



## Kirby Lee Starling

July 28, 2003 - June 5, 2020

Kirby Lee Starling was raised in Tallahassee, FL. He was born on July 28, 2003 and went to reside with the Lord on June 5, 2020.

He was a rising senior at Chiles High School where he was a member of the Chiles Orchestra program. He was also a member of the Tallahassee Youth Orchestra and the Springtime Belles and Gents.

Our Dearest Kirby,

From the moment you were born you were the light of our lives. Your beautiful blue eyes and perfect smile filled up the room.

Watching you grow from a wobbly toddler to a tall standing confident young man has been the joy of our lives.

Your zest for life was infectious and your caring heart made us desire to be better people.

We loved watching you play every sport your heart desired and adored watching you play your Double Bass.

You will be missed but you will not be forgotten. You had such a large impact in your short 16 years that many will never forget.

Until we meet again,

Your loving parents, family and friends

He is survived by his parents Jeff and Olivia (Culbreth) Starling, his adoring

brother Timothy Starling, his fraternal grandparents Alton and Alice Starling, his maternal grandparents Alan and Glenda Culbreth, fraternal Aunt and Uncles Alton Starling and Martha Lynn Drinkard, Scott and Jennifer Starling, maternal Aunt and Uncles Cheryl (Culbreth) Gonatos, Nick Gonatos, Tim and Laura Culbreth, his cousins Megan Starling, Kenzie Starling, Brooke Gonatos, Nicole Gonatos, Bradley Culbreth, loving Great Aunts, Uncles, cousins and many friends and family that have become our extended family.

He is preceded in death by his Aunt Joretta Starling, cousin Kelsey Starling and cousin John Boesen.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Chiles Orchestra program at 7200 Lawton Chiles Lane Tallahassee, FL 32312. The family will receive friends Monday, June 8th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, June 9th at 11:00 a.m. at Bevis Funeral Home with burial at MeadowWood Memorial Park. The service will be available to view live online at <https://www.bevisfh.com>. To watch, click on the word Obituaries at the top of the homepage, then click on the name of your loved one, and then the green Photos and Videos tab. Staff members will be available to answer questions or help with technical issues at (850) 385-2193. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. ([www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com) 850-385-2193)

# Cemetery Details

## MeadowWood Memorial Park

700 Timberlane Rd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

## Funeral Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Kirby Lee Starling*



Bevis Funeral Home - June 09, 2020 at 09:02 AM

MC

*This is a beautiful service. Bless you all and know you are in my prayers.*

Misty Cash - June 09, 2020 at 11:39 AM

BC

*A beautiful service and such a loving tribute to Kirby. We love you Olivia, Jeff and Timmy. We will continue to pray and send hugs to you all. Bren and Wayne Clotfelter*

Brenda Clotfelter - June 09, 2020 at 11:45 AM

TS

*This was an amazing celebration of life for a fantastic young man. He was truly loved.*

Terri Shields - June 09, 2020 at 12:01 PM

AM

*Such a lovely service for Kirby. So much love for all of you.*

alice miller - June 09, 2020 at 12:07 PM

RW

*A very loving and touching service. Let his light continue to shine through you and bring you peace ! Love Robin, Jim and Rachel Welch*

Robin Welch - June 09, 2020 at 12:11 PM

AF

*Beautiful service for your beloved Kirby. I am keeping you all in my prayers.*

**Aimee Fagan** - June 09, 2020 at 12:13 PM

VS

*Such a beautiful service. Love and prayers to you all.*

**Valerie Small** - June 09, 2020 at 12:22 PM

RO

*This was a lovely service. Marshall, Parker, and I watched together. We pray for your family and ask God's peace and grace to comfort you.*

**Rebecca Ogletree** - June 09, 2020 at 12:25 PM

LH

*What a beautiful service. Knowing Jeff and Olivia as much as I do I am so very proud of the family. And so very heartbroken for its loss. May our God watch over you two and of course Tim. God bless my nephew and his wonderful wife Me O!! Timothy may God give you strength during this time. I sincerely love you all. Aunt Lindz*

**Linda Roy Hooks** - June 09, 2020 at 04:20 PM

KM

*Such a beautiful service. David and I hated that we could not be there in person but thank you for sharing this beautiful tribute online. We promise to be there for you in the future - whatever you may need. God bless your family and be proud of the life you created in Kirby and the beautiful mark he left on the world in his short 16 years. That mark will continue for infinity in Heaven!*

**Kathy Maus** - June 10, 2020 at 09:55 AM



*I dont know your son or your family but I would like to say how sorry I am for your loss.*

**Mimi Dyer** - June 10, 2020 at 04:30 PM

OD

“ Though Kirby and I only overlapped by one year in the Chiles High School Orchestra (he was a freshman when I was a senior), his positivity and resilience amazed me then and still inspire me today. He was a freshman in a sea of upperclassmen, one of two bassists in a bustling chamber orchestra, a football player amongst - let's face it - a mass of less athletically-inclined orch dorks, yet he held his ground... and even did it with a smile. I am truly heartbroken for his friends and family, and for others who had not yet experienced his light, but I know that his kindness and strength will continue to inspire us all.

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**Odessa** - June 11, 2020 at 01:09 AM

BR

“ I will forever remember Kirby as being the most genuine, kind, and happy human being. Each early morning, in orchestra class, he would always greet anybody and everyone with the biggest smile. When I think of Kirby, I see someone who was teeming with life. It is heartbreaking to know that he will no longer be here to share that gift with the rest of the world.

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**Blake Richardson** - June 09, 2020 at 09:08 PM

JJ

“ Such a beautiful tribute by all of you. You just feel the love in your family. I pray for your continued strength and love.

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**Joel Jarrett** - June 09, 2020 at 08:57 PM

CL

“ I remember when Kirby was on the way, 16+ years ago. It was always fun to see you-all at soccer. He was lucky to have a good and loving family, and you were lucky to have such a sweet little boy. Our love to you all.

*Christie & James Lamm*

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**Christie Lamm** - June 09, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ I remember This sweet boy in music class at Roberts. His smile and eagerness to learn was contagious. I'm so glad that music brought him such great joy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Tom and Carole Hull

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**Carole Hull** - June 09, 2020 at 03:09 PM

FA

“ Remembering the time spent together in the Chiles Orchestra and TYO, with great sorrow.

*From Filippo Aldrovandi-Reina and his family*

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**Filippo Aldrovandi-Reina** - June 09, 2020 at 12:26 PM

CB

“ I remember Kirby from my son, Graham's, VPK class at Kinderschool. He was a sweet, always smiling, happy little boy! What a fine young man he grew into. My deepest condolences.

*Cathie Burk*

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**Cathie Burk** - June 09, 2020 at 12:24 PM

FH

“ Kirby was a memorable, enthusiastic student in my third grade class. He was full of energy, fun and a tiny pinch of mischief. I was pleased that he had found a love of music in playing the double bass. My heart is broken for you, but I know that you are so proud of the fine young man he grew to be. Treasure all of your precious memories.

*Frances Homme*

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**Frances Homme** - June 09, 2020 at 12:08 PM

ES

“ My heart breaks for the entire family. I pray your sweet memories of this special young man who brought joy to so many will bring you comfort. Erma and Mike Sever

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**Erma Sever** - June 09, 2020 at 10:57 AM

AL

“ Kirby was the most caring and happy person I have ever met. He always made me feel like an important part of the Chiles orchestra. I will forever miss our conversations about the Greek food festival, our walks together to second period, and our jokes about eating pizza for breakfast. Sending love and prayers to Kirby's friends and family.

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**Anne Leftheris** - June 09, 2020 at 10:50 AM

LH

“ I first met Kirby when I went to Chiles High School and TYO. I mostly saw him playing the double bass in orchestra, and I noticed he tried hard and played very well. He was also very friendly, and he got along with classmates easily. Kirby was an inspiration to me and I'm so glad that I got the chance to meet him.

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**Luke Heller** - June 09, 2020 at 10:20 AM

RR

“ Rob Reiding lit a candle in memory of Kirby Lee Starling



Rob Reiding - June 09, 2020 at 09:28 AM

SB

“ Our hearts are saddened by the loss of your son and our thoughts and prayers are with you. - Sharon and Cecil Bragg

Sharon Bragg - June 08, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ Kirby was the sweetest soul and was so hardworking. I shared orchestra classes with him for many years and was constantly impressed by his passion for music and his motivation in pursuing his goals. I especially loved joking around with him and getting to know him better in orchestra this past year. Sending lots of love to your family.



Katie Mann - June 08, 2020 at 08:36 PM

SS

“ Dear Jeff, Olivia, Tim and family, just heartbroken to hear of Kirby's passing. What a beautiful young man! We will keep you in our prayers and in our hearts. With deepest sympathy, Bill, Sherrie Shaner and family

Sherrie Shaner - June 08, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



June 08, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ Wish I had the words that would instantly make you feel better but I don't. What I have is my God, and my belief that he can hold and comfort you in this time of need. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Michael and Tina.

Michael Varnes - June 08, 2020 at 01:11 PM



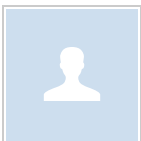
“ I will always remember what a wonderful boy he was, so kind! My prayers are with all of you at this this heartfelt time! Mrs. Menacof, Art Teacher, Roberts Elem.

Debra Menacof - June 08, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ Prayers for your family during this difficult time. 🙏🙏🙏

Winfred Langley - June 08, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



June 08, 2020 at 12:46 PM

FF

“ From Lance Blomeley and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



From Lance Blomeley and Family - June 08, 2020 at 11:47 AM

SM

“ Shawn, Mona, Davey & Grace McGregor purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



Shawn, Mona, Davey & Grace McGregor - June 08, 2020 at 11:36 AM

LF

“ Luanne Fields and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



Luanne Fields and Family - June 08, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



June 08, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



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June 08, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



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June 08, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



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June 08, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



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June 08, 2020 at 02:05 AM

RK

“ *He always brought joy and laughter into the orchestra periods we shared together. Sending love to everyone.*



Ren Kirchhoff - June 07, 2020 at 09:34 PM

LH

“ *Linda Roy Hooks lit a candle in memory of Kirby Lee Starling*



Linda Roy Hooks - June 07, 2020 at 09:25 PM

LH

*Our hearts are broken with this loss. Our family is in sincere shock and we are praying for strength for you. We are sending love at this time but plan on seeing you Tuesday. God please be with us all at this time. Olivia, Jeff and Timothy. You are so greatly loved. Hooks family.*

Linda Roy Hooks - June 07, 2020 at 09:38 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.*



June 07, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.*



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June 07, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ *The Egberongbe Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.*



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**The Egberongbe Family** - June 07, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ *So very sorry. Prayers for all the family and friends.*

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**Jim Starling** - June 07, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences on the loss of Kirby.*

*Gary and Valerie Fitzpatrick  
Springtime Tallahassee*

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**Gary Fitzpatrick** - June 07, 2020 at 03:27 PM

SW

“ This 2019 some friends and I went to the fair with Kirby and we had the time of our lives. We played games, rode rides, and ate a lot of food. Imma miss you and your amazing smile Kirby. Love you bro



Shakeil Williams - June 07, 2020 at 01:21 PM

MH

“ Kirby will always be known as the kid that can make anyone smile. Sending prayers to family and friends. He'll be missed.

Makaela Hargreaves - June 07, 2020 at 12:33 PM

TE

“ The Brays: Pat & Frenchy, Kris & Harvey & Earline purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



The Brays: Pat & Frenchy, Kris & Harvey & Earline - June 07, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



June 07, 2020 at 11:43 AM



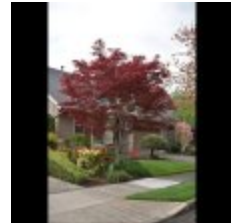
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



June 07, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



June 07, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



June 07, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



June 07, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.*



June 06, 2020 at 10:28 PM



“ *Kirby and The Boys 🧨 GAWL 🧨*



James Dean Tarr - June 06, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Melanie Punter - June 06, 2020 at 08:27 PM



*FSU Double Bass Workshop  
June 23, 2016*

Melanie Punter - June 06, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.*



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June 06, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Tallahassee Youth Orchestras** - June 06, 2020 at 06:45 PM



“ *A child of yours could only be amazingly special. Wishing you comfort, love and many wonderful memories. Truly sending love and supporting thoughts your way.*

*Ava*

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**Ava Reinstein** - June 06, 2020 at 06:41 PM



“ *Richie, Pam, Krissy, Stephen, and James purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.*



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**Richie, Pam, Krissy, Stephen, and James** - June 06, 2020 at 06:25 PM

JP

“ Jack, Kay, and James Pelham purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



Jack, Kay, and James Pelham - June 06, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



June 06, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



June 06, 2020 at 04:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



June 06, 2020 at 04:01 PM

DW

“ Timothy and Brooke, my condolences to you both as your brother and cousin has passed through this life on earth to his eternal resting place 🙏 As your former teacher, I stand with you during your time of grief; peace be with you and your families during this time of bereavement. Your former Montford Civics teacher, Dr. R. Wood.

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**Dr. Robin Wood** - June 06, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kirby Lee Starling.



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June 06, 2020 at 03:31 PM