



## Russell Kirk Coats

September 3, 1964 - January 29, 2021

Kirk Coats was born on September 3rd, 1964. Kirk attended Dunbar High School and graduated in 1983. He was an amazing basketball player and Valedictorian. He attended Texas Tech and went on to work for the Lubbock State School. He found his love in working with special needs people. After he left the Lubbock State School, he supervised at Daybreak Community Services. His employees loved him because he treated them as his friends. Kirk was known for helping everyone. If you knew him, he called you family. His biggest loves were hunting and spending time with his family and friends. Kirk was preceded in death by his brothers Todd and Mike as well as his beloved mother Norma Coats "Mama C". Kirk's precious family members are his granddaughters Addison, Lilly, Evie and Rayna and his niece Sara Coats Rogers. He also leaves behind his amazing sons, Jared Coats and Jacob Bartholomew but most loved by all of Kirk's friends is his father Paul Coats aka "Mo" to all of Kirk's friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q  
Lubbock, TX 79415

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 4. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Russell Kirk Coats



Sanders Funeral Home - February 04, 2021 at 02:20 PM

JD

*Thank you for making this available to those of us who couldn't attend in person. Saddest thing ever!*

Julie Durham - February 04, 2021 at 02:26 PM

BL

*Grateful to participate online. His Caregiver Daybreak family will miss him.*

Beth Landry - February 04, 2021 at 02:33 PM

SS

*Rest in Heaven Dear Friend Kirk he was truly a great person for the few times that I had seen him in Wichita Falls he was a gentle giant that will truly be missed. Prayers for the family.*

Shamekia Singleton - February 04, 2021 at 02:47 PM

TT

*Thankful and very grateful to participate online!!! Gonna miss u Big Guy!!!*

Takesha Twitty - February 04, 2021 at 03:18 PM

LC

*Thank you for sharing this beautiful service for those who could not be there. Kirk was an inspiration to all that knew him. He will be missed.*

**Lori Craig** - February 04, 2021 at 04:26 PM

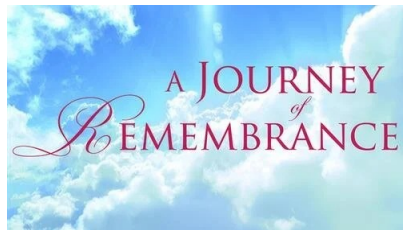


*This hurts me so bad Kirk is a wonderful caring person I worked with him for a couple of years and never felt like my work was unnoticed RIH my friend*

**Ritha Smith** - February 04, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell Kirk Coats



**Sanders Funeral Home** - February 01, 2021 at 06:31 PM

AO

*Beautiful*💕

**Amber ONeill** - February 01, 2021 at 06:47 PM

AD

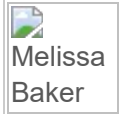
*Beautiful.*

**Annette Deans** - February 01, 2021 at 08:04 PM

TO

*Great pics of the family. Tony*

**Tony** - February 01, 2021 at 08:17 PM



Melissa  
Baker

*Ah my heart hurts so dang bad over all of this. Velvet I love you so much and words cannot express how sorry I am that you are living through this.*

**Melissa Baker** - February 01, 2021 at 09:08 PM



AA

*Beautiful ❤️*

**Amy Asmus** - February 01, 2021 at 10:09 PM



SS

*Kirk will be missed by so many. God Bless you All during this very difficult time. Thank you my friend for the many wonderful memories my whole family has of you. You will always be a brother to us. We love you all. Love, Shawn, J'Lin Holly and Heather Stewart.*

**Shawn Stewart** - February 01, 2021 at 10:55 PM



SJ

*Kirk was always very nice to me. All the residents loved him. R.I.P. dear sir. You will be missed. Praying for the family for peace and strength. God Bless!*

**Stacie Johnson** - February 01, 2021 at 11:03 PM



AB

*Charlie and Ashley Kirk was a good person to me and Ashley he was My motivation He was still reason why I conquered and Slade my giant of smoking I stopped smoking because I thought of him I miss him everyday I miss them when he used to work for Daybreak he was very good To all the individuals Not only good to the individuals but good to the staff He put his time and effort to make Daybreak day hab He gave me great advice Rest in peace Kirk You are up there In heaven With all the other Individuals that died And they break If it wasn't for you Kirk Daybreak when it be where they at now God bless rest in peace sir*

**Ashley Boman** - February 01, 2021 at 11:12 PM



VE

*Thank you Melissa & Shawn. We can feel your love while are hearts are broken.*

**Velvet** - February 02, 2021 at 01:15 AM

KG

*Beautiful💕. You will be missed. You meant a lot to your family, friends, co- workers and the individuals you devoted your life to at work. Rest In Peace.*

**Kathy Griffith** - February 02, 2021 at 08:49 AM

RO

*Beautiful! You will be missed Kirk ! You were like a brother too a lot of us ! Proud too have played basketball with you at Dunbar! RIP brother*

**Roland** - February 02, 2021 at 09:02 AM

LO

*My heart is broken at the news of this tragic loss. I knew Kirk through Kevin. He was the one of the kindest people I have ever met. I can only imagine the heartache of the family during this difficult time. Only God knows why it had to end this way. May you all feel a peace that passes all understanding. Prayers for all who loved him. 🙏😭*

**Lori** - February 02, 2021 at 03:48 PM

GR

*What a wonderful tribute. Kirk was such a sweet outgoing guy. He was always caring and stood up for what was right. And funny oh my gosh funny. Everyone was so happy when the two popular kids got married(Kirk and Velvet) and then had kids. Kirk was a good man father husband and friend. I'm gonna miss him so very much. I'm glad God let me have such a good friend. Prayers for the family for strength and understanding. Love to all. Heaven gained a wonderful angel.*

**Greer Nordyke Rietz** - February 02, 2021 at 06:51 PM

CB

*As Kirk's friend and colleague, I am very heartbroken for this loss. My prayers and thoughts go out to the whole family. He will be greatly missed.*

**Carol Bell** - February 02, 2021 at 09:47 PM

RE

*We have many fond memories of Kirk while we shared a deer lease. He was one of the kindest, most thoughtful man we have known. He was a big ole huggable teddy bear and we shared many of them hugs! He will greatly be missed!! Prayers to the family!*

**Rick & Debbie Etie** - February 03, 2021 at 04:31 PM

JH

*Kirk was always larger than life to our family, from his giant mixing bowls used for cereal that my sons still think about and wanted that to be their tradition too. Jared you remind me so much of your dad, which is an amazing gift and legacy to carry on. I have no words for such loss and the holes left in many hearts, Jared, all of his granddaughters will need to hear your stories of this gentle man...love you all*

**janice hennington** - February 03, 2021 at 05:34 PM

MI

*The Daybreak Family love you Kirk you will be missed*

**Michelle** - February 03, 2021 at 07:31 PM

LJ

*What an inspiration to all Kirk was an amazing soul and he will be missed by so many ❤️*

**Lola Johnson** - February 03, 2021 at 07:35 PM

DJ

*I am so sorry for your loss, i worked with him in Wichita falls for 11 yrs he will be remembered for yrs to come*

**Dorothea Jolly.** - February 03, 2021 at 07:37 PM

MS

*You will be reimbursed forever. You were a star that shine no matter where you were. You brought joy to all. Rest in peace! A true angel that will be missed!!*

**Mary Smith** - February 04, 2021 at 09:47 AM

MS

*You will be remembered forever. You were a star that shine no matter where you were. You brought joy to all. Rest in peace. A true angel that will be missed.*

**Mary Smith** - February 04, 2021 at 09:51 AM

JA

*I worked with Kirk in Wichita Falls... He was always super nice to me. My heart is truly broken praying for the family..*

**Jae** - February 04, 2021 at 11:36 AM

LG

*Kirk was just a great guy and was so dedicated to helping special needs individuals. He always listened to any problems i had with my son, i worked with him in Wichita Falls at Daybreak. He will always be missed!*

**Linda Gray** - February 04, 2021 at 03:30 PM

BC

*I rent a house from Kirk..On the day of signing papers and all was done we both stood up and all I saw was this giant man..I'm 5'6"..I was very intimidated by his size..Through the 8 1/2 yrs I knew him we became good friends..He always told me that if I ever need anything plz dont hesitate..The yrs I knew Kirk helped me realize to not sweat the small stuff..He will truly be missed..God Speed my friend !!*

**Bill Crockett** - February 04, 2021 at 03:58 PM

JG

*God speed, brother ❤️ You were such a servant with an infectious smile and laugh! I am so thankful for the memories I have of you with our Daybreak/Caregiver family. Rest easy.*

**Jaime Jacobs Grider** - February 06, 2021 at 08:20 PM

PM

“ PACSTX Board & Members purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.



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**PACSTX Board & Members** - February 05, 2021 at 01:11 PM

HS

“ Kirk you were a true jewel of a person!!! My family and your family have been friends for 50 years! We grew up together and you will leave a big hole in all of our hearts! Thank you for all of the great memories! I love you dearly sweet Kirk!!! Holly Stewart

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**Holly Stewart** - February 04, 2021 at 10:38 PM

DS

“ I was fortunate enough to help hire Kirk at the Lubbock State School and then participate in getting him moved up to Unit Director level. That gave me the opportunity to work side by side with this gentle giant. Always eager to learn, always helpful, caring, patient and supportive. A great personality. Funny! Loved how he'd lean in and talk in that quiet voice whether serious or with a joke. Got to play golf with him many times when we worked together. Had a little contact with him after I left the state school and am sad I did not stay in better touch. Loved the man and will always hold him dear in my heart. So many positive qualities and no bad ones I could even think of. Hit them straight Kirk!  
Dr Dave Jenkins

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**Dr David C Jenkins, Sr.** - February 04, 2021 at 06:37 PM

ML

“ Kirk had the best healing bear hugs. He could hug you and everything just got better. His amazing beautiful smile and understanding heart could light the dimmest world. My dear friend Kirk rest in peace Buddy. This world is dimmer without your light, but we'll do as you would expect of us. We'll pick ourselves up and live life to the fullest every day. Carrying your love with us. Until we meet again, my friend. Love, Monica

Monica Linder - February 04, 2021 at 04:35 PM

SO

“ What more can I say but that kirk was an awesome person when I first met kirk at daybreak in ft worth I was like" who is this tall big guy he smells sooo good lol", kirk would always greet with the biggest strongest hug with an added kiss on the forehead when I joined them in the Lubbock office it was such warmth there, kirk loved everyone genuinely, you will be greatly missed , I was very fortunate to have known such an awesome person



Shadanna O'neal - February 04, 2021 at 03:27 PM

SS

“ My deepest condolences to the family & friends Kirk was a light too a lot of people, Rest my gentle giant you will be missed.



Shamekia Singleton - February 04, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ Kirk was one of the most heartwarming and loyal persons that I have ever met. His loss is felt BIG all over the state of Texas due to the good works he did in his job and his life. Thank you to his family who shared him with us. ❤️

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**Dana Hail** - February 04, 2021 at 01:46 PM

BD

“ Dear Kirk i will never forget all the great times me you and mrs Cindy had together i you will be missed dearly you hold a very special in my heart i have your family in my heart and prayers god bless Brandye Davis

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**Brandye Davis** - February 04, 2021 at 01:40 PM

MS

“ Kirk was the most giving and caring man I've known. I'm blessed to have had such a good friend, I'll never forget him, and I will always love him! I send my deepest condolences to his family and friends. I miss my friend! Love you always, Mark

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**mark schauer** - February 04, 2021 at 12:52 PM

EM

Kirk was a wonderful boss we tra eled through time together at Lubbock st school to daybreak creating better living for people we served Im very thankful to have the time we had together God Bless

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**Eddie Mann** - February 04, 2021 at 05:27 PM

CO

“ Wish I could be there. Kirk helped so many people. He was such a fun guy to be around, hope to play a round of golf with him some day on the other side. Carl Odom

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**Carl Odom** - February 04, 2021 at 12:00 PM

LC

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. Kirk was such a fun and loving guy who always had a smile on his face. I'm thankful I had the opportunity to talk with him recently and share a few laughs. He will be missed.

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**Lori Craig** - February 04, 2021 at 11:28 AM

RT

“ Russell Golden and the TaskMaster Pro Team purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.



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**Russell Golden and the TaskMaster Pro Team** - February 04, 2021 at 09:38 AM

MC

“ Mr. Coats, family, and friends. Please accept our most sincerest condolences. This has taken the entire Class of DSHS 1983 breath away. Kirk was just such a great guy, and the times we shared in High School were priceless. Kirk was an awesome "baller" and was well respected by all, not just for his athletic and academic abilities, but because he was just an awesome guy to be around. I know that he is already missed by all, but he will be in our hearts and thoughts forever. Rest easy #42. '83 Panther Pride 4Life.

*DSHS Class of 1983*

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**Michael Chatman** - February 04, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.*



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February 04, 2021 at 08:46 AM



“ *It is with the most up respect, love, and sadness that I send my deepest condolences to the family of the Coats. I want to first off start by saying that Kirk was a wonderful colleague, that I worked with at Daybreak. One of the best things about him was he had a smile that glowed from the heavens and gave hugs that would life the spirits of anyone. Mr. Kirk had a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone. I would like to just take the time to say a prayer for the family! God please heal the family during the times of need, please keep your hands on them as they travel down a path that only you will allow healing. In your name I pray. Amen.*

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

*You will be deeply missed but not forgotten, till we meet again my friend.*

*Angela Bilyeu*

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**Angie Bilyeu. I work for Daybreak** - February 03, 2021 at 11:37 PM



“ *There just wasn't a nicer guy anywhere. My sympathies to Jared, Mo, and everyone who loved Kirk. May his memory be for a blessing.*

Tracy Norton - February 03, 2021 at 09:55 PM



“ *Lola and Craig Moore purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.*



Lola and Craig Moore - February 03, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.*



February 03, 2021 at 07:02 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.*



February 03, 2021 at 05:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.*



February 03, 2021 at 04:06 PM



“ *Jones Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.*



**Jones Family** - February 03, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.*



February 03, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.*



February 03, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.*



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February 03, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ *Jeff Wise purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.*



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**Jeff Wise** - February 03, 2021 at 12:11 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.*



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February 02, 2021 at 11:10 PM



“ *Kathee Sharp purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.*



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**Kathee Sharp** - February 02, 2021 at 11:09 PM

LF

“ I had the privilege of working with Kirk through Daybreak, and looked forward to the opportunities of our paths crossing. With a heart as big as he was I knew a hug was coming. I know he has made a difference in the lives of 100s of people with developmental disabilities and that there was a crowd of folks waiting to meet him on the other side. My thoughts will be with those that will miss him the most.



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**Lynn Fox** - February 02, 2021 at 01:47 PM

CC

*you will be miss by all the peoples you knew kirk*

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**candy cook** - February 02, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.*



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February 02, 2021 at 08:54 AM

RM

“ *So many fun memories of you Kirk. We will miss all your fun, laughter, big smile and that big bear hug you always gave us all. We will miss these summer days we would all share together. What a big hole has been left. Prayers for all the family and friends.*



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**Randi Morgan** - February 01, 2021 at 11:48 PM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.*



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February 01, 2021 at 11:19 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.*



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February 01, 2021 at 11:07 PM



“ *Kirk was an inspiration and role model to me over the years. He is a big part of the reason I am where I am today. It was such an honor and privilege to have worked and been friends with him. Everyone that knew him loved him, and always felt his caring heart. You will be missed so much. We love you. Prayers for peace for his family and friends.*

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**Karen Wilson** - February 01, 2021 at 10:54 PM

HB

“ Kirk you were such a memorable figure in my childhood. I hold so many memories of you and will always remember your kindness and hugs.



Heather Barden - February 01, 2021 at 10:24 PM

VE

Precious Heather!

Velvet - February 02, 2021 at 01:13 AM

KJ

“ Kirk will be truly missed....may God comfort all the family. Kim and Dennis

Kim Jones - February 01, 2021 at 09:47 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.



February 01, 2021 at 08:43 PM

TO

“ Thanks for teaching me how to play basketball and baseball. I also recall you having to take me out for driving lessons. Peace and Love, TJ

Tony - February 01, 2021 at 08:16 PM



Melissa Baker

*I just got through telling mom how Kirk was the one that got me into watch NBA and how much I enjoyed him explaining everything to me during the championships. I love you all*

Melissa Baker - February 01, 2021 at 09:10 PM



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Amber O'Neill - February 01, 2021 at 07:18 PM



*i will miss you krik rest in peace*

candy cook - February 02, 2021 at 02:29 PM

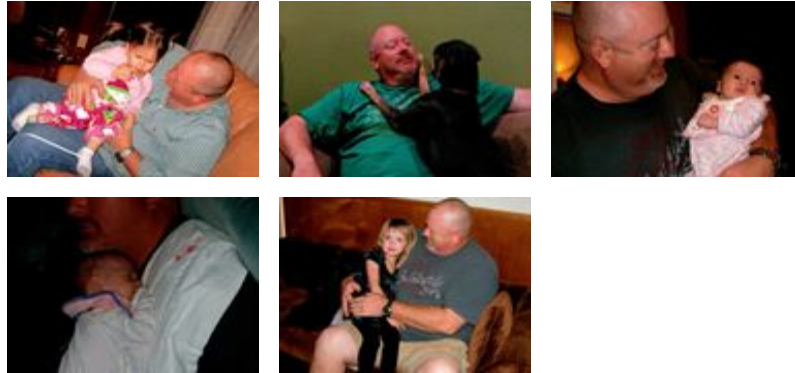


“ *Enjoyed the times we did get to spend together* ❤️❤️ -O'Neill family

Amber O'Neill - February 01, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sanders Funeral Home - February 01, 2021 at 06:29 PM

AA

“ *I have struggled the last few days with the words I want to share. Our world dimmed the day you left this earth. You were such an amazing man, mentor, friend, and leader. I am blessed to of known you for the last 10 years. Your kindness radiated to anyone you crossed paths with. You never knew a stranger. 7 years ago, you believed in me and gave me a second chance with Daybreak. I promised to make you proud and in my heart, I believe I did. To your family, I am deeply saddened by the loss of Kirk. I pray for healing in the days to come. I pray that God wraps you all in his loving arms and helps ease your pain. Until we meet again Kirk may you Rest in Peace and in the arms of our Loving God.*

Amy Asmus - February 01, 2021 at 06:03 PM

CB

“ Kirk, aka Big Guy, Teddy Bear, I will miss the talks we use to have, the messages we shared and that big friendly hug and that beautiful smile. Your words of encouragement and your kindness will forever stay in my heart. You were such a blessing to the people who had special needs and anyone that needed you. You are a precious priceless beautiful friend. I will hold you in my heart forever. I love you very much. To the family of Kirk, my deepest condolences go out to you. Your son, dad, granddad was the most generous kindhearted thoughtful loving and dedicated man that I've ever known. He was always smiling and giving you hugs to make your day. Until we meet again my friend, I love you very much! Carol Kelsey Berryhill



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Carol Berryhill - February 01, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Russell Kirk Coats.



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February 01, 2021 at 05:40 PM