



## Franklin Kern

April 26, 1934 - March 2, 2008

Franklin Joseph Kern, age 73, passed-away Sunday, March 2, 2008 at his home in rural Wadena. He was born April 26, 1934 in Leaf River Township to Simon and Theresa (Entringer) Kern. Franklin was united in marriage with Marjorie Damm on May 13, 1961 in Bluegrass. Franklin served his country in the United States Navy. As a life-long member of the community he was involved with the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society and the Wadena Elks Lodge. He worked in highway construction and was President of Kern and Tabery, Inc. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming and spending time with friends and family. Franklin was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jerry and Donald Kern; and sister, Lorraine Kern. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; sons, Bradley (Jackie) Kern, Steven Kern, and Dwight Kern, all of Wadena; daughters, Pamela Kern of Duluth, Brenda Pearson of Wadena, and Lisa (Mike) Poepke of Brainerd; six grandchildren, Joshua Jon Kern, Jesse Joseph Kern, Miles Lee Pearson, Carson Bradley Kern, Payton Nicole Kern, and Kyle John Polman; sisters, Marcella (Don) Tabery and Rosella Dunblazier, both of Wadena, and Romaine Heffelfinger of Texas. Pallbearers were Duane Dunblazier, Kevin Tabery, Jerry Kern, Scott Wright, Dave Nyberg, and Ryan Stigman. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00AM on Friday, March 7, 2008 at St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Bluegrass, with Father Michael Kellogg as celebrant. Interment was at St. Hubert's Catholic Cemetery in Bluegrass.



# Tribute Wall

RG

“ *My sincerest condolences to Frank's family. Even though I am not able to attend the service, know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Roxanne (Tabery) Giese** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. May the comfort of the years and years of memories, love of your family and friends help you to get through this hard, hard time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time.*

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**Jeri Scheller** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *God Bless the family. You are in my prayers.*

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**Jeffrey** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *MAY GOD BE WITH EACH OF YALL TODAY AND THE DAYS TO COME. KNOW THAT MY PRAYER AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU. FRANK WILL BE MISSED. LOVE YOU ALL*

*ROMAINE*

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**ROMAINE HEFFELFINGER** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ WE ALL ARE SORRY FOR THE LOST OF UNCLE FRANK. I WAS VERY GLAD WE ALL GOT TO SEE HIM THE LAST TIME WE WERE HOME. KNOW THAT OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL IN THIS TIME OF SADNESS. BUT ALWAYS REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES THAT WERE SHARED.LOVE YOU ALL RON,JILL,J.B.,AND COLTON

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**RON AND JILL HUDDLESTON** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ We are so sorry to hear of Franklin's passing. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

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**Theresa (Kern) Allen** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ It is hard to see Uncle Franklin pass away unexpectedly. I enjoyed seeing him and visiting with him at length during my dad, Earl Damm's birthday party in January. Franklin always had a twinkle in his eye and a heart for his family and close friends. I am sad to see him pass and want to let the rest of my family know that we all are better for his presence and he will be remembered fondly and missed. My deepest sorrow for Auntie Marge, and Brad, Steve, Pam, Dwight, Brenda and Lisa. I love you all and extend my prayers your way.  
Dana

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**Dana Damm** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ I will always remember Franklin from the times I used to ride horse over to Simon & Tracy's. A couple of times Franklin had a horse he wanted me to ride - neither were very rideable but he and Simon got a little rodeo show!

There are no words to take away the pain of losing a loved one - please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

And to Franklin - say Hi to Simon & Tracy and all. Give my Dad a hug for me!!

Love to All - Patty

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**Patricia (Kern) Warner** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Kern family,

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Frank. Sorry we can't make it for the service as I am recovering from shoulder surgery. He will be missed!

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**Jack Heffelfinger** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Pam and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. My prayers are with you> Anne Jouppe

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**Anne Jouppe** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Dear Family, So sorry to hear about Franklin's passing. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Linda Kern Lindsley** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Saddened to hear of Franklin's passing.*

*God Bless his memory.*

*Leonard and Phyllis Thompson*

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**Leonard Thompson** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *The years starting friendships of our generation started at District eleven Grade School. I remember my Dad talking about when he first knew your*

*Dad, Gpa, Father in law... My Dad was at your Dad/Gpa place 1919 or so and he heard someone calling Agatha and thought it was funny she never answered. Later found out they had a parrot who was calling Agatha. I enjoyed that. Got to late to "Sis Sally's" sale to buy the parrot she had caged. :-) She was named "Sister Sally" by Alfie when his sister Vergie passed on. God is great, and gives us the peace He promises, and is with us through everything. HUG'S.*

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**Maxine R. Erickson** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Pam and Family: Sorry to hear of the loss of your dad..May all the wonderful memories you have comfort you through this difficult time. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Nancy*

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**Nancy (Gorghuber)Sunstrom** - March 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM