, Jenifer Lee, have just returned from a 3-year tour of duty with the U. S. Air Force in Germany. Kirkland was stationed in Furstenfeldbruck, near Munich and Garmisch with Hq. 36th Fighter-Bomber Wing. He was elected the outstanding airman of Headquarters Sqdn. for the year 1952 and was photographed as such in the base annual.

During their stay in Germany, Sgt. and Mrs. Kirkland attended the University of Maryland classes for 18 months. They toured interesting places in Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, Austria, France and Italy, including the beautiful Isle of Capri.

Even though they were busy seeing interesting places during their leisure time, Mrs. Kirkland was placed on the University's Deans for her outstanding work.

Deer and elk abounded in the Bavarian forest and the Alps, and rainbow trout were plentiful, all of which helped to make their stay more pleasant.

The Kirklands are making their home in Coppell at the home of Mrs. J. M. Kirkland.

Sgt. Kirkland will re-enlist at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth.

Note: The second through fourth paragraphs highlight Sgt. Stringfellow Kirkland and his wife Hattie.

Stars & Stripes, 12.23.1952

4.3.1953 C.C.

Stringfellow Kirkland's obituary is in the Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph, pg. 6, 8.12.1971

Stringfellow Kirkland was awarded the Bronze Star and the Air and Space Commendation Medal



Photo added by Marella McCarthy

Stringfellow Kirkland

BIRTH 3 Oct 1908

DEATH 11 Aug 1971 (aged 62)

BURIAL Fort Logan National Cemetery
Denver, Denver County, Colorado, USA

PLOT Section S, Site 576

MEMORIAL ID 36077020 - [View Source](#)

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MEMORIAL PHOTOS 1

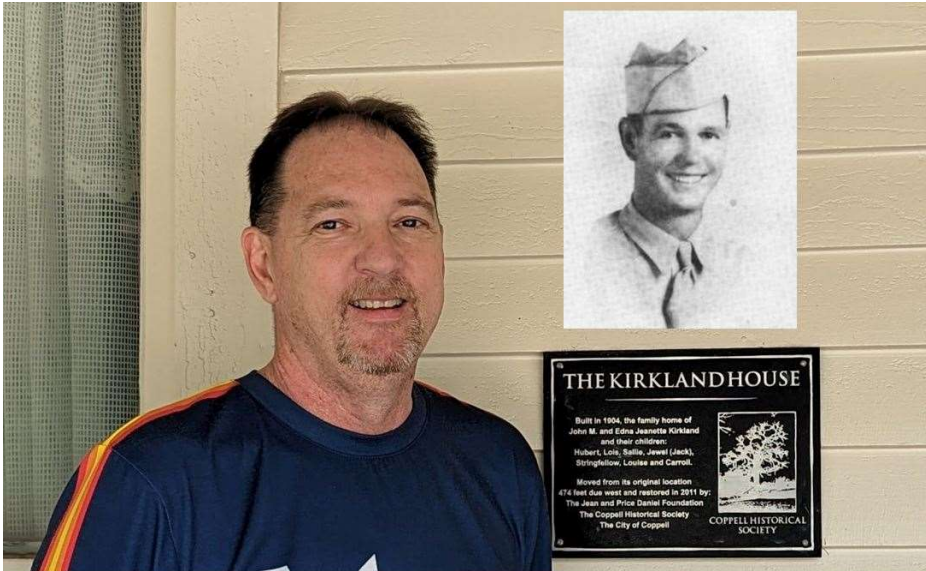
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Carroll Edward Kirkland

- Son of John Marion Kirkland and Edna Jeanette Stringfellow Kirkland
- Carroll's wife, Frances "Katherine" Harn, daughter of Elmer and Lucy Harn. Katherine was born August 3, 1916. Daughter Beverly Jane Kirkland was born November 8, 1939 in Dallas, TX.

Shown below is the son of Beverly Jane Kirkland, Randy Banwart. He is shown with a photo of his grandfather, Carroll Kirkland, when he visited Kirkland House in 2024.



- Carrol was with A Company, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division when he was fatally wounded fighting to take Hill 203 in the Battle of the Hurtgen Forest.

Newspaper Articles:

April 7, 1944 - Carrollton Chronicle

Carrol Kirkland of Dallas, son of Mrs. J. M. Kirkland, left Monday for Army service.

May 19, 1944 - Pvt. C. E. Kirkland of Camp Hood
spent Sunday with relatives.

President Franklin Roosevelt directed, with [Executive Proclamation 2612](#), that the American flag be displayed on Mother's Day (May 14, 1944) in all governmental buildings. He also asked that all households fly the flag that day, to pay tribute to mothers of all sons and daughters exposed to the dangers of war.

August 18, 1944 - Carrollton Chronicle

Pvt. Carroll Kirkland is home on a ten-day furlough visiting his mother. Mrs. J. M. Kirkland and his wife and small daughter in Dallas.

August 25, 1944 Carrollton Chronicle

Pvt. Carroll Kirkland, who has been visiting his mother and other relatives left Friday for Fort Meade, Maryland, his new post of duty.

November 23, 1944 – Pvt. Carroll E. Kirkland was killed in action.



News from Men in the Service

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He was married and had a little girl, 5, named Beverly. She and her mother, Mrs. Katherine Kirkland, reside at their home in Dallas, 1702 Filmore drive.

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Carrollton Chronicle - December 15, 1944
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IN MEMORY OF



CARROLL E. KIRKLAND

RANK

Private First Class, U.S. Army

UNIT

18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division

DATE OF DEATH

November 26, 1944

COMMEMORATED IN PERPETUITY AT

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery
Hombourg, Belgium



“Time will not dim the glory of their deeds.”

— GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING

Carroll E. Kirkland

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World War II



Service #	38683275
Unit	18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division
Rank	Private First Class U.S. Army
Entered Service From	Texas
Date of Death	November 26 1944
Buried	Plot A Row 3 Grave 30 Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery 159, rue du Mémorial Américain 4852 Hombourg Belgium

[18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division](#)

 Purple Heart

Inscription: PFC 18 INF 1 DIV TEXAS

Excerpt from the RRMRC Digital Archives

301-0: History – “Danger Forward:, 14 August 1942-8 May 1945, Collection: Historical Records of the First Infantry Division and its Organic Elements, WWII

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On November 24th, Schonthal was overrun by First Division troops, and the hill northeast of the town was cleared of enemy troops. Hill 203, however, continued to hold out and in the afternoon a powerful German counterattack, directed from Langerwehe, and covered by a heavy mortar and artillery barrage, hit the 18th Infantry, and the Germans retook the high ground north of Schonthal.

Bitter fighting took place on Hill 203. Both First Division troops and German troops were on this hill, and neither could drive the other off. The fighting rolled back and forth, until finally, on November 27th, the Division drove all enemy troops of the hill.

The Germans made another attempt to retake Hill 203, and Castle Schloss Laufenburg on November 23rd. German casualties were extremely heavy due to stubborn resistance of a practically new outfit of Germans – the 89th Infantry which simply refuse to quit.

The reverse slopes of Hill 203 were well defended by a group of not more than 50 or 60 First Division troops, who, reinforced with excellently-sited automatic weapons, managed to hold control.

The Division continued the attack on November 24th, to seize the area Hucheln-Schilochen, crossing the Reichsautobahn and Inre River, relieving the 3rd Armored Division.

Fighting in the woods continued. Only the closest liaison between the infantry and artillery kept the First Division casualties down. Front lines became jammed close together, so difficult became the job of maintaining contact with units, due to the density of the forests.

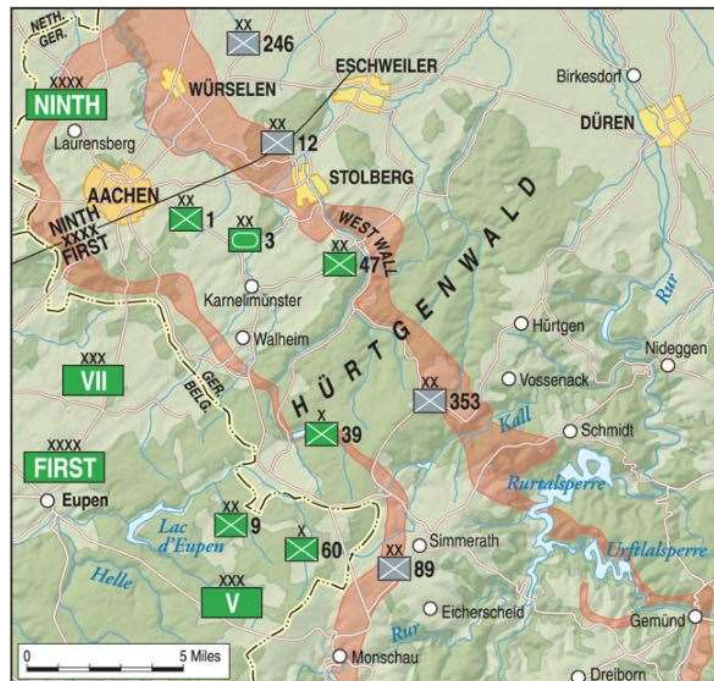
On November 27th, the enemy position defending Langerwehe, and the open ground west of Duren, broke. During the night of November 26-27, the enemy brought up his first major unit from his hoarded reserves – the 3rd Parachute Division. Most of this outfit were young boys, 16 to 19 years of age, going into combat for their first time. The Germans tried to stage a super counterattack with the Parachutists, but failed, and in the end, lost the Langerwehe-Jungersdorf position.

To read a more in-depth article, see: [Battle of Hurtgen Forest: Hell in a Dark Wood by Raymond E. Bell](#). Here are photos from that article.



Battle of Hurtgen Forest: Hell in a Dark Wood

In the autumn of 1944, the U.S. First Army was chewed up in the Hurtgen Forest where it had to contend with counterattacks by the Germans.



The Battle of the Hurtgen Forest was fought in a 50-square-mile, triangle-shaped area bounded by the towns of Aachen, Düren, and Monschau. The dense woods negated the advantages the Americans enjoyed in mobility, firepower, and technology when fighting in open terrain.



Rains turned forest roads into rivers of mud.



American soldiers man a .30-caliber machine gun. The fighting took its toll on U.S. forces, requiring units to be pulled out of line to refit and fresh units inserted into the battle in their place.



An American reconnaissance team takes cover as it goes into action against a German machine-gun nest concealed in the forest. A mortar team at left shells the German position.



GIs clear and inspect a German machine-gun nest in the Hürtgen Forest after a firefight. Felled trees and evergreen branches augmented the strength of the position.



Medics of the 4th Infantry Division tend to a wounded GI. Evacuating the wounded was a difficult undertaking because they often had to be carried long distances to aid stations.

Eric Lawrence Kirkland (military service, US Navy)

- Eric was the son of David S. Kirkland and Wynell Jean Kirkland
- Eric's grandfather was James "Stringfellow" Kirkland

The following is from findagrave.com and has not been verified for accuracy.

	<h3>Eric Lawrence Kirkland</h3> <p>BIRTH 24 Feb 1970 Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado, USA</p> <p>DEATH 8 Aug 2019 (aged 49) Texas, USA</p> <p>BURIAL Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery Killeen, Bell County, Texas, USA</p> <p>MEMORIAL ID 202170657 · View Source</p>
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Photo added by [Joe Eckols](#)

Eric Lawrence Kirkland, of Georgetown, passed away on August 8, 2019.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at Zion Lutheran Church in Walburg with Pastor John Davenport officiating. One hour prior to the service, you are invited to visit with the family at the church.

Eric was the son of David S. and Wynell Jean (Streger) Kirkland, born on February 24, 1970 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

A proud Submariner, Eric served his country in the United States Navy stationed on the USS Pargo out of Groton, Connecticut. He drove the Pargo through the Panama Canal. At one time, he stood rifle guard for watch on polar bears at the North Pole while on duty with United States Congressmen aboard. He was deployed on the Pargo to many ports, including: England, Hawaii and Scotland.

Always interested in education, Eric graduated from the Austin Community College in Austin and the Wautaga Fire and Police Academy in Wautaga, Texas. He enjoyed substitute teaching at Georgetown and East View High Schools during this last year. However, he was also employed by the Georgetown ISD with Sodexo Foods for Southwestern University, Aramark for the Williamson County Jail, HEB Grocery, Austin Area Teachers Federal Credit Union. He had a time with USAA Truck Driving Interstate. While in Dallas, he worked for Quick Trip, Mary Kay Headquarters and a Pesticide Company. Later, in Lufkin, Texas, he worked for Foundry, Baskin Casket Company and Electronic Company. In Grand Prairie, he worked for Office Max, Motorola and if that wasn't enough, he campaigned for U.S. Representative! During his time in Montrose, Colorado, he worked for Hershey's Chocolate Factory.

Eric was a Williamson County Precinct Chair from 1986-1988. He was well-educated in U.S. politics with a passion to make America stronger economically. He based his beliefs on Philippians 2:4 from the Bible which states: "Let each look not only to his own interests but also to the interests of others,"

and on John 14:12: "Jesus said whoever believes in Me will do the works I have been doing and will do even greater things because I am going to the Father."

Eric was a Christian man who worshiped the Lord as a Lutheran. His strong faith helped him through his health difficulties. He was disabled from Transverse Myelites on his 42nd birthday, February 24, 2012. Eric was challenged in coping with TM which is a rare spinal paralyzing disease, affecting muscles and nerves. For seven long years, Eric gracefully lived his life as a Champion.

Eric's grandparents, Winfred and Nelda Wenzel Streger and Stringfellow and Hattie Sommerfeld Kirkland along with his Uncle, Larry Finch preceded him in death.

Left to remember Eric are his mom and dad, David S. and Wynell Jean Kirkland of Georgetown; brother and sister-in-law, Matt W. and Paige Kirkland; nephew, Alexander Kirkland; niece, Sarah Kirkland; aunts: Mavis Streger Finch, Arleen (Richard) Streger Neie; Jenifer Kirkland (Hub) Farres; cousins: Christina Farres Cagley, Monte Farres and Allison and Henry, Jason Finch and Crystal, Sam and William, Tonya Finch Kibby, Clay, Kate and Clark Kibby, Lacey Neie Holm and Ryan, Ella, Caleb, Knox, Fletcher, Kaley Neie Hilbig and Casey, Grady and Holden, Ron and Suzanne Sommerfeld, Angela Sommerfeld and Bo Blankenship, Delores Sommerfeld Pate.

Pallbearers are: Alexander Kirkland, Sarah Kirkland, Brian York, Shawn Petrowsky, Ron Battles and Chad Mathews.

Resources

William Hubert Kirkland, Sr.

Texas Military Forces Museum

Austin, TX

[Texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org](https://www.texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org/)

512 782-5770

Contact: Jeff Hunt, Museum Director

Phone conversation Fall 2023: Mr. Hunt stated that there was no WWI service card for WH Kirkland

William Hubert Kirkland, Jr.

Coppell Historical Museum and Society

<https://www.coppellhistoricalsociety.org/>

Oral History and Stories webpage

Laura Faye Kirkland, spouse of WH Kirkland, Jr., was interviewed 16 Jan 2006

and in 2015 Wheelice Wilson, Jr. prepared notes of that interview

National Personnel Records Center

St. Louis, MO

Pay and Allowance Account Paperwork (21 Oct 1945)

Reflects WH Kirkland, Jr.'s status as enlisted and commissioned officer status

Texas Tech University

Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library: <https://swco.ttu.edu/>

Contact: Shelby Newman (archival associate – research) email address: shelby.newman@ttu.edu

Shelby Newman provided links to the Texas Tech yearbooks, student newspaper, and other TTU digitized documents

The Portal to Texas History

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/>

At this site there is access to the digital search engine for the Carrollton Chronicle newspaper:

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/CARRO/>

Brief mentions of WH Kirkland, Jr. in 1944 and '45, incl. wedding story and photo of Bill and Laura

Familysearch.org

WH Kirland, Jr. Enlistment Registration

Newspapers.com

Obituary, Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, 17 Jan 1962

HeritageQuest Online

<https://www.ancestryheritagequest.com/HQA>

City Directories and Census Map Guides

Findagrave.com

Birth and death data for Bill, Laura, and son Terry
[James Stringfellow Kirkland and Family](#)

Ancestry.com

Detailed life events for Stringfellow (census data, SS Death Index, U.S. Cities Directories, enlistment records)

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Brief mentions of Stringfellow in 1945, 1950, and 1953; daughter Jenifer Lee Kirkland, 15 Oct 1975

Findagrave.com

Birth, death, and military service and awards data

Newspapers.com

Article that includes details about Stringfellow's service in Germany, Stars & Stripes, 23 Dec 1952

Obituary, Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph, 12 August 1971

Ramseyfuneral.com

Obituary, Erik Kirkland, grandson of James Stringfellow/son of David and Wynell Stringfellow

https://www.ramseyfuneral.com/obituaries/print?o_id=6524489

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Brief mentions of Carroll and family in 1944 (and his wife Katherine and daughter Beverly in 1945)

American Battle Monuments Commission -- Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

<https://www.abmc.gov/decendent-search/kirkland%3Dcarroll>

Findagrave.com

Birth, death, and military service and awards data

TX GenWeb

Carrollton & Farmers Branch

https://txccarro.genealogyvillage.com/People/K/Kirkland_Carol.htm

Information collected from the Carrollton Chronicle newspaper and link to Carrollton High School yearbook, 1945 (with link to page 14, *In Memoriam-Killed in the Line of Duty*)

First Division Museum/Col. Robert R. McCormick Research Center Digital Archives

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Note: Page 292 discusses the assault on Hill 203 by the 1st Division, 18th Infantry