



## Leonard T. Kirkham

December 11, 2017

Leonard T. Kirkham, longtime resident of Buford, passed away at home on December 11, 2017. He was 70 years old.

Born in Birmingham, England, Len attended primary school in Germany and then entered unique apprenticeship training as a shipwright. He achieved several degrees in economics and media including MBA, DMS, and MBIM. Honored to be a part of the British sailing team for the first Whitbread Round the World Race, Len subsequently completed several solo circumnavigations of the globe. A renowned navigator, tactician, and captain, he won international titles in several classes of racing yachts.

An ardent British historian, he traveled to view all the lands once held by the British Empire. It was while wandering the world in 1985 that he found himself in New Jersey where he met his wife Robin, and the wandering was greatly slowed (but not stopped). He is survived by Robin, his foster daughter Christelle and her daughter Aliyah, his children Steve and Helen, and several brothers and a sister in England.

An avid traveler, Len once wrote, "Whether it was in the Himalayan mountains of Nepal, the dry plains of Zululand, the desert of Ethiopia, or the coastal resorts of New Jersey, the kindness and goodness of my fellow man always prevailed." Fluent in several languages and conversant in many more, Len was always able to order a beer in the native tongue.

The world has lost a great treasure. We are all richer for having known him. A memorial celebrating his life will be scheduled in the coming weeks.



# Tribute Wall



“ Leonard T. Kirkham

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ Len was a good friend who was always generous with his time and good cheer. Melinda and I spent a week with Len and Robin on a Cat in the BVI some time ago and had a blast. I will miss Len very much.

Ken Blankenship - December 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Len was a good friend who was always generous with his time and good cheer. Melinda and I spent a week with Len and Robin on a Cat in the BVI some time ago and had a blast. I will miss Len very much.

Ken Blankenship - December 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dear Kirkham Family:

*I know this is a difficult time for you, please accept my sincere condolences. "Blessed be the God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort." (2 Corinthians 1:3)*

*"Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, and those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment." (John 5:28, 29)*

*I look forward to the day when all of us will see our dear loved ones again!*

*Again, my condolences,  
Shelly R.*

---

**Shelly R.** - December 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dear Kirkham Family:

*I know this is a difficult time for you, please accept my sincere condolences. "Blessed be the God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort." (2 Corinthians 1:3)*

*"Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, and those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment." (John 5:28, 29)*

*I look forward to the day when all of us will see our dear loved ones again!*

*Again, my condolences,  
Shelly R.*

---

**Shelly R.** - December 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ I was privileged to know this amazing man. His presence and talent will be missed here in Georgia and Lake Lanier, and all over the world for that matter. He was always there for anyone that needed his help or advice. RIP my friend.

---

**Randy Phillips** - December 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ I was privileged to know this amazing man. His presence and talent will be missed here in Georgia and Lake Lanier, and all over the world for that matter. He was always there for anyone that needed his help or advice. RIP my friend.

---

**Randy Phillips** - December 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ You fit with the other icons in the sky  
Your life touched so many  
We had special energy  
Let your light carry to the highest place in the Heavens  
Know you were loved

---

**Sandra Senzon** - December 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AU

“ When someone you love dies, for some, it's like a piece of you goes with them. For others, it is a relief because they know they suffer no more. However, Jehovah God knows our deepest emotions. He understands that death is an enemy that we can't fight. That's why he promises that death will be swallowed up forever. (Isaiah 25:8). Also the Bible calls death the last enemy that will be brought to nothing (1 Corinthians 15:26). We also are promised a paradise here on earth where there is no more pain or sorrow and God himself will wipe every tear from our eyes. (Revelation 21:3,4). For more BIBLE truth please visit JW.ORG

---

**Aubrey** - December 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Oh Robin, we are so sorry to hear about Leonards passing. He was a Great man. It was a pleasure to have known him. Sending our love and prayers to all of you during this time. You have wonderful memories to cherish forever.

---

**John & Laura McCann** - December 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ You fit with the other icons in the sky  
Your life touched so many  
We had special energy  
Let your light carry to the highest place in the Heavens  
Know you were loved

---

**Sandra Senzon** - December 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AU

“ When someone you love dies, for some, it's like a piece of you goes with them. For others, it is a relief because they know they suffer no more. However, Jehovah God knows our deepest emotions. He understands that death is an enemy that we can't fight. That's why he promises that death will be swallowed up forever. (Isaiah 25:8). Also the Bible calls death the last enemy that will be brought to nothing (1 Corinthians 15:26). We also are promised a paradise here on earth where there is no more pain or sorrow and God himself will wipe every tear from our eyes. (Revelation 21:3,4). For more BIBLE truth please visit JW.ORG

---

**Aubrey** - December 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Oh Robin, we are so sorry to hear about Leonards passing. He was a Great man. It was a pleasure to have known him. Sending our love and prayers to all of you during this time. You have wonderful memories to cherish forever.

---

**John & Laura McCann** - December 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I can't even begin to imagine the pain that you are experiencing. However, Jehovah God is someone who always knows how you feel and wants to you bring you comfort and hope. His Word the Bible promises: "Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted. He saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34 verse 18) I hope this brings some measure of comfort to you, knowing you have someone to depend on while you endure the pain. <https://vimeo.com/237368772>

---

**Veronica Webster** - December 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Thanks for being part of our family.

-----  
**Daren Hoyle** - December 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ It was a honor to know and work under him.  
He was amazing and enjoyed learning from him.  
Ben

-----  
**Ben Power** - December 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I can't even begin to imagine the pain that you are experiencing. However, Jehovah God is someone who always knows how you feel and wants to you bring you comfort and hope. His Word the Bible promises: "Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted. He saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34 verse 18) I hope this brings some measure of comfort to you, knowing you have someone to depend on while you endure the pain. <https://vimeo.com/237368772>

-----  
**Veronica Webster** - December 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Thanks for being part of our family.

-----  
**Daren Hoyle** - December 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ It was a honor to know and work under him.  
He was amazing and enjoyed learning from him.  
Ben

-----  
**Ben Power** - December 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM