



## Collon Kirkland, Jr.

August 12, 1952 - January 19, 2021

Collon “Sonny” Kirkland, Jr., went home to be with the Lord January 19, 2021. A native of Miami, Florida, son of the late Collon Kirkland, Sr. and Velma Musselwhite Kirkland, he was a U.S. Army Veteran, loved to hunt, fish, and be with family, watch Sci Fi Channel, Duke Basketball and Clemson Football. Surviving are his wife of 39 years, Rhonda Davis Kirkland; two daughters, Tammy Lane (Tom) of Campobello and Amy Kirkland (Mariah) of Greer; three sons, David Burrell (Emma) of Hendersonville, North Carolina, Collon “Tre” Kirkland III (Layne) of Greer and Brian Kirkland (Teasha) of Hendersonville, North Carolina; a brother, Jerry Stubbs of Florida; two sisters, Ludina Kirkland of Williamston and Voncille Miller of Greer; grandchildren, Joshua Kirkland (Abbey), Tristan Baldwin (Drake), Jordan Kirkland, Haley Burrell, Jadon Lane, Carter Kirkland, Anderson Kirkland, Matthew Zarate, Hunter Clayton, Kenzie Clayton, Rebecca Blackwelder and Mishayla Patterson; great-grandchildren, Keagen, Emery, Lilly Kate and Baby Libby.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made at [www.generationhope-kenya.org](http://www.generationhope-kenya.org)

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Tribute Wall

AW

“ Rhonda, I was saddened to hear of Sonny's passing. I remember him fondly from when we all worked together at Steelcase. I know you must be devastated. He was a lovely man. My sincerest sympathies to you and your family. Keeping you in prayer and lifting you up to the one who will comfort your every need.

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**Anita Wells** - January 23, 2021 at 12:46 PM

LP

“ Linda Parker lit a candle in memory of Collon Kirkland, Jr.



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**Linda Parker** - January 22, 2021 at 11:15 AM

CM

“ Carol McIntyre lit a candle in memory of Collon Kirkland, Jr.



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**Carol McIntyre** - January 22, 2021 at 10:06 AM

DH

“ I have so few memories of Sonny, but my favorite one was from many years ago. Right after I got my 1979 Camaro, my parents purchased a musical horn for it. My dad invited Sonny to come down and help him put the horn in. It was such a laugh watching 2 very tall men putting 6 horns in a very small area. You should have heard some of the words used!! The music played from that horn was the theme song from "Dukes of Hazzard". I was the only 1 around that had that horn. I had so much fun with it. I believe the horn last for 4 or 5 hours!

Rhonda, Sonny loved you with all his heart. He will be missed by many.

Until I see you again Sonny.

Love your cousin

Deborah

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**Deborah Musselwhite Hallmark** - January 22, 2021 at 12:48 AM

JK

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS PRAYERS FOR FAMILY

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**JANELL KIRKLAND** - January 21, 2021 at 06:40 PM

KA

“ I am so sorry , in the mid 70ish He and wife Teresa , ( Teresa is my first cousin) lived in Fletcher NC at the time ,i was working at a Factory called Steelcase , Made fine office furniture , Sonny also worked there in the office , i did not know him then, so anyway by him working in the office he noticed my name being Anderson , so came to me and Introduce himself to my and then he ask me if i knew any Anderson,s from SC , I said sure do , and here we went on talking about the Anderson,s and come to find out he was married to my Sweet Cousin Teresa and they live in Fletcher near the Steelcase factory , and i was So surprised to find out all this , little later on they invited Shelia and i over for Dinner one evening and we enjoyed the time together and there Children was small at the time and now all grown up now , Wow how time move,s by so fast seems like , but i will Always Cherish the time we had together .. RIP Sonny :) Ken Anderson .

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**ken Anderson** - January 21, 2021 at 06:23 PM

JM

“ Rhonda and children, I am so sorry. Will keep all of you in our prayers



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**Joan McKinney** - January 21, 2021 at 06:19 PM

AK

“ My daddy was my best bud, I was his mini-me. We loved spending time together woodworking, watching basketball, or just hanging out spending time together. So many lessons I have learned spending time with him. I will miss hearing him say, “I love you doll”. My heart is broken and my world will never be the same. I miss you so much it hurts, but I know you are in Heaven and I will see you again. I love you, daddy.

Amy Kirkland - January 21, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Collon Kirkland, Jr..



January 21, 2021 at 03:44 PM

VM

“ My brother I love and will miss you very much. I will see you again one day. Rhonda Sonny loved you very much you were his heart and soulmate. Sonny was very proud of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Boy he was a lucky husband for all the awesome family he had. I love all of you! Aunt Voncile.



Voncile Miller - January 21, 2021 at 02:48 PM

DF

I've heard alot of good things of this family so sorry for the loss. May God give you peace through this time of the loss of a husband father an grandfather an great grandfather.

DEBORAH FLEISCHER

DEBORAH FLEISCHER - January 21, 2021 at 06:05 PM

WF

*I worked with Collon for many years at Steelcase. He was smart and excellent at his job. Polite, friendly always with a great smile. My prayers go out to his family.*

*Bubba Fowler*

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**walt fowler** - January 24, 2021 at 08:14 PM

VM

*It's been over a month now since you went home. It's been really hard on us and we miss you so much. I think about you all the time but I know you will be waiting for me. I wished I could talk to you and see you for just 5 more minutes so I could tell you my big brother just how much I love you. I'm really missing you to night.*

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**Von Miller** - March 01, 2021 at 08:34 PM

VM

*I think about you every day. We didn't have a good childhood and it affected our adulthood we never really knew how to love anyone. Rhonda and your family turned you in to being a loving husband and father. The last 2 years has been the very best for you and me. Sonny I miss you so bad that it hurts. I love you so much but I will see you again my Father in heaven will make sure of it.*

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**Von Miller** - April 01, 2021 at 04:10 PM

VM

*It's been almost 4 months since you have been gone. My pain is still the same as the day we lost you. I think about you every day. I begged God not to take you from us but I guess he needed you. Remember I will always love you Sonny!*

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**Voncile Miller** - May 13, 2021 at 12:07 PM



*Don't know if you'll get this message but I just wanted to share a moment. I grew up with Sonny in Miami. I was two years older but we did hang out some. Two great memories of Sonny. One, we were swimming in a pond and I got cramps and was having difficulty. Sonny had swam ahead but turned and looked back and saw me struggling. He came back and pulled me to shore. Saved my life. The second was once we decided to go fishing in the Everglades where I had seen snook swimming once when I was with my grandfather. Sonny took his dad's car despite his dad being passed out in the back seat. We ended up catching a couple nice fish despite the fact we were fishing in an area where it wasn't allowed. We headed back to Miami and his dad woke up. He wasn't happy with us but when we got back we dressed out the fish and to this day that is some of the best fish I ever had. I was thinking of some of my childhood memories today, which I think people do as they get older do. Sonny will always be one of my favorite memories. Sorry for your loss but I know you had a great man to share life with.*

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**Robert Hale** - June 05, 2025 at 02:25 PM