



Kip Cornelius

May 27, 1963 - January 20, 2026

Jay Kiplian “Kip” Cornelius, 62 of Guntersville passed away Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at his residence. He was born May 27, 1963 in Birmingham, the son of William Jay Cornelius and Sandra Brown. He was a graduate of Oneonta High School Class of 1981 and was currently working for Lowes.

He is survived by his wife: Melissa Kay Cornelius; children: Jay Kajemund Cornelius and William Wyatt Cornelius; mother: Sandra Bagwell (J.D.); father: William Jay Cornelius (Mary); sister: Kitty Cornelius Cheak (Spencer); brother: Scott Cornelius; niece and nephews: Madelyne Cheak (Fiancé: Joshua Pearson), Chase Cornelius (Emily) and Noah Cheak (Jordan). He was preceded in death by his first wife: Pamela Williams Cornelius; sister in law: Gail Cornelius and a nephew: River John Cornelius.

The family has chosen to honor his wishes with cremation with no formal service at this time. Gober Funeral Chapel assisted the Cornelius family with cremation arrangements.

Tribute Wall

EW

“ Kip and I were classmates at Oneonta High School, and I honestly can't remember a time when he wasn't part of my life. He was a true friend. We played all three sports growing up—basketball, football, and baseball—but in high school we were teammates on the basketball court. I remember he would always drive me home after practices and games in that big truck he had; he would have given me the shirt off his back. We kept in touch occasionally when he was working in Snead, Alabama, and always said we'd reconnect, though we never got the chance. Kip holds a special place in my heart and life. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. My condolences to his entire family.

Earl Warren

Earl Warren - January 31 at 04:57 PM

JK

“ I just learned of "Kip's" passing. I am sorry to hear of it. I only taught him one year but thought highly and repeatedly of him. I pray comfort for his generational families. As I prayed with a former student tonight, I thanked God for those he has sent my way throughout my life and how I have learned from them. I cherish those to whom God led me.

Jim Kilgore - January 31 at 12:26 AM

MD

“ Billy and Sandra, I have so sorry to hear you lost your son Kip. Lou Earle and I send our condolences during this most difficult time. May God be close to your family during your grief.

Mike T. Deson - January 30 at 10:02 PM