



C. Kirby Scroggins

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Our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather died peacefully on May 16 surrounded by his family one month to the day shy of his 92nd birthday.

Kirby was our hero...a gentle, humble man who inspired anyone who knew him. He was a man of deep faith. Because he wasn't raised in any particular faith he decided as a young man that he would join the faith of the person he married one day. He met Ceil Keaveny on her first day of employment at First Bank. He announced to his co-workers after meeting her that she was the girl he was going to marry one day. Kirby and Ceil were engaged on Oct. 4, 1958 and were married at St. Gall's Catholic Church in Tintah, Minnesota on April 18, 1959. Ceil was the love of his life for over 66 years. He loved his new found Catholic Faith and this faith guided his every step throughout his life. He had a unique prayer ritual each night that was a lengthy intercession by name for his family first, then extended family, then Parish Community, neighbors and then the needs of our country and the world. The "Hail Mary" was this convert's favorite prayer and he offered it generously for those he loved and cared about. Sunday Mass was a priority over anything else. We never took a vacation without first finding the Catholic Church when we arrived at our destination!

Dad was born into a loving family in South Minneapolis, the middle of three children. He excelled at the clarinet as a young boy, marching in the Aquatennial Parade multiple times. At the age of 17 he began working with First National Bank on a work/study program through South High School. After a two year stint in the US Army his return to the bank led to a life-long career in banking which lasted 41 years. He was highly respected in his field and his advice and expertise were often sought both within and outside of the bank. He enjoyed serving on various boards to improve the quality of life for the communities he served. He was named West Broadway Man of the Year when he served in that community. He especially enjoyed partnering with Ascension Catholic Church and School to support and assist the children of that neighborhood. He had a huge heart and was especially concerned about those on the margins and those forgotten by society. He did all of this quietly, using his influence as he could to help those in need.

While Kirby had a very successful professional life he often said: "I work to live, I don't live to work..." after his FAITH his FAMILY was his main priority and world. We grew up thinking the term "Bankers Hours" referred to our Dad coming home in the afternoons to read to us or play tennis with us or play catch in the back yard. He was able to retire at age 57 following triple bypass heart surgery. His recovery led to MANY years of travel for Kirby and Ceil...annual cruises, several trips to Europe and many road trips here at home (he loved to drive!) As the grandchildren came along he was thrilled to be able to attend all of their athletic, musical and school events. One parent commented to him after seeing him at so many soccer games: "You must really love sports!" Kirby replied, "I don't really care much for sports but I LOVE my grandchildren!" And he did. They were the bright light of his growing older years. Nothing made him happier than family time. While we are saddened to see him go we can feel nothing but profound gratitude to God for the gift that Kirby has been in our lives. We know that those who die go no

farther from us than God and God is very near! He has slipped off into the next room waiting for us to join him some day.

Thank you Kirby, Dad, Grandpa, Papa and Great Grandpa for living your life so generously. You were to us as perfect a man as could be this side of Heaven. Thank you for your love, your guidance, your example and your wit! Until we meet again.

Kirby was preceded in death by his parents Louise and Howard, his sister Jean Seman and his daughter Kelly Jeanetta. He is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years Ceil. His sons, Kevin; David (Basia) and their children Michael and Ella; Donn (Christine) and their children Charlie, Leo and Henry; and Kelly's children Jason (Natalie), Jacinta, Joseph and Jesse and Kelly's grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Robert (Denise) and many nieces and nephews.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Kirby will be Wednesday July 9 at 11:30 at St. Odilia Catholic Church, 3495 Victoria Street North, Shoreview. A Visitation will precede the Mass beginning at 10:30. Live-stream available here:

<https://youtube.com/live/uSSdDukfLVI?feature=share>

Interment will be in the St. Odilia Prayer Garden after Mass.

Memorials preferred to St. Odilia Catholic School. No flowers, please.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Odilia Catholic Church
3495 Victoria Street N.
Shoreview, MN 55126

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 9. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JUL 9. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM.

Saint Odilia Prayer Garden

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *Such a beautiful tribute! He truly was one of my favorite people!! May he rest in peace!*



jim and jeanne putnam - July 07, 2025 at 08:32 PM

TM

“ *Aunt Ceil, Kevin, David, Donn and families...What a beautiful tribute to Uncle Kirby. I was so sorry to hear of his passing, but as you say, he is still near. I am sure he will be so missed by all of you. Love, Teri*

Teri McClaflin - May 27, 2025 at 05:26 PM

WB

“ *So sorry to hear of his passing. He was always incredibly kind.*

Wendy Binsfeld - May 27, 2025 at 12:08 AM

DK

“ *Ceil and Kevin so sorry for your loss. May prayers are with you all. Darby*

darby keaveny - May 23, 2025 at 10:03 AM