



## David Joseph Kern

November 15, 1961 - March 29, 2014

The Mass of Christian Burial for David Joseph Kern of Mounds View, and formerly of the Wadena area, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2014, at St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Bluegrass with Father Arlie Sowada as celebrant. Friends may call at the church on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. David passed away unexpectedly on March 29, 2014, at his home in Mounds View, MN.

David was born on November 15, 1961, to Martin and Helen (Ganje) Kern in Wadena, MN. He was united in marriage with Barb Kern on June 22, 1996, in Anoka County, MN. He worked as a machinist in die casting. He used his spare time going on walks, vegetable gardening and watching westerns.

David was preceded in death by his parents Martin and Helen. He is survived by his wife Barb; children Jeremiah Dailey, Matthew Kern, Bergandi (Perrin) Waldrop and Nicole Kern; four grandchildren Carter, Mikey, Declan and Ariana; brothers Paul, Leo, Chris, Mike and Donnie Kern; and sisters Aggie McManigle, Alice Harper, Rita Newman, Irene Erickson, Elaine Hale and Tina Kern.

Pallbearers will be Jeremiah Dailey, Matthew Kern, Bergandi Waldrop, Nicole Kern, Mike Kern, and Kyle Diemert

Burial will be in St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Bluegrass.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Hubert's Catholic Cemetery

17343 220th Street  
Sebeka, MN 56477

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **10**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Hubert's Catholic Church  
22008 Co Rd 23  
(10 miles N. of Verndale on Co Rd 23)  
Blue Grass, MN 56477

## Service

APR **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Hubert's Catholic Church  
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(10 miles N. of Verndale on Co Rd 23)  
Blue Grass, MN 56477

# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of David Joseph Kern*



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - March 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Dave...even though we had not stayed in touch these past many years, consumed in the details of the lives that we had created for ourselves, I have always considered you to be one of very best friends and still do. May you rest in peace my friend, and save me a seat.*

*For the rest of the Kern clan...I am a bit behind the times and have never really been good at remembering names, but know that I share your loss and pain and if there is ever anything (within reason), especially Daves children, that you think I may be able to help you with as you forge ahead with your lives and careers, please do not hesitate to ask. If I can help I will certainly try.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jeff (Heff) Olson  
jajamo@aol.com*

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**Jeff (Heff) Olson** - October 20, 2014 at 11:35 PM

TF

“ *The Evans Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Joseph Kern.*



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**The Evans Family** - April 08, 2014 at 07:51 PM

KE

“ *Kim Evans lit a candle in memory of David Joseph Kern*



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**Kim Evans** - April 08, 2014 at 09:59 AM


 Melisa Newman

“ *Melisa Newman lit a candle in memory of David Joseph Kern*



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**Melisa Newman** - April 07, 2014 at 01:38 PM

 Melisa Newman

*Miss you uncle Dave.*

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**Melisa Newman** - April 07, 2014 at 01:39 PM



“ *Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of David Joseph Kern.*



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April 07, 2014 at 11:05 AM

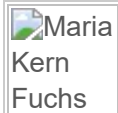


“ *Maria Kern Fuchs lit a candle in memory of David Joseph Kern*



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**Maria Kern Fuchs** - April 07, 2014 at 07:31 AM



*So sorry to hear of his passing, and know that you have, and will have very tough days ahead. Just know that we are thinking of you and your family... my heart goes out to all of you.*

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**Maria Kern Fuchs** - April 07, 2014 at 07:35 AM



*Thank you Maria. We appreciate that very much.*

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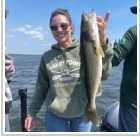
**Irene (Kern) Erickson** - April 07, 2014 at 10:15 PM



“ *Dave helped out Matt and me when we had no where to go... he was a wonderful man and will be missed...*

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**melissa obuchowski** - April 05, 2014 at 08:38 AM



“ *Peggy Beck lit a candle in memory of David Joseph Kern*



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**Peggy Beck** - April 04, 2014 at 09:34 PM



“ *Stephanie Evans lit a candle in memory of David Joseph Kern*



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**Stephanie Evans** - April 04, 2014 at 08:59 PM



*I always enjoyed our conversations at Thanksgiving and Christmas, catching up on the past year. Even though we didn't see each other very much, the conversations always seemed to pick up right where they left off. I will always remember his great smile - he passed that on to all of his children and grandchildren.*

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**Stephanie Evans** - April 04, 2014 at 09:03 PM



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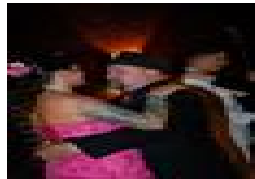


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**Bergandi Waldrop-Perrin** - April 04, 2014 at 06:51 PM



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**Bergandi Waldrop-Perrin** - April 04, 2014 at 06:45 PM

KK

“ *To all the Kerns y'all are in my thoughts and prayers. David was always looking out for me while in school. May he RIP*

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**Kevin Kinnunen** - April 04, 2014 at 06:37 PM

DH

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family of David Kern. Dave was a good friend and co-worker. He will be missed. David and Donna Higgins*

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**dave higgins** - April 03, 2014 at 09:56 PM

JB

“ *Jane Bernstein lit a candle in memory of David Joseph Kern*



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**Jane Bernstein** - April 03, 2014 at 06:42 PM

LK

“ My heart goes out to the Kern family. Dave was not only a great employee, he was a good friend. Dave and I went through alot in the past 28 years at work, and away from work. Dave will most surely be missed. Dave and I put in alot of long hours at work, and he made it much easier passing the time.  
Thanks for the memories Dave.

Lenny Krause, Pace Industries.

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**Len Krause** - April 03, 2014 at 12:21 PM

IK

Thank you very much Lenny. We appricate your thoughts and taking the time to comment on this site.

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**Irene Erickson (Kern)** - April 03, 2014 at 10:57 PM

JV

“ David will always be with you in Memories and in Heart. As a neighborhood gal, growing up I remember going thru the woods to the "Tom Thumb" store with my brothers-David made a makeshift bridge-was the things boys did. So we could cross the mucky spots without getting our shoes full of mud. He hung out with my big brother Joe Clobes and I thought he was the coolest guy up the road. Those were the days of not locking your house up and drinking outta the garden hose when thirsty. We had a great neighborhood with great people on our Block! I can say-he has touched the hearts of many and his memory will will be happy ones for me. Julie "Clobes" Vertina

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**Julie Vertina** - April 02, 2014 at 09:50 PM

TK

Thank you Julie I so remember those days and us kerns appreciate you sharing the childhood memories.

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**tina kern** - April 04, 2014 at 08:11 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Joseph Kern.



April 02, 2014 at 07:52 PM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the Kern family. Although I never worked side by side with Dave I did always hear good things about him. He actually had a nickname called Dave “Kaizen” Kern. He got that out of a lean event at work which he had all the realistic answers. That right there told me he was really dedicated & passionate about his job. What a great jerky guy! Man did he make some outstanding jerky. He will be missed by all & I sure will miss that head gesture saying ” jerky’s at machine #4, enjoy”.

Co-worker  
Terry Howell

Terry Howell - April 02, 2014 at 07:27 AM



Thank you Terry and he did make the best jerky around.

tina kern - April 02, 2014 at 10:19 PM



Thank you Terry for sharing this with us he was a good person and will be missed a lot.

Alice Harper Kern - April 03, 2014 at 01:16 AM



Thank you Terry for the nice comment to my brother David. He was very special to us all.

irene Erickson - April 03, 2014 at 10:32 AM



*And he never came around to us kids trying to convince him on giving us that jerky recipe!*

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**Bergandi Waldrop-Perrin** - April 04, 2014 at 07:02 PM

SK

“ *Samantha Kern lit a candle in memory of David Joseph Kern*



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**samantha kern** - April 01, 2014 at 08:12 PM

TM

“ *My Deepest sympathy for the Kern family*

*The first day I met Dave was, I believe, in the summer of 1988. At first I was a little hesitant about him, but after a few weeks of working with him I couldn't stop laughing. He was hilarious. He made our then 11 hour shifts much easier to get through with his joking and goofing around.*

*Dave had a serious side as well and I learned a lot about Die Casting from him. I tell ya he was good at goofing around, but when it came time to get the work done he was one of the best. It seemed to be all about competition between the night and day shifts and there was no way Dave was letting anybody out produce him on a Cast machine.*

*I remember mornings after work, myself and a few others would go to Dave's apartment for a few cocktails which turned into a few more cocktails. I remember a few wrecked Fridays because of that, but it was just a blast hanging with him, made it hard to go home.*

*I remember a few times Dave helped me out when I was a little short on cash, never asked for it, he just kind of knew when I needed help and he would offer. I took Dave as the kind of guy that couldn't stand to see friends in a desperate situation.*

*I was completely flattered the day Dave asked me to be his best man at his Wedding. I had never been asked from any friend to be in that position. I was a little nervous, but of course I took the honor.*

*Dave you are a wonderful friend and co-worker, you will be missed by all of us here at Pace Industries/St. Paul Metalcraft.*

*I have some photos of Dave and Krystal from the early 90s that I would like to share with the family. I just hope I can find them again.*

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**Tim Maylone** - April 01, 2014 at 06:23 PM

TK

*Thank you Tim, yes David was a fun person and brother to be around and your sympathy is greatly appreciated.*

tina kern - April 01, 2014 at 08:33 PM

IE

*Thank you Tim for the nice comment and pictures. He was pretty special to us all too, we appreciate the time you took to post this. Thank you so much.*

irene Erickson(Kern) - April 03, 2014 at 10:35 AM



*Thank you Tim (I'm Krystal). Please do share!!*

Bergandi Waldrop-Perrin - April 04, 2014 at 07:03 PM

BK

*Thank you Tim. Don't look for those pictures. You gave them to Dave years ago. One will be used in the slide show that we are putting together.*

Barb Kern - April 05, 2014 at 10:36 AM

TM

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Tim Maylone - April 01, 2014 at 05:42 PM

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**Tim Maylone** - April 01, 2014 at 05:34 PM

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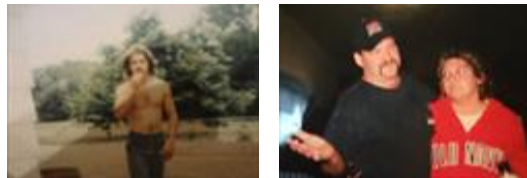
“ *Mike Kern lit a candle in memory of David Joseph Kern*



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**Mike Kern** - April 01, 2014 at 05:06 PM

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**Tina Kern** - April 01, 2014 at 12:54 PM

CK

“ *Chris Kern lit a candle in memory of David Joseph Kern*



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**Chris Kern** - April 01, 2014 at 11:17 AM

CK

*I Loved Hanging Out With Him He In The Breezeway and Just Spending Time With Him. I'm Going To Miss You Dave. Love, Your Brother Chris*

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**Chris Kern** - April 01, 2014 at 11:22 AM



*I remember he slept out there in a lawn chair a few times during the summer when it was so hot. Lol. Dad loved that breezeway, except in the winter with the snow!*

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**Bergandi Waldrop-Perrin** - April 01, 2014 at 02:20 PM

TS

“ To the entire Kern family:

*My sincerest apologies and condolences to your family on Dave's passing.*

*When I moved in next door to Martin and Helen's in 1984, I remember one day in particular that I came home and the little wishing well was broken in my back yard. I was so afraid that the "mean boys" next door were out to get me because we were the new neighbors they didn't like. Eventually, we got to know your family very well. Martin was such a nice guy and on a few occasions he had the kindness to help me capture a few moles but then he'd pretend to eat them just to gross me out. Helen was a sweetheart ... a quiet and very kind woman who seemed to be hanging laundry all the time. Donnie always serenaded the birds with his guitar on the deck (if I remember correctly, one of his electric guitars use to be mine). The rest of the clan and all of our back and forth's between the yards over the years = Priceless!*

*As years had gone by and Dave & Barb bought the house, another generation of Kern family kids started coming across the yard!! It was then that Dave confessed that indeed it was he and his brothers that broke the wishing well. Oooh the laughter - and years of bantering began.*

*Our kids grew up doing so much together and knowing that the parents and all the kids went to the same schools was kind of a cool thing. I remember the Kern family from high school days but I guess because Dave was younger, I didn't really remember him from back then.*

*During the annual garage sales, Dave was always the first customer - mostly the night before while we were still setting up. He'd go home with our junk and pretty soon he'd be coming over with things Barb would start sending over of theirs to sell.*

*The kids made a mint off of Dave at their Kool Aid stands because he was always SO hot and SO thirsty. When paying, he'd give them more than they charged and either let them keep it or he'd make sure they knew how to count out the change so they didn't lose money to gangsters.*

*When our new roof was put on, Dave was either up the ladder or he made a good spotter at the bottom for those going up or down. Whatever it was, he was always willing to help!! Splitting wood on a cold day, he was right out there to make sure we used the rented splitter just the right way and he worked along side of us in his yard only to throw the wood over the fence to use in our firepit.*

*And the firepits! How many nights and talks did we have around the firepits? Many! All summer long! For years! The kids camping out in the yards and Dave would go out to scare them!*

*He was an awesome "inspector". Any project going on over here, he was either right there to help and offer advice, or stand quietly to watch and still give his 2 cents worth of advice.*

*He walked miles to and from Tom Thumb with the kids for ice cream or freezies. Treats for everyone - on him. Years later, it was Nicole and Madison. Sunday mornings he'd walk up there for the newspaper and come back reading it while walking slowly back down Bona.*

*Dave was always ready to dive for the parade candy and then he'd make sure all the kids had equal shares.*

*He is one of the most generous persons I have been lucky to know. He was always willing to help, always willing to give that extra bit to make sure people had enough. Home made beef jerky? Always bringing some over. Home made soup? We had enough for a meal the next day. Buffalo from the farm? Always shared!! He oftentimes talked about the sibling properties and what it was like up north. Picnics on our deck or theirs. The fish-frys in the driveway! Frying*

*with a cigarette hanging out of his mouth and he'd tell us the ashes would add flavor. BBQ's - either off our grill or theirs! We'd each bring food to share with our families. Tailgate parties in our garage. Everyone in purple! I think ?? he even had a pair of Vikings slippers for a season. (cont. on next post)*

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**Tami Schmidt** - April 01, 2014 at 11:04 AM



*Tami,*

*Thank you so much for sharing all of these wonderful memories from off the years. In my grief, it is hard to remember the good times of Dad. You have brought a smile to my face and even a laugh. Thank you again.*

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**Bergandi Waldrop-Perrin** - April 01, 2014 at 02:25 PM

TS

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*And the teasing. Oh, the teasing that went back and forth between the yards. There is a story of the traveling bike. He had cleaned out the shed and one day this random bike was in our yard against a tree. Well, it was the one he took out of his shed. We were on to him, so the next day he found that bike behind his garage. He thought for sure Todd did it, so he then took it over to Todd's and randomly put it in Todd's yard. Pretty soon the bike was on the side of Dave & Barb's house. This went on over an entire summer between yards!! Things like this happened all the time!! Just random stuff would show up in our yards and neither of us would admit to anything. Anyone remember the Christmas bear, leftover from a garage sale?*

*Breezeway talks. I can't tell you how many times we'd all end up in the breezeway! It was always cooler there and if it was raining it just made sense.*

*I could go on and on about so many fun things I remember about Dave. He was really a character and we will really miss seeing him between the yards, bah-hah'in through his yard on the 4-wheeler, taking forever to cut the yard on his riding mower, tilling up the garden and the infamous slow right-hand turn onto Hillview coming home from work.*

*Jeremiah, Matt, Krystal and Nicole:*

*I am so sorry that you have lost your dad. There was a huge piece of all of you that was in his heart. So many times he'd have stories about your accomplishments. Baseball games, the Military, colorguard, schoolwork, jobs, etc. So many things he was so proud of you all for. When Carter was born & the teasing of him being old started, he'd make sure we all knew that we were all still older than him.*

*Barb:*

*I am so sorry that you have lost someone that you worked together*

*with while raising a family. You deserve so much respect for accepting, supporting and pushing through. I don't know how many times over the years we heard how much he loved you. He gave you so much credit for creating a united and well-blended family. "She's a good woman that Barb" he'd say. He was so proud of how well you managed that household, everyone's schedules and kept everyone in line, including him.*

*Dave was really a great guy! His sense of humor was one of a kind and never to be taken lightly. Sometimes you didn't know if he was joking or not, sometimes he'd jokingly threaten to call the cops if he found another random object in his yard, but lo & behold, another random object was found in ours the next day!! He loved the bantering just as much as we did. He was a great neighbor and we will really miss him.*

*As all of you comprehend the loss of this wonderful person and all of the good things that he accomplished, may happy memories of your time with him carry you through.*

*Sincerely*

*Tami Schmidt*

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**Tami Schmidt** - April 01, 2014 at 11:04 AM

TK

*Thank you so much tami, your words are kind and loving to us all and we will miss our brother, dad, uncle, and grandpa. The memories are just the beginning of our loss for a stubborn and wonderful man but now he will look down on us and guide us all with our parents.*

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**Tina Kern** - April 01, 2014 at 01:04 PM



*And now for the happy tears... so many memories Tami! He never really knew how to express to us how proud he was of us, but it's sure nice to know he did to other people. Through thick and thin, I loved him. He sure looked sharp at my wedding in that tux. I knew it wasn't him and he didn't enjoy it, but he did it for my special day.*

**Bergandi Waldrop-Perrin** - April 01, 2014 at 02:30 PM

BK

*Easter is right around the corner, so MERRY CHRISTMAS!! Thank you for sharing. I had forgotten about the kool aid stands. If you only knew how many times he'd be scrounging for change, making me search the bottom of my purse. I do believe Nicole and Madison made a "fortune" one time. The smallest bill I could find was \$10.*

**Barb Kern** - April 01, 2014 at 04:45 PM

IE

*I just want to thank Tami for the beautiful memories of my brother Dave. You are right about Dave's love for his wife Barb and his children. He always did for everyone else and never expected anything in return. He was a GIVING person. This brought a lot of smiles of Dave that Tami was saying about him. We love you brother Dave very much so. Barb, Bergandi, Jeremiah, Matt and Nicole PLEASE keep in touch. Love you all bunches.*

**Irene and Dave Erickson** - April 01, 2014 at 05:15 PM

SK

“ SCOTT J KERN lit a candle in memory of David Joseph Kern



**SCOTT J KERN** - April 01, 2014 at 09:57 AM



*Thank you, Scott.*

**Bergandi Waldrop-Perrin** - April 01, 2014 at 02:31 PM