



## Richard Kirkham

February 28, 1921 - January 17, 2009

Richard Henry, son of Rebecca (Dunn) and Joel J. Kirkham, one of 14 children, was born February 28, 1921, near Sweetwater, Alabama. He passed away at the Alva Share Medical Center on the 17th of January at the age of 87 years, 10 months and 20 days.

He attended the Sweetwater School System where he graduated from High School. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the Army with the special services and was stationed in Alva at the P.O.W. camp. He attended college at Auburn and Livingston State College.

On June 24, 1950 he was married to Frances French at her Uncle Frank and Anut Vernon McArthur's home. To their marriage a son, John, was born. Following their marriage they made their home in Alva and he worked for Santa Fe Railway as a lineman on their telephone and telegraph system in five states for 4 years. He then started farming and worked for Tyree clothing store for 12 years.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, a fifty year member of the Home Builders Sunday School Class, a former member of the Elks Lodge and the Capron American Legion.

Mr. Kirkham was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and seven brothers.

Richard is survived by his wife Frances of the home, his son John; two grandsons, Ian and Simon, all of Alva; two sisters, Frankie Cannon, of Linden, Alabama, and Sudie Reid, of Thomasville, Alabama; two Brothers and their

wives, J.D. and Allie, of Rochester, Pennsylvania and Orice and Jean, of Linden, Alabama; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
626 College Ave.  
Alva, Ok

# Tribute Wall

CC

“ *he was the best person ever*

Connor Cummings - February 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *So sorry for your lost. God bless you all!*

mark and carla lehl - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Dear Kirkham family So sorry to hear of the passing of Richard I remember working summers for Richard on the farm he was a real pleasure to work for always had a smile on his face  
Goodbye Alabama You will be missed*

Mike Walz - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *So sorry for your loss Frances.*

Max and LaDonna Benningfield - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *Dear Frances and family -  
We're thinking of you  
and extending our sincere sympathy and friendship.*

Harvey and Shirley Schuessler - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ John,  
I really liked your Dad. He was always so nice to me. I send you and  
your Mother my deepest sympathy.  
Your friend always,  
Love Shelley

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**Shelley Reed** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to your family. Richard was a very  
nice and kind man.

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**Virgil and Lavon Wiersig** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Sorry to hear about your loss, I have many memories of Richard  
from when I was growing up, Our prayers are with you.

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**Clay Buhler** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Dear Frances, John & Family, We are so sorry to hear about the  
passing of Richard. He was a wonderful man. You are in our  
thoughts & prayers.

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**Larry & Sharon Lyon** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Dear John, We are so sorry about the loss of your father. Know that  
you are in our thoughts & prayers.

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**Trooper Jimmy & Julie (Davison) Helm** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ A WONDERFUL MAN AND ALWAYS MET YOU WITH A SMILE

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**judy martin** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear John,  
Speaking for the entire class of 1977 we are saddened by the loss of your father. We have come to a time in our lives where several of us have lost our parents too. Please accept our sincere expression of sympathy.

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**Alva High School Class of 1977** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Thinking of you at this time. Bill and I always enjoyed Richard coming in for coffee. May you know we are thinking of you.

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**Bill and Linda Beeler** - January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ John  
was sorry to hear of your father's passing. You are in our thoughts & prayers.

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**Debbie Walcott** - January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ John

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