



Mr. Kirk Nathaniel Kirkconnell

June 19, 1943 - September 7, 2012

KIRKCONNELL, KIRK N., 69, passed away on Friday, September 7, 2012, in his home in Altamonte Springs. Born in Mobile, AL, on 6/19/1943, Mr. Kirkconnell received both a B.A. (1965) and a J. D. (1968) from the University of Florida. He took a position as a Special Agent with the FBI for three years following law school, and began the practice of law in Winter Park in 1972 as a criminal defense attorney. He was a board-certified criminal trial lawyer and a member of the American Bar Association, the American College of Trial Lawyers, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, The Florida Bar, the Central Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Orange and Seminole County Bar Associations. Mr. Kirkconnell's career as a criminal defense advocate was a distinguished one. He respected and cared about each client who he represented, and fought long and hard to obtain the best result in each case he handled. He was a Fellow of the American Board of Trial Advocates, a select group of the country's finest trial attorneys, and was given the highest ability and ethics rating by Martindale-Hubbell, a peer rating service. In addition, he was selected by the Orlando Business Journal as one of the five best trial lawyers in Orlando, and selected by Florida Trend Magazine as one of Florida's Legal Elite. He was President of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, served on The Florida Bar Board of Governors and on the Executive Council of the Orange County Bar Association for ten years, and was appointed by the Governor to the Judicial Nominating Commission of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, where he also served as

Chairman from 1996 - 1997. In 2007, he received the William Trickel, Jr. Professionalism Award, an honor granted by peers to attorneys whose careers stand as models of success built on unquestioned professionalism. Kirkconnell's family was always first and was everything to him, and he always took time out for family activities. He had the blessing and good fortune of being the husband to the love of his life, and to the mother to his children, Susan, for over 40 years. He had the joy of being the father to their two wonderful children, Cindy and Cameron, of watching each of them grow, get an education, and succeed in their chosen profession, and seeing each of them choose and marry the person they loved, Ron and Jennifer. He lived to see the birth of Cindy and Ron's twins, Sonja and Gunnar. He was the only brother to Ann Gaylord, and enjoyed all of their years of family adventures and experiences together with her and her family. He was the only son to Greta and Willie K Kirkconnell, and together with Ann saw them live long and happy lives in the comfort of their own home, and travel back and forth to their beloved home island of Cayman Brac until the end of their lives. Together with Susan and their children, he maintained a strong connection with his Cayman Islands heritage. He loved outdoor activities with his family, including fishing, diving, hunting and travel, especially to Cayman Brac and the Keys. In his later years, he was able to travel to many interesting places with Susan, including Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Alaska and the American west, among others. A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, September 27, at 10 a.m., at Annunciation Catholic Church, 1020 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs (407-869-9472), with a reception following at the Annunciation Catholic Church Family Life Center. Memorial donations may be made in his name to the American Red Cross, 5 N. Bumby Ave., Orlando, FL 32803 or at www.redcross.org.

Arrangements entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory. 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751. 407-695-CARE (2273).

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“ Susan,
*I am so sorry for your loss. Kirk was a one in a million and will be greatly missed.
Fond memories of good times shared will be toasted around many campfires.
I am lucky to have called Kirk my friend.
Tom Cotton*

Tom Cotton - September 11, 2012 at 03:39 PM

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“ *All Return Again*

It is the secret of the world that all things subsist and do not die, but only retire a little from sight and afterwards return again. Nothing is dead; men feign themselves dead, and endure mock funerals and mournful obituaries, and there they stand looking out of the window, sound and well, in some new strange disguise. Jesus is not dead; he is very well alive; nor John, nor Paul, nor Mahomet, nor Aristotle; at times we believe we have seen them all, and could easily tell the names under which they go.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

With deepest sympathy,

Jason Kendall

Jason H. Kendall - September 10, 2012 at 12:22 PM



“ *Dear Susan and family,
Myrna, Sean, Bart and I send you our condolences during this time of grief. Our prayers are with you now and always.
With brotherly love,
David Creasman and family*

David Creasman - September 10, 2012 at 10:15 AM