



Duane Kern

July 9, 1956 - April 25, 2012

Duane Anthony Kern was born on July 9, 1956, one of six children to Bernard and Marian (Uselman) Kern in Wadena, MN. The last several years Duane worked in mechanical maintenance in the Perham area. In his free time he found enjoyment in the outdoors - hunting, fishing and snorkeling, with a passion for skydiving. Duane also had a talent for writing poetry. He was a lifetime member of the North America Hunting Club. Duane passed away unexpectedly at the age of 55, on April 25, 2012, at his home in Perham. He was preceded in death by his parents Bernard and Marian; and a brother Thomas. He is survived by his sisters Virginia (Vern) Wiederich, Vivian (Gary) Brahmer, Patricia Warner, and Theresa (Mel) Allen; 4 nieces & 6 nephews, and many great-nieces and nephews. The Liturgy of the Word & Funeral Rite was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on May 3, 2012 at the Johnson Memorial Home Chapel in Wadena, with Deacon Jerry Snyder as celebrant. Inurnment was in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear of Duane's passing. I got to know Duane at WHS, and called him my friend. He was an adventurer with quick wit, and the best sense of humor I've ever known.

At my wedding in 1999, he joined the girls in my dressing room and we sang the Jimi Hendrix song, Foxy Lady.

Rest in peace, Duane.

Suzanne Benson - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Memories of a man who could always tell the best stories and jokes to keep us laughing!

My warmest wishes for Duane's sisters and their families to trust peace will come with time.

Kathy

Kathy Winter - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ My sincerest condolences to your families. I will remember Duane with a smile and a big heart to give a helping hand to a friend in need. Thinking of you and your family today.

Deb Roberts - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Just Me*

Well now Mr. Sunshine you have left us and gone to be with your mom and dad.

*I know in my heart that is where you are
(You being such a MAMA'S boy.)*

I must thank you for the wisdom and sometimes brutal honesty you brought into my life. I am a better man to have known you. Of this there is no doubt.

I must thank you again for the shelter you gave me in my time of need. wow what man of heart. What a judge of character to know it would be ok to take a stranger into your home !!

I thank you for the simple things, like being a motor head, Your ability to fix things , Your love of the History channel. p.s. I thought I was the only one.

Duane, I am going to say that I will not cry at you leaving us, but I know how important the truth is to you.

So no gaurantee's on that one, I cry Mostly for your sisters and their loss of their baby brother. For them the pain maybe the greatest.

O just so you know these are not tears on this paper and you CANT prove it !! MR. SUNSHINE!!

Gods speed Duane and Let Bernard know you Hung out with Bart's son. He may very well say, SORRY FOR YOUR LUCK ON THAT ONE.

Jeff Stevens - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My deepest sympathy to the family in the loss of Duane. I did not know Duane personally but knew Pat from years back and Ginger in the last 8-10 years and I'm sure he was as nice a person as his sisters I know. Cherish the memories.

jane hieb - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. Duane was a good guy and will surely be missed.

Linda & Rick Youngbauer - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I would like to give my condolences to the Kern family. I grew up with Duane and have so many great memories. Duane will always be dear to my heart and will be greatly missed. I am saddened that I can't be there to bid him goodbye, but I know that Duane would understand. That's the kind of friend he was and always will be. "Rest in Peace My Friend "

Danny Wright - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ Rest in Peace, Old Friend.

Mike Youngbauer - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I was so happy that we re-connected! Now I have lost you again. When the time comes we will meet again! Rest in peace Duane!!

Mark Kueker - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *I am so saddened to hear of Duane's passing, rest in peace my friend.*

Robin McClure - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *You are among the angels.....Rest in peace.....See you in heaven....*

Jacki Schoon - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Duane
Rest in peace,*

Danny Wright - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM