



Kirby Lynn Rulon

February 26, 1962 - January 30, 2014

Kirby Lynn Rulon, age 51 of Bloomington passed away Thursday afternoon at Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, after a life long battle with cystic fibrosis.

He was born February 26, 1962 to Charlie and Charlotte Cates Rulon in Jerseyville, Illinois.

At the early age of thirteen, Kirby realized he had keen interest in horses and began his life long devotion to training them. He spent his entire professional career training quarter horses specializing in western pleasure horse back riding developing several world champions along the way. He had been recently named to the Board of Directors of the Indiana Quarter Horse Association, an honor he was very proud of.

Having been stricken with CF at a very early age, Kirby came to cherish life in many ways. His love of church, family, and a very active lifestyle, ran deep. Having been a recipient of transplanted lungs, he was also hugely grateful to and supportive of the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization. On a float in the recent Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California that represented the National Organ Procurement Organization, he had a rose placed on it, with the inscription that read "To all the children with cystic fibrosis who never got to live their dreams." This rose was dedicated to a very special cowgirl from Indiana.

Kirby leaves behind his wife Cristal Chantel Elkins Rulon of Bloomington; daughter Mia Williams and son Avery Williams; parents Charlie and Charlotte Rulon of Jerseyville, Illinois; brothers Michael Rulon and wife Anita of Alabama and Chuck Rulon of Illinois. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Kirby will be held Monday, February 3, 2014 at 2:00PM at the New Life Pentecostal Church of which he was a member, in Harrodsburg. Visitation will also be held Monday, February 3, 2014 from 12 noon until the time of the services at 2:00PM, at the church.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers in order to help defer medical expenses that memorial contributions in Kirby's honor, be made to them as a family.

Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

SA

“Cristal and Mia and Avery There are no words to make this any easier but I know you all have such faith in God and he will comfort you and get you through this. From all the things that were written about Kirby, I can tell that he was a very caring husband, father, and friend. Prayers and hugs coming your way daily.

Sandra Dillman - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

DH

“Cristal since losing my husband just short of 4 years I can say I truly know and feel your pain and sorrow. It is only thru the Lord and his strength that we can continue on. Please know that my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Me must just "keep on keeping on". Kirby was a person who enjoyed sharing his knowledge of horses with others. We can always keep those things with us until the end. Love In Christ, Donna

Donna Halstead - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

CH

“Kirby was one in a million. I purchased a 2year old from him several years ago. He made a lasting impression on myself and my friend that came with me. His family is in my thoughts and prayers. He will live on in the horse show above.

Cheryl Lawhead - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

SB

“Cristal, Mia, Avery and all, we are so terribly sorry for your loss. Kirby was a great person and lived life fully, he will be missed. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Love you all.

Sharon and Brian Elkins - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

KR

“ Words can not express how very sorry I am for the loss of such an amazing person. Kirby was your loved one but he was so loved by so many others. Our horsey lives will be forever sad and a little less fun. I hope as time passes that everyone will be able to laugh and smile and tell all the stories that were Kirby.
May God help restore your spirits.
Thinking of you all.
Kris Piles

Kris Piles - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

SU

“ Dear all,
I was so saddened to hear about Kirby. He was certainly a wonderful guy and one of our favorites in Pulmonary Rehab! My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,
Susie
Manager, Pulmonary Rehab

Susie Carter - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

MA

“ We did not have you long enough Kirby, but what we did have was the best!!! You will be forever missed by all your friends and family. Jim and I were blessed to have known you. Condolences to the Rulon family.

Marla Miles - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

GP

“ *Cristal, Mia, Avery and families, we are sharing your sadness today. Kirby will be missed by all, as he always had a smile for everyone. Prayers and thoughts of sympathy for you and your families. Regards, Garry & Peggy Lyons, Pendleton, IN*

Garry & Peggy Lyons - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

RK

“ *Cristal, Mia & Avery - Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. We love you.*

Rick & Kathy East - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

CA

“ *I am so sorry for your lost, I have known Kirby for several years, he was a true gentleman, I thank him for his friendship, his love to horses and his smile and his laugh, we have lost another great horseman, as I said on a post on FB he touch many of hearts and mine was one of them. He will be missed. Cristal and the kids, hugs to you, my thoughts and prayers are with you in this sad time. Candy*

Candace Hoop - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

LI

“ *Cristal, Mia, and Avery, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Lisa Quigley*

Lisa Quigley - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM

DO

“ *Sorry for your loss our prayers be with you at this time donald judy
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donald waldrip - October 26, 2015 at 04:07 PM