

ALLEN CYLER KIRKLAND, JR.



Allen C. Kirkland, Jr., 82, passed away peacefully August 25, 2020. He was born August 16, 1938. Allen was a member of the Hilliard congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses since 1986. He was a devoted follower of his faith not only with his words but by his example. He's been known over the years as: Junior, Red, AC or Kirk, but preferably as Allen and Brother Kirkland. He will be remembered as one whom thoughtfully made decisions and kept his word.

Allen is survived by his wife for nearly 50 years, Shirley L. Kirkland, knowing each for over 75 years; he was a father, mentor and friend to his children Ronald A. Kirkland, Cindy (Dan) Taylor, Debra (Wayne) West, Andrew (Francis) Herrin, Sharon (Robbie) Ormandy and Mark (Lynn) Herrin. They all love and miss him. The children all joke about how he managed to know when one was doing wrong. What was thought as punishment then were life lessons that are passed on now to many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Allen spoke often and fondly of them with a special memory he had for each. Allen had fond memories also of cousins, nieces and nephews as children and into adulthood. Allen is also survived by one brother Larry (Patricia) Kirkland.

Allen was preceded in death by his parents Allen C Kirkland, Sr. and Mary Ann Kirkland (Crews); sisters Vera (Martin) Peck and Ruby (Martin) Beville. He truly loved his childhood and growing up with them as evidenced by his strong memory of that time. Born at home, working at an early age, he said many times it was a happy life.

The family wishes to thank the many friends of Allen, whom over the last few days have shown to us, the care and compassion he cherished and knew for many years.

A virtual memorial service is planned for Saturday, September 12 at 2 p.m. via Zoom meeting. The meeting address and information to access the memorial will be provided on the Callahan Funeral Home website: www.callahanfh.com.