



John Bennett Kinch, II.

January 10, 1940 - February 4, 2020

John Bennett Kinch II passed away February 4, 2020. Beloved husband of Valerie Kinch. Loving father of Shelly Brannan (husband David), John B. Kinch III (wife Shelly), Robin Wiener (husband Mark) and Tracy Henderson (husband James). Beloved grandfather of Stephanie Brannan, D. Carlos Brannan, Selena Brannan, Taylor Kinch, Alivia Kinch, Benjamin Wiener, Sam Wiener, James Henderson and Katherine Henderson. Dear brother of Geof Kinch and Susan Fish. Dearest son of John Bennett Kinch I and Marie Kinch. Loving uncle of Steven Eckert, Peter Eckert, Karen Heman, Marlene Rickert and Robert Eckert.

John worked at Pratt and Whitney in East Hartford, CT for 35 years. He was a very well respected Sales Director that contributed to the airline industry across the world. His major account, while at Pratt and Whitney, was Northwest Airlines and he also supplied engines to many other airlines around the world.

After Pratt and Whitney John joined FedEx in Memphis, TN. He started his 23 years with FedEx, selling Hush Kits around the world to different airlines. He became a member of the President's Club. John also supervised the operational needs and requirements of Air Ops for FedEx during the opening of the Guangzhou Hub. John's most notable contribution while he was at FedEx was his passion for the safety and well being of his fellow employees. He created an all volunteer disaster and recovery program intended to prepare FedEx for any possible disaster. He then spearheaded a program for Automated External Defibrillators (AED) to be placed at FedEx for employee's well being. John was awarded the FedEx Five Star Award for his efforts on the program.

John was a ranked amateur tennis player. He was Vice-President of the Connecticut Jaycees. He was an Eagle Scout and a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. He attended the University of Miami Florida. John directed the youth football program for 10 years in Willimantic, CT. He loved playing golf. He loved traveling both domestically and internationally, especially with his wife Valerie. John thoroughly enjoyed the beaches in Rhode Island, where he would spend time with his family and fly stunt kites. John was an

active member and usher at The Church of the Holy Spirit.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Monday, February 17, 2020 from five o'clock in the afternoon until eight o'clock in the evening at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Avenue in Memphis. There will be a funeral Mass on Tuesday, February 18 at eleven o'clock in the morning at Church of the Holy Spirit, 2300 Hickory Crest Drive in Memphis.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests that donations be made in Mr. Kinch's name to the American Organ Transplant Association.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN, US, 38119

FEB **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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Church of the Holy Spirit
2300 Hickory Crest Dr., Memphis, TN, US, 38119

Comments



“ From: Vince and Christina Lombardo purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Bennett Kinch, II..



From: **Vince and Christina Lombardo** - February 16 at 03:10 PM



“ The Get Real Health Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Bennett Kinch, II..



The **Get Real Health Team** - February 16 at 02:46 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Bennett Kinch, II..



February 15 at 12:19 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of John Bennett Kinch, II..



February 15 at 06:38 AM



“ Bobby, Camille, Wendy, Sara, Kat, Natasha, Michael purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Bennett Kinch, II..



Bobby, Camille, Wendy, Sara, Kat, Natasha, Michael - February 14 at 12:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Bennett Kinch, II..



February 13 at 03:42 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John Bennett Kinch, II..



February 13 at 03:42 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Bennett Kinch, II..



February 13 at 02:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Bennett Kinch, II..



February 13 at 11:02 AM



“ Gerald and Linda Feathers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Bennett Kinch, II..



Gerald and Linda Feathers - February 12 at 12:35 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences go out to the wonderful Kinch family. Thank you, John Kinch for your dedication to FedEx Air Operations and to the success of the Air Operations Disaster Preparedness Program. Thank you for your friendship, sense of humor and your genuine and sincere love of all people. It was an incredible experience to have known you and worked with you, since 2011. I believe it was a work ethic of perseverance and tenacity that engaged a group of people who would not have even known each other to work together under your leadership to build the volunteer Air Operations Disaster Preparedness Organization. To remember John on a lighter side, he would sign emails with his initials j.k.one would at first think he meant “just kidding”. You will be so very much missed and thought of often.

Linda Feathers - February 12 at 12:31 PM



“ Dale & Bonnie Wigg purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of John Bennett Kinch, II..





“ John amazed me with his engaging and always positive approach to challenges presented. I admired him for serving the good of FedEx while accommodating as required, the egos of key decision makers. I admired him as a child of God who saw the good in people and sought to encourage the best always. I was a friend; He will be missed.

Charles Hawk

Charles Hawk - February 11 at 11:48 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Bennett Kinch, II..



February 10 at 09:38 PM



“ Phil and Ramona Blum purchased the Fruit Abounds for the family of John Bennett Kinch, II..



Phil and Ramona Blum - February 10 at 05:38 PM



“ I first met John when we were jointly selling FedEx 727 Stage 3 Hushkits to airlines around the world in the early 1990s; John representing Pratt & Whitney and myself working for FedEx. John had a long and successful career with Pratt & Whitney, and he was a well-respected sales director in their commercial aircraft engine group when he agreed to join FedEx in 1996 to take over the 727 hushkit sales role. John sold several hundred million dollars of hushkits, and subsequently pioneered FedEx Air Ops' Disaster Recovery Program, which became a model for many other FedEx departments and airlines. He received the FedEx Five Star Award for his yeoman efforts in building this program from the ground up. John was a selfless team member, who always placed the needs of his teammates first, and he had a loyal

following among his all-volunteer Disaster Recovery team - but that was John: He always placed the needs of others ahead of his own. John was a good friend and colleague and he will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Valerie and the rest of the Kinch family. May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you, may the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace (Numbers 6:24-26).

Phil Blum

Phillip Blum - February 10 at 05:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Bennett Kinch, II..



February 10 at 05:19 PM



“ To Val and her family, I am so very sorry to hear of John's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Kinch family, at this most difficult time.
Lucille Rothammer



Lucille Rothammer - February 10 at 03:18 PM



“ John was a dad who introduced his son to scouting and supported him in every way. My husband and I knew John through the scouts and always enjoyed our times together. Now everyone is grown and flown but the connection is still there in my heart for the entire family. Hugs to you all. Lanie Turner from CT

Lanie Turner - February 10 at 02:54 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Bennett Kinch, II..



February 10 at 02:28 PM



“ John Kinch, my friend for as long as I can remember, will be missed by all he has touched because of his sincere kindness, wonderful sense of humor and just his great friendship. I will always remember the terrific times we had together and his knack of needling you, all in good fun. From the times we had at Pratt & Whitney East Hartford, where he and I would go on a soup diet (and often), for about two days, then we would give in to our better senses, to working together while assigned to North West Airlines where he would come into our office and rattle our cages. John was so thoughtful as when visiting our home, he would always bring flowers for Jane. When visiting John and Val, he would always have my adult beverage ready as I enter the door. Pratt & Whitney benefited greatly from John's expert salesmanship and the ease of which he built relationships with his customers which is a testament to his ethics and how he treated people. Jane and I will miss him dearly and our prayers will be said for his dear wife Val and their family. My God be forever with you,
Your friends forever,
Wayne and Jane Borovy

Wayne Borovy - February 10 at 01:55 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John Bennett Kinch, II..



February 10 at 01:46 PM



“ John Kinch will be sorely missed by so many of us here at FedEx. He was a delight to be around. He always had a kind word or a joke to lift your spirits. We are all so much better and safer for having known him and his work here.

Prayers of comfort and peace to his family. He spoke of you all often and loved you

dearly.

Cathy Sachse

Cathy Sachse - February 10 at 12:49 PM



“ Condolences to John's family, friends and coworkers. In the midst of sorrow may you find comfort in all the joyful memories you shared.

Bob Barnett - February 10 at 11:29 AM



“ Bob Barnett lit a candle in memory of John Bennett Kinch, II.



Bob Barnett - February 10 at 11:21 AM



“ I had the honor of knowing John since I joined the Disaster Preparedness Team in 2013. John helped me in so many ways to understand our role within the Team. His family was always first and foremost; however, his FedEx family was always a priority too. Although there were days John wasn't feeling up to par, he nonetheless worked tirelessly as our Disaster Preparedness Chief, whether it was preparing for an upcoming drill or coordinating supplies replenishment. John never complained, always had a kind word, a quick wit and was forever grateful to his Team. John was our Leader, our Mentor and most of all, our Friend. You are missed John.



Jerry Buhrman - February 10 at 10:11 AM



“ Mr. Kinch was a good friend of my family at FedEx Flight Operations. We had no idea he was sick, we never heard him complain. Mr. Kinch was the Chief Of Emergency Planning at FedEx for The Air Operations Department. It was always a pleasure to work along side Mr. Kinch. He treated all of us with respect, appreciation and told us all the time and again there would be no Fedex Emergency Planning without all of us working together toward a common goal, be prepared. We all salute you, Mr. Kinch. Our thoughts and our Prayers are with The Family and Friends of Mr. John B. Kinch. God be with you.

Most Respectfully,

The Ricky Leighs Family
Fedex Flight Operations
Hernando, Mississippis

Thericky Leighfamily - February 09 at 06:09 PM



“ The Ricky Leighs Famkly lit a candle in memory of John Bennett Kinch, II.



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