



Marian Melvin) Kern

Marian Louise Kern was born on October 31, 1921 to Joseph and Matilda (Geber) Boyer at Wesley Hospital in Wadena, MN. Having lived her entire life in Wadena she passed away on December 15, 2009 at age 88, at Fair Oaks Lodge. Marian became the bride of Melvin Kern on February 8, 1941 in Hewitt. Over the years she was employed at the Farmers Home Administration and Wadena County ASCS. She was active in 4-H, the United Methodist women's group, Garden Club, and Homemakers Club. Gardening, quilting, photography, bread-making, and going to the fair were her favorite pastimes. Marian was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin, in December 2003; her parents, Joseph and Matilda; son Charles Kern; grandsons, Steven and Michael Kern; and brothers Richard and Joseph Boyer. She is survived by her sons, James (Lori) of Wadena and Gerald (Ivy) of Wadena; daughters, Janice (Charles) Gira of Fargo, ND, Patricia (Donald) Lawyer of Lake Park, and Linda (LeRoy) Kern-Kolquist of Superior, WI; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held on December 19, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the United Methodist Church with Pastor Shirley Nelson officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Marian's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Scott Such, David Gira, Gail Kern, JJ Kern, Aaron Kern, and Christopher Hipp. Burial will be held at a later date in the Wadena Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

SP

“ I wish to extend our sympathies to the Kern family. I met Marian through the Methodist Church in Wadena. Marian and Melvin used to bring all their kids to Sunday School and Church. Janice and I were the same age and in many church activities together. Marian & Melvin were proud of bringing their cows to the fair and we usually had to tour the cow building just to talk with them and see their cows. They were the best looking cows and taken care of so nice. She was an interesting woman and so fun to talk with her. She will be missed. Sandi

Sandi Pratt - October 01, 2012 at 01:56 PM

JK

“ Our sympathy on the death of Marian. I remember the Kern family visitng us (John Boyer family) in Wadena when I was young. However I got to know Marian more in the past ten years. She was a cheerful, giving person and enjoyed talking about her children. At my mothers (Tillie Boyer) she took pictures of the individual family units and after gave me a photo album with the photos. I regret I cannot make it to the funeral due to a minor iliness. Julie Boyer Geiser

Julie Geiser/Curtis Kingsley - October 01, 2012 at 01:56 PM

RB

“ We have fond memories of Marian, her gardening, and her love of Guernsey cattle that were always shown at the fair. Marian always had strawberries available for ice cream topping. After we moved to our present home, we obtained some ferns from Marian which have spread under our pine trees. As we see them emerge every summer, we think of Marian. Thanks for the memories. We hope all her children and grandchildren have fond memories of her. She will be missed.

Richard & Beverly Boyer - October 01, 2012 at 01:56 PM

VL

“ Gerry and family: I am sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I will keep you and yours in my prayers. ~Vicki Leaderbrand

Vicki Leaderbrand - October 01, 2012 at 01:56 PM

MM

“ My favorite memory of Grandma was going to the farm and she would make a huge batch of bread dough and all the grandchildren could make whatever they wanted with the dough...whether it was carmel rolls, letters, shapes...it didn't matter. Plus, she always had gum in the "gum drawer". I love you and I will miss you very much. I know you are at peace with God and with Grandpa.

Mary Moen - October 01, 2012 at 01:56 PM

MS

“ Dear Kern Family,
Sorry to hear of your Mom's passing.
We are thinking of you all at this time.
In sympathy,
Mark & Camille Stone

Mark & Camille Stone - October 01, 2012 at 01:56 PM

DM

“ Our condolences at the loss of your wonderful mother. She was a delight. Enjoyed our visits over the years and saw her frequently at Fair Oaks when visiting our mother. She will be missed by many. Peace and blessings at this difficult time.

Your former neighbor,
Donna Mayo-Fearing a.k.a. "Suzie" Carter

Donna Mayo-Fearing - October 01, 2012 at 01:56 PM

CD

“ I had the pleasure to meet and visit with Marian while she worked at Farm Services in Wadena.
She was so skilled in her gardening, as well as her office skills.
Please know that she is at peace, and with her husband again.
My sympathies to your family in your loss.

Coralie DeWald - October 01, 2012 at 01:56 PM