



## Bernard Keppers

February 4, 1966 - August 27, 2018

The Mass of Christian Burial for Bernard “Bernie” Keppers of Perham and formerly of Wadena will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 31, at St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Visitation will be held on Thursday at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. with prayers at 5:00 and a Rosary at 6:00 pm. Visitation will resume at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass.

Bernie, age 52, passed away on Monday, August 27, 2018, at the Fair Oaks Lodge, Wadena, MN, shortly after receiving a terminal diagnosis.

Bernard “Bernie” Keppers was born to Willard Gregor and Darlene Mary (Imdieke) Keppers on February 4, 1966, in St. Cloud, MN. He was raised on the family farm and after graduating from Wadena High School Bernie attended college. Bernie joined the National Guard and proudly served for 12 years.

He worked as an over-the-road truck driver, and later drove a milk truck. He loved fishing and relaxing on the lake. Bernie was an avid Vikings fan and enjoyed texting the play-by-play during games. He loved Fords and enjoyed working on them. Bernie could be a real jokester. Even if it wasn’t funny you had to laugh just because his laugh was contagious! He was like a big kid,

showing-off his toys and he knew how to have fun. He entertained the kids by burying them in the sand at the park and playing games. Bernie was a very fun-loving person that will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Preceding Bernard in death were his father Willard in 2004; and Oscar Gruba.

Survivors include his children Matthew Keppers of Fargo, ND, Kayla (Payton) Roth of New York Mills, Jacob Keppers of Perham, Joshua Keppers of Wadena and Collin Keppers of St. Cloud; mother Darlene Keppers of Wadena; four grandchildren; siblings Duane (Kateri) of Wadena; sisters Brenda (Steve) Schiller, Bonnie (Frank) Walker and Denise McKigney; special friend Connie Goff; along with numerous friends.

Pallbearers will be Don Goeden, Charles Swaisgood, Doug Blazek, Jacob Keppers, Joshua Keppers, and Aaron Schiller.

Honorary pallbearers will be Anthony Glende, Koby Glende, Jayce Roth, Matthew Keppers, Bryan Keppers and Collin Keppers.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel  
205 4th Street Southwest  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Visitation

AUG **31**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
514 1st St. SE  
Wadena, MN

## Service

AUG **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
514 1st St. SE  
Wadena, MN



# Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard Keppers



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - August 29, 2018 at 06:56 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard Keppers.



August 30, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Bernard Keppers



Margaret & Peter Van Erp - August 30, 2018 at 09:14 AM



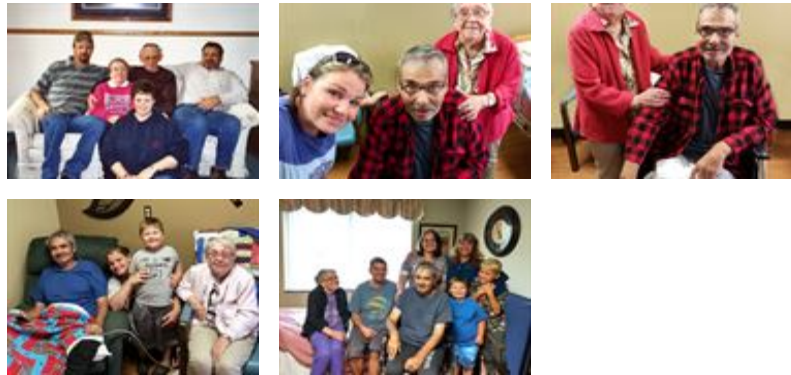
“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bernard Keppers.*



August 29, 2018 at 09:46 PM



“ *39 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - August 29, 2018 at 05:39 PM



“ *Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of Bernard Keppers*



Dan Kern - August 29, 2018 at 07:55 AM

AA

“ Willard, Darlene, Duane, Brenda, and extended family, so very sorry to hear of your loss. May God turn his face towards you and be gracious to you and give you peace. May God comfort Bernard forever.

- April (Higgs) Anderson

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**April Anderson** - August 28, 2018 at 01:04 PM

PL

“ Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Bernard Keppers



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**Pat Lorentz** - August 28, 2018 at 10:49 AM

MF

“ Marie Fraune lit a candle in memory of Bernard Keppers



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**Marie Fraune** - August 28, 2018 at 08:52 AM

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“ I was freinds with Bernard for alot of years in school. Was fun to hang with. After we graduated we went our own direction. I have seen him maybe 2 times in 30 years. I am so sorry to hear he passed away. I didn't know what was all going on with his health. May he rest in peace & be more in comfort.



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**Scott kern** - August 27, 2018 at 07:40 PM