



## Kirk Levine

February 05, 1954 - December 16, 2015

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Kirk Levine loved nothing more than being with friends and family.

Whether it was grilling out on the patio with wife Ann and his children, going on trips with his siblings or socializing with friends, Kirk was at his best around people. On Wednesday, Dec. 16, Levine, 61, of Creston, died after battling cancer for more than year.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at Salem Lutheran Church. Burial will follow at the Graceland Cemetery in Creston. A remembrance gathering will be held at the Lobby following the burial. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at Pearson Family Funeral Service in Creston. On-line condolences may be left at [www.pearsonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.pearsonfuneralhomes.com). Pallbearers will be Dave Buck, Tim Gray, Keith Moore, Steve McCann, Mel McKie and Paul Somers. Honorary pallbearers will be Randy Bruns, Mike Droll and Joel Paige.

Kirk Phillip Levine was born on Feb. 5, 1954, in Atlantic, to Ronald and Joan (Phillips) Levine. The family came to Creston during Kirk's freshman year in high school in 1968, after previously living in Elk Horn and Schleswig.

His love of sports started at an early age and thanks to his father, Ron, he developed an undying love for the Chicago White Sox. His love for the Sox, through the heartache and the high times, including a World Series championship in 2005, was passed along to his three sons, Matt, Jeff and Scott. Kirk also was an avid fan of Iowa State football and basketball, and while that didn't pass along to all of his sons, it did hit the mark with Jeff and Scott.

Kirk graduated from Creston High School in 1972 and Southwestern Community College in 1974. He also became an Iowa State University graduate in 1978.

His love of sports was not only evident in being a spectator. That love fueled an athletic career that included playing basketball and baseball at SWCC, and launched an officiating career that featured several years in professional and college baseball.

Kirk graduated from Al Somers Umpiring School in 1977 and began his professional umpiring career the same year in the Lone Star League. During his time going through the ranks of the Minor League Baseball circuit, he married Ann Fogle on Sept. 27, 1980, in Creston.

Ann and Kirk recently marked their 35th wedding anniversary. Whether it was out on the town or at home sharing a drink on the patio, Kirk and Ann's love wasn't hard to find. The quantity of time together may not have been to either of their liking, but their time was spent with the utmost of quality.

Kirk continued his professional umpiring career until 1983, when he retired from the Triple-A Pacific Coast League. He officiated high school baseball, softball, football and basketball for 26 years. He also officiated junior college basketball, along with being a NCAA baseball umpire for 20

years.

He was the Adult Education Coordinator at SWCC for 13 years and worked for Lakeside Casino in Osceola for 14 years.

In addition to watching sports, Kirk enjoyed golfing, playing cards with his friends and beating his boys in board games. He was a member of the Creston Elks Lodge 605, serving as Exalted Ruler in 1993-94. He also was a member of Salem Lutheran Church and the Iowa girls and boys athletic associations.

He is survived by his wife Ann, of Creston; three sons, Matthew (Melissa), of Creston; Jeffrey (Amy), of Mount Ayr; and Scott (Christina), of Clinton; father, Ron, of Creston; seven grandchildren, Hayden, Rebecca, Carter, Peyton, Phoebe, Emmett and Talon; two brothers, Gary (Julie), of Anthem, Arizona; and Roger (Cathy), of Hinsdale, Illinois; brother-in-law, Jerry (Jan) Walker, of Alleman; sister-in-law Lisa (Dennis) McLaughlin, of Pleasant Hill; and nieces, nephews, cousins and an uncle.

Kirk was preceded in death by his mother, Jo Levine; sister, Cindy Walker; brothers Mark and Greg Levine; father and-mother-in-law Raymond and Betty Fogle.

Memorials may be directed to a scholarship fund to be established in Kirk's name at Southwestern Community College.

#### Cemetery

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##### Graceland Cemetery

1830 S. Cherry St. Road, Creston, IA 50801, United States

#### Events

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##### Funeral Service

10:30 AM

Salem Lutheran Church 602 W. Townline St., Creston, IA 50801, United States A luncheon will be served in the church fellowship hall following the interment.

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Dec

##### Family Will Receive Friends

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Pearson Family Funeral Service - Creston 809 W. Montgomery Street, Creston, IA 50801, United States

#### Tribute Wall

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##### Miah Thatcher

So sorry for your loss. You all have been and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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**K****Kay Augustine**

Ann and family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Kirk and his family were Spruce street neighbors. He was a very special man. You and your family remain in my thoughts and prayers.

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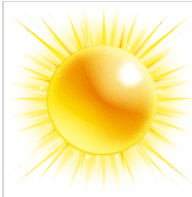
**T****The Drees family**

Ann and family: We are deeply saddened by the news of your loss. We pray that God will grant you the strength needed to get through this moment in your life. Our most sincere condolences.

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**K****Kim Oaks**

Ann, Matt, Jeff, Scott & family - so sorry to hear about Kirk! I enjoyed working with him at SWCC and keeping in contact after he left. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

**"Sunshine"**

was given in memory of Kirk Levine

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**Tribute Store**

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**"Peaceful White Lilies Basket"**

was purchased for the family of Kirk Levine

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**B****Bruce & Anna Schmadeke**

Our deepest condolences to Ann, Ron, and the entire Levine Family. Kirk and I spent much of our youth together back in Schleswig. We stayed in contact on numerous occasions, of one Kirk being a groomsman in our wedding. Kirk's memories will always be cherished. Our prayers are with you all. Bruce & Anna Schmadeke

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**"Beautiful in Blue"**

was purchased for the family of Kirk Levine

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**Teri Adamson**

My sincere condolences to you all. I worked with Kirk for several years. We shared many jokes and, of course, golf stories.

**"Warm Glow Light"**

was lit in memory of Kirk Levine

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J

**Jennie Jones**

My thoughts and prayers go out to Kirk's family. The world seems a little quieter without Kirk.

K

**Karl Peterson**

To all Levines: Our prayers and sympathy is extended to you. Kirk was a good man with a good smile. I will especially miss our talks about Swedish bologna and rye bread! Continue to lean on Him for strength and support. Karl and Candace Peterson family

J

**Jerry & Louise Todd**

Our heartfelt sympathy to the Levine family; you all have a special place in our hearts during the time we spent in Creston; our love to Ann and family and Ron, Gary and Roger. Jerry & Louise Todd

**Robin Jones**

Prayers To the Levine family .

S

**Steven Forbes**

I'm so sorry to hear of Kirk's passing. I will miss him so very much. I came to SWCC fresh out of college in 1989 and I was young and clueless. Kirk, along with Krejci, Fox, Lesan, and Somers took me under their wing and taught me so much about athletics and life. I've never worked with a better group of men in my entire life. My memories of coffee in the am, the Elks after work, and Crestmoor on Thursdays will live with me forever. Kirk always kept things in perspective for me and he utilized his tremendous sense of humor to teach me many life lessons. I looked up to him then and I look up to him now. Heaven is a better place with Kirk "Big Boy" Levine as a resident. God Bless Kirk and his family.

C

**Carl Johnson**

We are so sorry to hear of Kirk's passing. Steve Wood and I always looked forward to having Kirk and his partners officiate here in Villisca. He always added a pleasant dimension to the games he worked. The crappy disease is taking too many, too young in our area. Please accept our sincerest condolences. He will be greatly missed. Carl Johnson, Villisca

C

**Colleen Schieffer**

Sending our condolences to the entire Levine family. Thoughts and prayers to you Ann. Scott and Colleen Schieffer

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**"America the Beautiful"**  
was purchased for the family of Kirk Levine



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B

**Bob Neswold**

Kirk, we'll miss you, your company and stories. Ann and boys, my deepest sympathy. He was always fun and I remember good times at the Elks.



#### Kimberlye Hamner

May your memories give you peace and comfort.. Sorry to hear of Kirk's passing alot of memories with that guy from the Elks.. Great guy all around he loved his family and his friends.. RIP , my friend you will be missed..



**"Candle of Peace"**  
was lit in memory of Kirk Levine

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#### F

#### Funeral Home Owner



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**"Serene Retreat"**  
was purchased for the family of Kirk Levine

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#### Kate Panek

I loved when Mr. Lenvine officiated my high school games. He would always smile at me, commend our team on our efforts, and sometimes do a little coaching as I ran up and down the court :) What a great guy! My fond memories won't be lost with his passing; it just brings them more to life. Take care. Kate Panek (Kate Olesen) Nodaway Valley Class of '98



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**"Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant"**  
was purchased for the family of Kirk Levine

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#### M

#### Michelle Freese McIntire



**"Steps of Light"**  
was lit in memory of Kirk Levine

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M

**Michelle Freese McIntire**

Thoughts and prayers to the Levine family! Kirk will be missed dearly!

Posted December 18 at 7:39 AM CST

J

**John D Walters**

To Mr. (Ron) Levine, Ann, the boys, and all of Kirk's family, we are so sorry for your loss. Kirk was so much like the rest of his family. He had many friends, many talents, loved his family, and he showed lots of grit! Your family has lost so many way too soon. Shari and I share in your loss and have you in our thoughts and prayers.



**"Candle of Memories"**  
was lit in memory of Kirk Levine

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**Mary Jo Key**

Oh Kirk....I am going to miss the laughs we shared about the stories that Ann brought home to you about my son, Ryan, at St. Malachy School. You never let me live those down! I agree with others, your smile in this picture describes you perfectly. My sympathies to Ann and your family on their loss. Talk about him often and keep those fond memories alive. Warm hugs of strength,  
Mary Jo Key

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**"Sweet Tranquility Basket"**  
was purchased for the family of Kirk Levine

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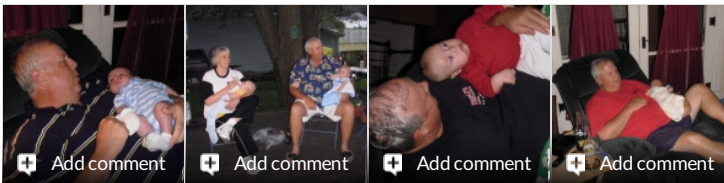
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C

**Caruso Family**

Our thoughts & prayers are with Ann, the boys and the entire Levine family during this difficult time. Although we were only able to meet Kirk once, we knew what an incredible brother & friend he was through our many conversations with our brother-in-law Roger. May Kirk's memory be eternal...much love from the Caruso's-Evans, Sara, Lea, Matthew & Nicolas

V

**Victoria Brammer**

L

**Lela Rashid**

Kirk was clearly a very special person within a very special family. We are praying for Kirk's family and we know that his suffering here has ended and he has been met by his loving family. All our love and strength to the entire Levine family. Lela and Mike Rashid (Roya, Jacob and Benny)

Posted December 17 at 10:11 PM CST



#### Linda Pendegraft

Many, many things I could say about Kirk, but it would fill many pages in a book!! His dad, Ron, was Pendy's high school coach in Henderson, Iowa, and that was many years ago, but the Levine family have always had a special place in our hearts!!! His contagious smile, laugh and funny stories are something we will always hold close to our hearts!! May God wrap his loving arms around you Ann, and your family, and bring you some kind of peace!! We just feel so sad--- enough said!!! Our love, Pendy and Linda



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**"Small Garden Dish"**  
was purchased for the family of Kirk Levine



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#### Cary Dardas

Thinking of and praying for Kirk and the Levine family. Peace and comfort to you all. God Bless,  
Cary & Jeff



#### Melodee Roberts

Ann, so very sorry for your loss. Keep your memories close in your heart. He will always be with you. I pray that you find comfort in God's arms today, and peace throughout this difficult time. May God bless you and your family. ~Melodee Embree Roberts



#### Tom Long

Levine family Ann and my thoughts and prayers are with you this day. I have seen Kirk only a few times since my coaching days in Creston.. However like many who have posted on this wall, I will remember him as that high spirited and gifted athlete and individual. His contagious smile will always be imprinted in my memory.



#### Jon Foley

Ann and Levine Family: I will always remember Kirk for his friendly smile and hello when he saw you. His love for that Chicago team and his constant smile always made a person feel like a friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time, as Kirk was called way to soon, but the Lord has his reasons. God Bless you all.



#### Kurt Froehlich

Met Kirk and his family at a Kansas City Chiefs game with Roger back in the early 90s and had a heck of a time. Great guy from a great family. My deepest condolences go to the entire Levine family and thoughts and prayers are with you all.. Kurt Froehlich, St. Louis, MO



**"Candle of Peace"**  
was lit in memory of Kirk Levine



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**E****Erik Froehlich**

Never met Kirk, but heard a lot about him from my friend Roger. So sorry to hear this news. We are sending all of our thoughts and prayers of love and peace to the Levine family. Erik and Michele Froehlich, St. Louis, MO

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**D****Don and Sharon Irelan**

Ann and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Cherish your memories and let them bring you strength. Kirk brought joy to so many people with his great smile and friendly personality. Even though we cannot be with you at this time, we are there in spirit. With love and friendship, Don and Sharon

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**Con Reha**

Ann and Family, The comments everyone has made very nicely sum up Kirk and his life. He loved and was proud of his family, was a friend to many, honest, and just a great person. I remember many years ago when he told me he was going to marry the some time babysitter and teacher to my kids and the overwhelming joy in his voice. Kirk will be missed by all. Rest in Peace Kirk.

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**S****Sherri Nissen**

Levine Family, May your hearts be filled with loving memories and may these memories give you peace. Thoughts and prayers to you all. May you find comfort with family and friends. Gods Blessings to you, Jerry, Sherri, and Amanda Nissen

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**J****Janette Larkin**

For those of us who didn't get to stay in touch with Kirk over the years, we'll always remember him as he was at CHS and Iowa State -- young, fun, always ready to laugh with friends and cheer on his favorite teams. So many great memories. His smile in this picture is the same one when we first met him, the new kid that moved into town from Schleswig. My heart goes out to Ann, Ron and the rest of his family. - Janette Larkin

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**Janis Seddon**

Levine family so sorry to hear about kirks passing. Prayers to you all hope memories will flow and help you through. Janis Seddon family

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**Mark Kayser**

Kirk was a dear friend to me and many, many others during our high school years. His talents were extraordinary, not only on the baseball diamond and the basketball court, but also on the stage. The picture attached here captures Kirk's genuine smile and winning personality. While we had only seen each other a handful of times since the early seventies, I shall truly miss him. Mark Kayser

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**T****Tim Leonard**

Levine family, I am deeply saddened to read of the loss of Kirk. Pulling on my memories from many years ago as a young bartender at the Elks Lodge, I remember Kirk as a friend to many, the life of any party. He never knew a stranger and had a laugh that was all his own. He was admired by his family, as well as anyone else who was lucky enough to call him a "friend." May God grant you the comfort and strength you seek and may Kirk's soul rest in peace. Tim Leonard

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### Gay Appelhans

My heart is heavy with sadness for the Levine family, I have known Kirk all my life he was a good friend and drinking buddy to my dad Frank Smith. I had the pleasure of working with Kirk for 11 yrs at Lakeside, Kirk was first my coworker and then was the boss. With Kirk, he never minced words; he told you straight up what was what. He had the respect of all his coworkers because he earned it by his leadership skills. He didn't talk about you behind your back; he told it like it was, and you liked it or lumped it. Kirk was not only a boss but a friend to all who met him. I am so sad for all of you; he was a great guy proud of all his boys and your accomplishments in life. Always talked about Ann with love and pride. He will be missed, but know he is at peace, catching up with Greg and Cindy and his mom, maybe having a beer with his old buddy Frank .....he is at peace.



#### "Butterfly"

was given in memory of Kirk Levine



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