



## Dr. Robert Wayne Kirtley

April 8, 1929 - August 30, 2019

Dr. Robert W. Kirtley, of Seymour, passed away Friday, August 30, 2019 at Covered Bridge Health Campus. He was born in Kokomo to the late L.M. "Bill" and Goldie "Doris" (Patterson) Kirtley.

A memorial service will be conducted by Voss & Sons Funeral Service at Northview Christian Church (623 N. State Rd 39, Danville, IN 46122) on September 21, 2019 at 11:00 AM with visitation prior to service starting at 9:00 AM. Dr. Kirtley will be interred at Lizton K of P Cemetery.

Dr. Kirtley was a 1947 graduate of Danville High School, 1951 graduate of Indiana University and 1955 graduate of Indiana University School of Medicine. He was raised in Danville, Indiana and came back to practice medicine in the community in 1958; he served the Hendricks County community until moving to Seymour in 2008. Over his 50-year career, Dr. Kirtley and Dr. Lloyd Terry were partners in family practice and were the first full time emergency physicians at Hendricks County Hospital. Dr. Kirtley served as Hendricks County Coroner, Director of Emergency Services at Hendricks County Hospital then as Director of Health Tracks medical services before retiring in 2005. He was proud of having delivered over 2200 babies during his career and enjoyed providing free sports physicals for over 30 years to Danville Community High School athletes. Dr. Kirtley was inducted into the DCHS Alumni Hall of Fame in 2005 and honored with the naming of Terry/Kirtley Boulevard for service to area residents.

Dr. Kirtley was a member of the American Medical Association, Indiana State Medical Association, Hendricks County Medical Society, Western Star Masonic Lodge #26 for over 60 years, a 60 year member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, president of the Danville High School Building Corporation and a founding member of Danville Little League.

He is survived by his children, Betsey (Kipp) Thompson, Bob (Julie) Kirtley and Dr. Bill (Laura) Kirtley; grandchildren, Marissa (Larry) Peacock, Evan Thompson, Adam (Ellyn) Kirtley, Ashley Kirtley, Andrew Kirtley and Connor Kirtley; great-grandsons, Teddy Peacock and Nolan Peacock; and sister, Mary Ann (Bob) Fleece.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Patricia Kirtley Cox and brother-in-law, Henry Cox.

Memorials may be written to Hendricks Regional Hospital Foundation, in care of Voss & Sons Funeral Service.

Online condolences may be given on the funeral home website at  
[www.vossfuneralservice.com](http://www.vossfuneralservice.com)

# Events

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**SEP 21**    **Visitation**    09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Northview Christian Church  
623 N State Rd 39, Danville, IN, US, 46122

**SEP 21**    **Memorial Service**    11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Robert W. Kirtley, MD Memorial Video



**Voss & Sons Funeral Service** - September 12 at 02:12 PM

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“ Out of respect Dr Kirtley, but I've only ever known you as Doc, so it just didn't sound right today. I'm sorry to hear Doc's passing. He may still be the only doctor to this day I was not afraid of!! Might have been his grin and his chuckle! He and my dad taught me many things about IU football and basketball growing up, Thanks for all the wonderful memories! My thoughts and heart go out to the family.

**Michelle Price Draschil** - 11 hours ago

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“ I was a patient of Terry and Kirtley several years. My son visited the ER several times for their services. Additionally, I worked at the hospital for several years. He was always kind and patient

**Penny Dyer** - September 18 at 03:29 PM

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“ Dr. Kirtley was our family doctor during my entire childhood! How many times I remember sitting on the early American bench waiting to be seen. Can't remember if it was Dr. Kirtley or Dr. Terry that pierced my ears! Back then it had to be done by a doctor! Thank you to his family for all the years of service to the Danville community! Sincerely, Shirley Headrick Heck

**shirley Headrick Heck** - September 09 at 12:32 PM

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“ I worked with Dr Kirtley at the hospital and he was always so kind and funny. He was such a foundation for growing the hospital to what it is today. Thank you for the years of service! God Bless

**Jennifer Herring** - September 08 at 08:19 AM



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“ Fond memories of our days on the golf course and his constant chatter. Jerry C

**Jerry Cartmel** - September 06 at 04:42 PM

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“ I have known Dr. Kirtley since he was in high school. His Dad was my math teacher at Clayton school. He and Dr.Terry were wonderful doctors. My condolences to all the members of his family.

Ann Syrus

**Ann Syrus** - September 05 at 11:05 PM

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“ Dr, Kirtley delivered my youngest child, Stacy Alice Staggs Peyton on September 4, 1968. He was a wonderful doctor who knew how to talk to you with nothing but kindness and understanding. We have all lost a great doctor and friend.....RIP Doc. I will be purchasing some Gideon bibles in Docs name so his work on this old earth will continue.

**Judy A Staggs** - September 05 at 09:49 AM



“ I worked with Dr. Kirtley in the ED at Hendricks in the 1980s. Such an amazing man, with his patience, kindness and compassion for others. A non forgettable soul. Rest In Peace Dr. Kirtley, so blessed to have known you.

**Beth Steele** - September 06 at 07:38 PM



“ Betsy (& Kip) So sorry to hear about your father's passing. When I started at "HCH" in 1980, he was still working in the ER. Although I did not work immediately with him, I grew to know him from the Patients I received on the Surgery Unit, the work he did to improve patient care and to grow the hospital. Also learned a lot from all of those stories told by those who had worked along side of him.

God's Blessings on you and all your families, Theresa L Cordes, RN BSN

**Theresa Cordes** - September 18 at 02:46 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear he has passed. He was my family doctor growing up and I was in school and friends with his children. You all are in my prayers.



**Cindy Hider Pierson** - September 05 at 08:29 AM

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“ Dr. Kirtley was the epitome of what a physician should be! Wonderful bedside manner, compassionate spirit and extremely knowledgeable in his profession. He could always make you smile no matter how sick you were. Wonderful man. Rest In Peace



**Molly Hart** - September 05 at 07:54 AM

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“ A man who had friends not patients. It was my great privilege to know him.

**Terry D. Myers** - September 05 at 06:01 AM

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“ You have known me since the second I was born, you brought me in to this world and stitched me up countless times. Working with at Hendricks was an honor. You will be greatly missed. Fly high Dr. Kirtly! You will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Deana Petree-Caldwell

**Deana Petree-Caldwell** - September 04 at 10:12 PM

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“ I was no more than 4 or 5 years old when my dad took me in to see Dr. Kirtley for a terrible sore throat. He told my dad to pull my pants down a bit to give me a shot in the bottom. My dad stood up and began to walk toward me and I took off like a bullet out of a gun!... screaming! He was chasing me all around that tiny room... and Dr. Kirtley was just standing there holding that needle getting a kick out of the whole ordeal! Loved that man! Prayers for his beloved family!

**Donna Masterson Tabler** - September 04 at 10:04 PM

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“ He was my Dr for many years and delivered one of my five kids. The one he delivered loved him as a Dr and would not see anyone else but him. I was sad when he and Dr Terry gave up their practice and went to the hospital to work.

May you rest in peace Doc, you will always be remembered in my family.

The Drennan family!

**Elaine** - September 04 at 09:40 PM

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“ Very kind man to our family and thought alot of Dr Kirtley and has been a great Doctor for many years and will be remembered for many years to come ,our condolences to the family

**Kelly Boone Hadley** - September 04 at 07:56 PM

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“ I have many fond memories of Dr. Kirtley. He loved serving others and had. A great sense of humor! God gained a beautiful angel.

**Martha Rardin** - September 04 at 07:11 PM

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“ Where do I start with all the memories :-)) . Dr Bob lived 2 houses away from us in the neighborhood growing up, and every time you even stubbed your toes, you would knock on his door and he would fix you up. He gave me the nick name of Toad. He will be greatly missed.

**Todd Pierson** - September 04 at 06:22 PM

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“ Lloyd and Bob paved the way of emergency medicine in Hendricks County, for which all of us currently practicing are grateful.

**Tom Richardson** - September 04 at 06:21 PM

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“ Betsey, Bob and Bill, I am saddened to read of the passing of your dad. A wonderful neighbor and doctor (I remember him making house calls!), I will always remember fondly. May loving memories help all your family during the coming days:) Betsy Bowen Denis

**Betsy Denis** - September 04 at 05:23 PM

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“ Dr Kertley was a wonderful person an Dr ... he was always so kind an always had a smile !!He is gonna be missed !!



**melinda vanlue** - September 04 at 03:58 PM