



Jody Kirkman

July 8, 1966 - May 11, 2025

Jody Carl Kirkman, 58, of Ocala, Florida, passed away on May 11, 2025, at his home in Ocala.

Jody was born on July 8, 1966, in Bedford, Indiana, to Timothy and Ramona Kirkman. He attended Tryon High School, graduating in 1984, and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of South Florida. For the past six years, he served as the Utilities Director for Marion County.

Jody enjoyed fishing, spending time with his grandchildren, visiting theme parks, and attending Civil War reenactments.

He is survived by his loving wife, Donna Kirkman of Ocala; his children, Erica Hagelin (Andrew), Nathan Kirkman (Katie), and Carson Kirkman; and his grandchildren, Lucas Hagelin, Nolan Hagelin, Penn Kirkman, and Palmer Kirkman. He is also survived by his siblings, Jackie Kirkman (Candy) and Sarah Dial (Rae).

Jody was preceded in death by his sister, Rochelle Lewis, and his parents, Ramona Sullivan and Timothy Kirkman.

A Celebration of Life will be held on June 21st at 1:00 PM at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion, located at 2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala, FL 34470.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Gentiva Hospice in memory of Jody Carl Kirkman. Contributions can be sent to:

Gentiva Hospice
1320 Southeast 25th Loop, Suite 101
Ocala, FL 34471

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

Southeastern Livestock Pavilion
2232 NE Jacksonville Rd
Ocala, FL 34470

Tribute Wall

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“ Jody and I attended and graduated high school together in 1984 and stayed in touch until he passed earlier this year. He was a great person and wonderful friend. I could always count on him when I needed someone to talk to and was so lucky that I was able to visit and travel with him often over the years after high school even though we had taken very different paths in life. He was very humble, very caring and a lot of fun to be with. His passing was obviously way too soon and hard to hear and sad when he called to tell me what was going on. I miss him greatly but will never forget the time we did spend together. I wish the best for his family going forward.

anonymous - December 06, 2025 at 12:32 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jody Kirkman.

June 16, 2025 at 08:59 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jody Kirkman.



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“ Jody made such a lasting impact on those who were fortunate enough to know and work with him. His integrity, intelligence, and pragmatic approach to work and life made him a valued friend and colleague. His love for his family was ever present. His calm demeanor and sly wit were so refreshing even in the most challenging situations. My heart aches that the world lost Jody too soon, but I am so appreciative for the time we did get to spend with him.

Theresa Connor - May 25, 2025 at 07:07 PM

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“ Jody is remembered as a hardworking and intelligent man who rose through the ranks to become a respected leader in the utility field. He deeply loved his family and often spoke of them, even in the midst of his busy workdays. His dedication, sharp mind, and occasional dry humor left a lasting impression. Jody earned the respect of many of his peers and he leaves behind a legacy of perseverance and leadership.

Gregory Rouse - May 22, 2025 at 02:12 PM

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“ Jody was my nephew and I babysat him for many years along with Rochelle and Jackie. I remember when Mamma and Poppi Bernard were visiting in Bradenton and Jody hit Mamma in the stomach because he was saying hello! I think he was 6.



Susan kirkman - May 21, 2025 at 04:42 PM