



## Mary Kern

October 15, 1924 - September 29, 2013

The Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Irene Kern will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 4, 2013, at St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Blue Grass, with Father Arlie Sowada as celebrant. Friends may call on Thursday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena, with Rosary at 6:00 and Parish Prayers at 7:00. Visitation will resume at the church on Friday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of Mass. Mary passed away at the age of 88, on Sunday, September 29, 2013 at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena.

Mary Irene Kern was born to Adam and Emily (Botzet) on October 15, 1924 in North Germany Township, Wadena County, MN. She attended District 23 country school through the eighth grade. Mary worked on the family farm and was caretaker to her invalid mother for many years, and continued to care for her father after her mother passed away. She was a devoted daughter, loving sister and aunt. She worked hard, had unwavering faith, a steadfast commitment to her parents and unconditional love for her brothers, sisters, and their children. Mary was a wonderful cook and always had baked goods for her many visitors.

Mary was more than just an aunt to her numerous nieces and nephews, she was a mother, mentor and friend. She had a great sense of humor and loved playing practical jokes. She loved children, birds, animals and "the farm".

Mary was a life long member of St. Hubert's Catholic Church, belonged to Christian Women's and was a Circle member.

Preceding her in death were her parents Adam and Emily; brothers Clement, Raymond (Madonna), Robert (Ernestine) and Edward (Esther) Kern; sister Hildegard (Leo) Uselman; nephews Jeff Uselman and Mike Kern; and brother-in-law Joe Stoltman.

She is survived by her brother William of Blue Grass; sister Delores Stoltman of Minnetonka; sister-in-law Margaret Kern of Blue Grass; along with many nieces, nephews and friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be all of her nieces and nephews. Serving as pallbearers will be Gary Kern, Gene Kern, Joe Kern, Tom Kern, Alex Mimmack, Dean Uselman, Greg Uselman, and Steve Uselman.

Burial will be at St. Hubert's Catholic Cemetery in Bluegrass, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Hubert's Catholic Cemetery

17343 220th Street  
Sebeka, MN 56477

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel  
205 4th Street Southwest  
Wadena, MN 56482  
(218) 631-3632

## Visitation

OCT 4. 9:00 AM - 10:30 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

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OCT 4. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Hubert's Catholic Church  
22008 Co Rd 23  
(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 Mary Kern*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - September 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ *Francis,lorraine Lajeunesse,al And Mary lit a candle in memory of Mary Kern*



francis,lorraine Lajeunesse,al and mary - October 07, 2013 at 03:22 PM

TS

“ *I have so many fond memories of Mary. No trip out to Minnesota was ever complete until I made a visit to her at the farm. I will always cherish the many hours spent sitting around the kitchen table with a cup of coffee (or perhaps something a little stronger for the colder days) chatting with Mary, Bill and anyone else who happened to stop in. I will also treasure the time she and Grandma spent out here in VT with us a few years back. May she rest in peace and in good company in heaven. Tyler Smith and family.*

Tyler Smith - October 04, 2013 at 04:15 PM

DO

“ *Dave & Julie Orlando lit a candle in memory of Mary Kern*



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**Dave & Julie Orlando** - October 03, 2013 at 09:59 PM

TS

“ *Mary was a wonderful loving person, and I am glad to have known her. She was always a joy to be around. The twinkle in her eye and the warm friendly smile made you know that she cared about you. Mary will be a great addition to Heaven, but a loss for us here on earth. We'll miss you Mary. May our Lord Jesus welcome you into his kingdom and send the Holy Spirit to comfort all of us.*

*Tom Stoltman & Family*

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**Tom Stoltman** - October 03, 2013 at 02:17 PM

JM

“ *Joe, Linda And John McIntire lit a candle in memory of Mary Kern*



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**Joe, Linda and John McIntire** - October 02, 2013 at 04:17 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mary Kern.*



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October 02, 2013 at 07:34 AM



“ *Rick & Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Mary Kern*



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**Rick & Linda Youngbauer** - October 01, 2013 at 08:53 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Patricia Guler** - October 01, 2013 at 03:35 PM

CM

“*Mary was like a mother to her many nieces & nephews. . . and to her great nieces and nephews! How she loved children! She loved all of us as her big and small "kids". . . and how we all loved her. The memories of time with Mary on the farm are endless. . . the cookies, the garden, the hummingbirds, the pickles, the funny stories, her dogs (Sheppie 1, 2, 3 etc) and her wonderful laugh and smile! There will never be another as special as Mary. We were so blessed to have our Auntie Mary & these wonderful memories.*

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**Carolyn (Stoltman) Meckstroth** - October 01, 2013 at 12:52 PM



“*Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Kern.*



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October 01, 2013 at 12:31 PM

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“*Carolyn Meckstroth purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mary Kern.*



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**Carolyn Meckstroth** - October 01, 2013 at 12:30 PM

LB

“ Growing up living by Mary, I enjoyed riding bike down to her house and having her stop at ours, she would always call me Pickle's for some reason, which I never knew. But I enjoyed talking with her and will miss her. My condolences to the Kern family. My prayers are with you all.

*Londa (Kern) Burgau*

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**Londa Burgau** - October 01, 2013 at 12:08 PM

BR

“ Although our Aunt Mary had no children of her own, she occupied a very special place in the hearts of dozens of nieces and nephews, and many more greats. How she loved to have any of us stop by for a cup of coffee and a homemade cookie or bar. Oh, I loved those sour cream raisin bars of long ago. We worked with her, laughed with her, played with her, celebrated with her; and her presence always seemed to make everything more fun. Our dad, her brother "Clemmie", thought she was pretty special, too. As did our mom.

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**Barbara Runck** - September 30, 2013 at 01:35 PM

MK

“ Aunt Mary, you will always and forever be with me, kind and loving, your laughter, your generosity, your love for God and the church, your hospitality no matter when I showed up at your door, a mom, a mentor, a shoulder to cry on, a source of strength, you were such a gift and a blessing to me.

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**Margo Kern** - September 30, 2013 at 06:14 AM