



## Cordell Ruth Kirn

October 3, 1940 - May 27, 2024

Cordell Ruth (Kranawetter) Kirn, 83, of Perryville, Missouri, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 27, 2024. Born on October 3, 1940, in Jacob, Illinois, to Benjamin and Frieda (Stueve) Kranawetter, Cordell's life was one of love and passion. On May 3, 1960, she married Nelson Kirn, and together they celebrated 64 years of marriage.

Cordell was a teacher in early childhood education and had also found joy early in life as a cosmetologist, touching the lives of many in her community. Her vibrant spirit was evident through her involvement in the Perry County Saddle Club, the Art Guild (now Creative Arts), Chamber of Commerce, and Immanuel Lutheran Church. She enjoyed needlepoint, arts and crafts, word searches, dancing, and especially spoiling her grandchildren. Cordell's heart was open to all creatures, and she had a special bond with animals.

She leaves behind her children, Kim Kirn (David George) of Clayton, MO, Valerie (Scott) Kirn-Duensing of Traverse City, MI, Brent (Lori) Kirn of Atlanta, GA, and Veronica Kirn (Martin Ray) of Cape Girardeau, MO; her grandchildren, Jessica Stilts, Ridge Kirn, Grace Duensing, Madison Duensing, Jeric George, Chase Kirn, Seth George, and Briley Kirn; and three great-grandchildren, Elodie, Ames, and Colette Stilts. She is also survived by her brother, Erwin Kranawetter of Evansville, IN, and her sisters, Matilda Luckey of Perryville and Nelda Arbeiter of Evansville, IN.

Cordell was preceded in death by her parents and 6 siblings.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Sunday, June 2, 2024, at Ford and Young in Perryville, and from 9:00 to 11:00 am on Monday, June 3, 2024, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville. A funeral service, officiated by Rev. Joseph Schlie, will follow at 11:00 am. Cordell will be laid to rest at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Perryville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Perry County Senior Center, Aging Matters [www.agingmatters2u.com](http://www.agingmatters2u.com) and/or St. Elizabeth's Adult Day Care Center of Ste. Genevieve, MO [www.seadcc.com](http://www.seadcc.com).

Cordell's warmth, creativity and generosity will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her legacy of love and kindness will forever remain in the hearts of her family and friends.

Online condolences may be made below on the memories tab.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

# Cemetery Details

## Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery Perryville

600 Washington Lane  
Perryville, MO 63775

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home  
110 S West Street  
Perryville, MO 63775

## Visitation

JUN 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Immanuel Lutheran Church-Perryville  
Perryville, MO

*453 N. West Street, Perryville MO 63775*

## Funeral Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM.

Immanuel Lutheran Church-Perryville  
Perryville, MO

*453 N. West Street, Perryville MO 63775*



# Tribute Wall

MG

“ Mike and Paula Geigerman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cordell Ruth Kirn.

Mike and Paula Geigerman - June 01, 2024 at 04:52 PM

DF

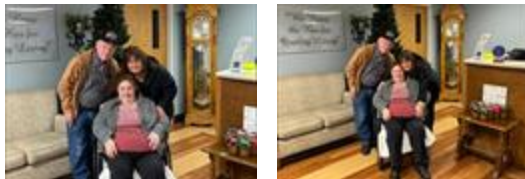
“ Dorothy Duensing & Daniel Sannar, Alex, Brenden, Megan & John Sannar & Haskell Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Cordell Ruth Kirn.



Dorothy Duensing & Daniel Sannar, Alex, Brenden, Megan & John Sannar & Haskell Family - June 01, 2024 at 10:29 AM

LH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



linda Hall - June 01, 2024 at 09:45 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cordell Ruth Kirn.



June 01, 2024 at 09:17 AM

LB

“ My love and prayers to the family of my good friend from high school, a member of t he renowned Krautland Gang! You had to be from East Perry County MO to be a member. We shared a lot of good times ... and a beer or two!! It was so nice to reconnect later in life, to host Valerie at my home, to have our attorney children connect at a break room in St. Louis when my son overheard the word “Perryville” and really catch up at my sister’s funeral in Perryville. RIP my dear friend.

Lillian Bjorseth - May 31, 2024 at 07:33 PM

JE

“ Our deepest sympathy, Independence Health System

Jill Edwards - May 31, 2024 at 10:41 AM

KS

“ Now I know where Kim Kirn got her expert needlework skills, dedication to community, twinkly eyes and bright smile. Much love to you and your family as you remember your mom/grandmother/spouse/friend/community pillar.

Kelly Standing - May 31, 2024 at 09:57 AM

FA

“ Nelson and family, I extend my deepest sympathy to you all in the loss of your dear loved. Cordell. May she rest in peace in the arms of Our Lord.



Faye Amschler - May 30, 2024 at 10:12 PM

BD

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. Bob and Kathy Dillahay

Bob Dillahay - May 30, 2024 at 09:24 PM

PR

“ Patricia R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cordell Ruth Kirn.

Patricia R. - May 30, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cordell Ruth Kirn.



May 30, 2024 at 12:32 PM

CL

“ Catherine Ray and Family with Love purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Cordell Ruth Kirn.



Catherine Ray and Family with Love - May 30, 2024 at 11:42 AM

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“ Catherine Ray and Family with Love planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cordell Ruth Kirn.

Catherine Ray and Family with Love - May 30, 2024 at 11:42 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Ford and Young Funeral Home - May 29, 2024 at 06:45 PM**