



Robert J. Kirwan, 85, of Viola, Illinois died on Saturday, October 9, 2021 surrounded by his family. Bob was born February 29, 1936 in Melrose Park, Illinois to Edward and Irma Haman Kirwan. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1954-1958.

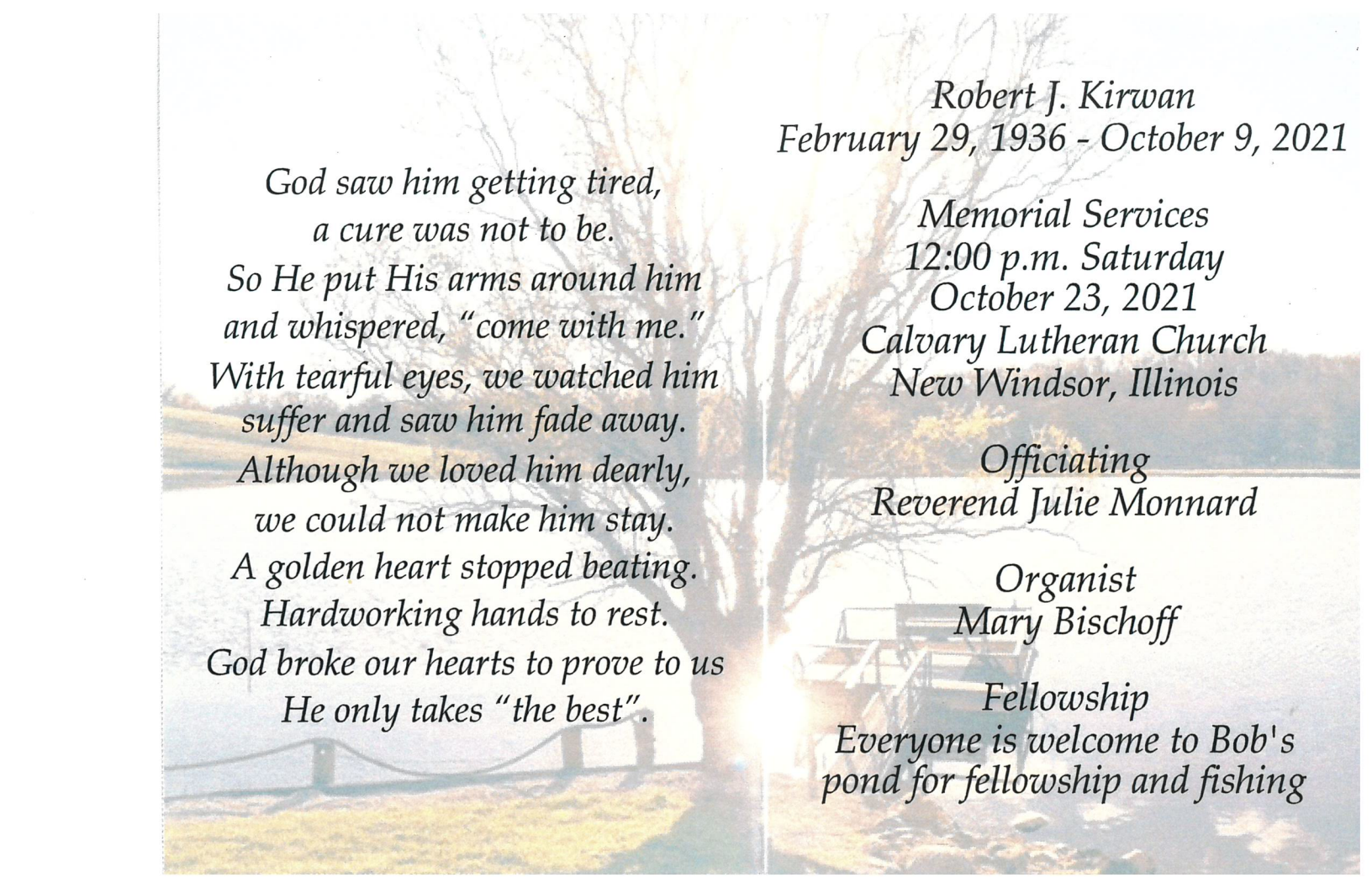
He married Margery A. Nelson, on June 24, 1964 in Chicago, Illinois.

In addition to being a farmer, Bob retired in 1996 after 27 years with the postal service, including 18 years as a rural mail carrier for New Windsor. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church and the Mercer County Farm Bureau. Bob was a self taught man, willingly sharing his knowledge with others. He enjoyed living in the country, spending time with the grandkids, and was always working on several projects. While Bob was an avid military and history buff and enjoyed gardening, working with wood, collecting duck decoys, and browsing flea markets, his greatest passion was fishing and maintaining his ponds.

He leaves behind his wife of 57 years, Margery; his son, Jeff (Teresa) Kirwan of New Windsor, Illinois; his daughter, Gail (Tom) Jagers of Princeton, Illinois; five grandchildren, Ashley (Keegan) Quinby, Katie (Sam) Burnett, Christina Kirwan, Alex Jagers, and Ryan Jagers; two great grandchildren, Wyatt and Evelyn Quinby, and one lovingly expected. He also leaves behind his sister, Kathleen Goldenberg of Sun City, Arizona and his brother, Tom Kirwan of Huntington, West Virginia. Bob will be greatly missed by many friends, neighbors, and fishing buddies.



*In Loving Memory of
Robert J. Kirwan*



*God saw him getting tired,
a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around him
and whispered, "come with me."
With tearful eyes, we watched him
suffer and saw him fade away.
Although we loved him dearly,
we could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating.
Hardworking hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes "the best".*

*Robert J. Kirwan
February 29, 1936 - October 9, 2021*

*Memorial Services
12:00 p.m. Saturday
October 23, 2021
Calvary Lutheran Church
New Windsor, Illinois*

*Officiating
Reverend Julie Monnard*

*Organist
Mary Bischoff*

*Fellowship
Everyone is welcome to Bob's
pond for fellowship and fishing*