



## Kenneth Kirkland Hann

May 30, 1942 - March 22, 2020

CANAAN – Kenneth Kirkland Hann, 77, of Canaan, known to his family and friends as Kirk, died unexpectedly on Sunday, March 22, 2020, at his home.

He was born in West Stewartstown on May 30, 1942, the only child of the late Kenneth U. and Irene (Harmon) Hann. He attended school in Canaan and was a 1960 graduate of Canaan Memorial High School. He then served with honor in the U.S. Navy from 1961-65.

After his military service, Kirk attended Lyndon State College and received his degree in education. He taught school for many years in the Newport, Vt., school district and then worked for a period of time at the Beecher Falls Division of Ethan Allen after his retirement from teaching. Kirk was a talented wood craftsman, making many baseball bats for his students over the years, and later he enjoyed making wooden toys and crafts.

He enjoyed playing softball in the local summer leagues for many years, and he also enjoyed hunting and fishing. One of his greatest enjoyments was playing golf.

Kirk is survived by many cousins in all parts of the country.

There will be no public calling hours. A graveside interment with military

honors will occur at a later date in the Colebrook Village Cemetery of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Hann may be made to the Canaan Historical Society, P.O. Box 214, Canaan, VT 05903.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Cemetery Details

## **Colebrook Village Cemetery**

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3  
Colebrook, NH

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ As any student at lake view elementary can attest, reaching the fourth grade was the second highest achievement any of us could aspire to reach. That was the year, that after what seemed like a lifetime, we could finally enter the classroom of the mythical Mr. Hann. This feat could only be bested by actually reaching the sixth grade and having the great honor of having home room with the greatest of men. The stories and legends that were created in that elevated classroom would remain with us for the rest of our lives. I cannot say what kind of a person I would be today, had I not had Mr. Hann as a teacher. But I know that I'm a better man, father and friend after Witnessing his devotion, his kindness and compassion. No child could ever ask for or receive a greater role model. I and many others thank god for putting Ken Hann in the path of our lives.  
Scott Dean

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scottdean - May 01, 2020 at 11:12 AM

VP

“ Everyone has teachers they will never forget and ones they want to forget. Mr . Hann was one I'll never forget! His science projects were incredible and kept us on the edge of our seats. I will never forget how he purchased model airplanes for every student in his class and they hung with pride from the ceiling of his classroom. I'm so thankful that I had the opportunity to have him as a teacher.  
My heartfelt condolences go out to his family. He left a mark on me as well as many others.

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Vicki Plentzas - May 01, 2020 at 10:04 AM

MP

“ My name is Matthew Page Mr.Hann was my sixth grade teacher as well as my brothers and sisters. I've thought of visiting him for quite sometime and this past fall I reached out to him and said I'd like to come visit ,he said that would be fine .so I called Marilyn Kipp the lunch lady at lake view .So we went and visited him pulled in his neighbors drive and he said he lives next door just head right in .well he was down town when he got back we had a nice visit came out with a year book my class had made for him. as we left he said come back at some point we'll go to Aprils maple and get a creamy.he had a couple of wooden outhouses and said look at this and it fell apart ,clever mousetrap gag, on a table in the outside porch.hd talked about the grilled cheese sandwiches Marilyn used To make at school.A week before his passing I called him and we had another visit.A true gentleman thank you Mr .Hann

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**matthew page** - April 10, 2020 at 05:10 PM

DH

“ For me, Kirk has been a cousin, a friend, an encourager, and a hunting partner. As a child I always enjoyed my time visiting with Kirk. He was interested in what I was doing and he always had enjoyable tales to tell. Kirk encouraged me to become a Customs officer when I was looking for a job change and that turned into a 35 year career taking me to locations from Maine to Alaska. Kirk would always enjoy hearing about what I was doing. Kirk and I had taken up archery hunting While I was stationed in Vermont, he became my archery hunting partner. We did not get much but we had a lot of fun! During my time in Alaska, Kirk was always eager to know what fish I had caught and what animals I had shot. Kirk truly enjoyed the photos of the northern lights that I took from our Alaskan backyard. I will truly miss him.

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**Douglas Harmon** - April 01, 2020 at 09:34 PM

BF

“ Kirk,  
Three years as roommates at college and my "Best Man" at my wedding. We still cherish the wedding gift of EA furniture in our living room. It reminds me of our times together and always will. As an English major and a Math major we got ourselves through school. The college weekends at your place riding snow machines or water skiing at the camp will never be topped. It was always a great time remembering the good old days when Sara and I stopped in on occasion to say Hi in Canaan. We'll miss you a lot OLD FRIEND!!  
Barry Ford

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**Barry Ford** - April 01, 2020 at 03:29 PM

AS

“ Mr. Hann best ever teacher who every year brought model airplanes to his 6th grade class. He paid for the models out of his own pocket. He made everyone laugh and smile. RIP Mr Hann.

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**Alan Stevens** - March 31, 2020 at 04:39 PM

TG

“ It's such heartbreaking news to learn of the passing of our most favorite teacher ever. My deepest condolences go out to his family. Mr. Hann was our 6th grade science teacher/mentor at Lakeview Elementary in 1980 and it's no exaggeration to say that when the subject of the best teacher comes up, it's unanimous... Mr. Hann! We all still remember coming into class on a Monday morning, to find he'd spent the weekend drawing a beautifully colored cross section of a steam engine on the wall-to-wall chalkboard, with his own little steam engine sitting on the table, ready to fire up. He once bought every one of us model airplanes, which we assembled in class and hung from the ceiling. We still remember his penmanship exercises every Friday afternoon. If he couldn't find any errors, and he was meticulous, it'd be framed and hanging on the wall the next week. Once, while studying how the heart works, he brought in an actual cow's heart, which we gathered around and dissected. For a 12-year old, this was fascinating! He taught us more about the heart than he may have realized. We all loved him dearly and still miss his booming voice and laughter. He truly opened our minds to the world and made learning a thrill. It's so nice to read the stories of his childhood and what he did later in life. May you rest in everlasting peace, Mr. Hann.

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**Tim Gray** - March 31, 2020 at 10:25 AM

FB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. He was a wonderful person and teacher. As a colleague, I've missed his humming, wood working skills especially at Halloween , and his "Green Berets " at Memorial Day remembrances.

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**Felicity Butterfield** - March 31, 2020 at 12:08 AM

JD

“ Grew up in Canaan with Kirk - his mother Irene was one of my favorites in the factory office. She was so good to me when I worked there in the summers during the late 1950's. Kirk was the last of the "golf foursome" with my cousin Paul Ames of Colebrook (Kenneth Hann, Kirk Hann, Paul Thibault, Paul Ames). Condolences to Kirk's family.

Jean Carol (Ames) Dunham

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Jean Carol (Ames) Dunham - March 30, 2020 at 03:20 PM

WB

“ I have many fond memories of Kirk and loved visiting his house. His mother, Irene would be watching the Bruins. We would slide baseball cards against the wall, closest to wall got both cards. Also playing baseball and basketball at Canaan High. He had the smoothest jump shot. Played a little golf with Kirk but he was far better than me. I believe we are 2nd or 3rd cousins. He was a special person. My God take care of Kirk. Wayne Brockney.

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Wayne Brockney - March 29, 2020 at 07:18 PM

SF

Old Kirk what afella he was. Have numerous memories of our years at Canaan high. We did a lot of things together through those years. I stopped last summer to see Kirk while I was up there. We always had a good chat down memory lane. Will miss him very much. STEPHAN

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Stephan Frizzell - March 30, 2020 at 10:24 AM

CP

“ I always loved visiting Kirk and his father when I was growing up, he and his dad made the coolest toys/ creative things. He was always kind and calm. A good listener, good sense of humor.

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Charity Perrier - March 28, 2020 at 01:12 PM

JM

“Kirk was one of my childhood friends. We grew up together in Canaan and had some great times along with the rest of “the Gale Street gang”. We may have been crazy but we never intentionally hurt anyone. As people often do they grow apart as they grow older but Kirk was a great friend.

*RIP Kirk Hannah*

*John Morrissey*

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**John Morrissey** - March 27, 2020 at 03:09 PM

JN

“Kirk and I attended high school together. We had some good times both in school and out. Probably one of the best was fishing at the fish hatchery pond with a shotgun, cooking the fish at home and then having Irene (his Mom) asking us where the bb pellets on the floor came from. Hope you have as good an afterlife as we had while here. RIP my friend.

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**James Nichols** - March 27, 2020 at 12:00 PM

FD

“ I have been Kirk, and his late father's neighbor, for over 20 years now. One could not ask for better neighbors. They were very private people, but would not hesitate to lend you a hand in time of need. One of the things I looked forward to was having an occasional cup of coffee with Kirk in the morning. It was during those times he would pass on his words of wisdom to me. The one thought he told me when I retired was to forcefully say, "The best advice I can give you is to do ONE PROJECT A DAY!" He loved to work on his pet projects. I will never forget when I noticed a large truck pull up outside Kirk's house and drop off a large box. The next day I went over to investigate and saw Kirk crawling around the garage floor with a kazillion parts spread out which he hoped would all fit together to build a boat trailer. He looked like a kid in a candy store. Rest in Peace dear friend. Don't let your father best you in those games of gulf I know you are now playing. Francis Doe

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**Francis Doe** - March 26, 2020 at 06:44 PM

PF

“ This is Paul Farnham in Atlanta, GA. My Dad, Milton Farnham, who was the son of Archie and Zella Farnham, grew up in Canaan. Irene was Dad's cousin, but Zella raised her as his sister.

Our family visited Canaan every summer when I was a child, so I have known Irene, Ken, and Kirk for my entire life. I visited them as much as I could during my adult life, and I, thankfully, called Kirk last week to see how he was doing under the present circumstances.

Visiting Canaan in the future will never be the same without seeing Irene, Ken, or Kirk sitting on the porch of that wonderful white house. They were extraordinary people.

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**Paul Farnham** - March 26, 2020 at 05:45 PM

RC

“ *RIP Kirk your dad now has his his golf buddy with him. There was never two finer gentlemen to play a round of golf with.*

*Ron Cross*

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**Ron Cross** - March 26, 2020 at 04:56 PM

WN

“ *So sorry to hear about Kirk passing! Our deepest condolences to the family! RIP Kirk*

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**Walter and Suzelle Noyes** - March 26, 2020 at 12:41 PM