



## Sean Edward Kiniry

August 13, 1951 - October 6, 2025

Sean Edward Kiniry, husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on October 6, 2025, at his home in Summerville, held by the hand of his wife of 35 years, Kathleen Walsh Kiniry. He was 74.

Born on August 13, 1951, in New Britain, Connecticut, Sean was the son of the late Dr. John E. Kiniry and Patricia Walsh Kiniry. He was the 2nd born of 9 siblings, growing up on Liberty Street in a joyous household filled with laughter and constant entertainment. He graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas and went on to earn his degree from the University of Connecticut, where he continued to be an active alumnus, cheering the Huskies on year after year.

Sean lived his life with kindness, intention, and by creating moments that could be shared with all who walked through his door. Together with Kathy, they built a life full of home-cooked meals, entertaining friends and family, and unforgettable memories alongside their 2 children.

He was the proud father of Teddy and Shannon, who could always count on their dad to show up. Whether it was a game 5 minutes from the house or a 6-minute performance in Dayton, Ohio, you could always count on him to be there in the crowd or alongside the buses, making sure that every person was fed a home-cooked meal.

Being a part of his kids' lives was important to him, and because of this, he was always the first to be on the field coaching his kids and all of their friends—teaching more than just offense and defense, but how to be a team player and form and keep lifelong friendships.

Sean's friendships were something he held close, and entertaining was a way that he showed his love. From Halloween parties in Salem with a theme and costumes to holiday parties with his own custom cocktails and a perfectly constructed antipasto that tasted just as good as it looked—that was a constant with Sean's cooking—presentation was just as (if not more) important than the taste.

Adventure and travel were an important part of his life, traveling across the U.S. to visit all 50 states, including fly-fishing in Alaska, Montana, and Maine, hiking Angel's Landing in Zion, and repeat visits to some of his favorite spots in Cape Hatteras, Nantucket, and Big Sur. Italy also held a special place, where he ventured vineyards, small towns, and had beautiful meals alongside his wife and friends.

Sean's life was built on a strong foundation of family—from his 8 other brothers and sisters to over 50 nieces and nephews, he ensured every Christmas there was something wrapped and waiting for them, whether he or they were in the room or not. It was important to him, and you could always count on the wrapping to be perfectly placed.

He was a light and has touched so many lives. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to Dr. George Keough and Charleston Oncology, Dr. Susan Slovin of Memorial Sloan Kettering, and the team at Roper Hospice who stood beside them with love and support.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen; his children, Teddy Kiniry (Ann) and Shannon Kiniry Paria (Sayan); his grandson, Brooks; his siblings, Susan Kiniry Holt and Doug Holt, Teddy Kiniry, Betsy Kiniry Cooney and Kevin Cooney, Tony and Gabriella Kiniry, Mark Kiniry, Richard Kiniry, and Paul and Tina Kiniry; as well as Tish Walsh, Michael Walsh, and Treacy and Michael Stewart; alongside his 50+ beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Patricia Kiniry.

There will be two services honoring Sean Kiniry. Please find those details below. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to:

Zero Prostate Cancer - <https://zerocancer.org/>

South Carolina Waterfowl Association - <https://scwa.org/products/donation>

Connecticut Service - Wednesday, October 29th

First Church of Christ

830 Corbin Ave

New Britain, CT 06052

The Family will welcome guests starting at 1:00 p.m. and the service will begin at 2:00 p.m.

A reception will follow at:

Shuttle Meadow Country Club

51 Randecker Lane

Berlin, CT 06037

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Summerville Celebration of Life - Thursday, November 6th

The Home of Beth & Rusty Kitch

413 Sumter Ave  
Summerville, SC 29483

The family will welcome guests starting at 2:00 p.m. and the service will begin at 3:00 p.m.

A reception will immediately follow

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Church of Christ  
830 Corbin Ave  
New Britain, CT 06052

## Celebration of Life

NOV **6**. 3:00 PM (ET)

The Home of Beth and Rusty Kitch  
413 Sumter Ave  
Summerville, SC 29483

# Tribute Wall



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Sean Edward Kiniry.*



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November 10, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Kathy and the Kiniry Family. Sean was a special friend to so many of us throughout his life...his legacy will live on through the lasting memories he leaves for all of us...RIP Sean*

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**KC NAPPI** - October 29, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ *Tim and Katherine Walsh Family San Diego purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sean Edward Kiniry.*



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**Tim and Katherine Walsh Family San Diego** - October 27, 2025 at 11:37 AM



“ *Dear Kathy, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Sean was a very special man. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Jerry and Pam Bateman*

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**pam bateman** - October 19, 2025 at 06:53 PM

CF

“ Chaz F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sean Edward Kiniry.

Chaz F. - October 13, 2025 at 10:59 AM

CF

“ Sean made you feel important from the second you met him. I was blessed to Golf with him some and have a great day on the River Fly Fishing with him. Also lost a bet Or two on college football with him. He was one of a kind and truly will be missed...

Chaz Farnham - October 13, 2025 at 10:58 AM

JY

“ Jay Young planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sean Edward Kiniry.

Jay Young - October 11, 2025 at 02:53 PM

JY

“ Jay Young purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sean Edward Kiniry.



Jay Young - October 11, 2025 at 02:53 PM

JN

“ My condolences and thoughts to the entire Kiniry family on Sean’s passing. One of my Aquinas classmates of the class of ‘69 Stay in touch on Facebook sharing family and golf stories. RIP my friend ☐❤

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**John Nowobilski** - October 11, 2025 at 06:52 AM

DG

“ I cannot express how deeply I loved Sean, he started out as my boss but became one of my dearest friends. He treated me with kindness, support and most of all friendship. I am going to miss him so very much, I could always count on his help and advice which came from his heart. I send my love to Kathy, Teddy, Shannon, and all of his family. God bless you Sean.....Dell

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**Dell Golanski** - October 09, 2025 at 06:16 PM