



Fred A. Kern

August 1, 1966 - November 16, 2020

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Fred A. Kern, 54, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, November 20, 2020 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hadar with Rev. Austin Ziche officiating. Interment will be held at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Hadar. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 19, at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Masks are required for the visitation and funeral service. The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Facebook page. Fred passed away Monday, November 16, 2020 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Fredrick Alan "Fred" Kern was born on August 1, 1966 in Norfolk, Nebraska to Fredrick and Phyllis (Sporleder) Kern. He was baptized and confirmed at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hadar. Fred attended grade school at Immanuel Lutheran parochial school in Hadar through the 8th grade and then attended and graduated from Pierce High School in 1984.

After high school Fred did masonry work with his father, welded freezers for the IBP plant being constructed in Dakota City, and worked at the IBP plant in Madison. Fred started working at the Norfolk Goodyear/Continental plant in 1990, had recently received his 30-year service award, and continued to be a loyal employee until his death.

During his younger years, Fred golfed and played in many different area basketball and volleyball leagues. He would love to drive through small Northeast Nebraska towns and say, "I played in that gym." After his marriage

to Leigha (Bailey Bolton) on December 29, 2012, they enjoyed motorcycle riding, traveling, camping, attending concerts, and spending time with family and friends. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hadar and ABATE of Nebraska.

Survivors include his spouse Leigha Kern of Norfolk, children Tiffany (Gregg) Neesen of Pierce, Kody (Jackie) Kern of Norfolk, three grandchildren, Cooper, Callum, and Cambree, father Fred Kern of Nampa, Idaho, siblings Kathy Kern of Hadar, Barb (Kirby) Marsh of Norfolk, Marj (Jeff) Heppner of Stanton, Sharlene Dvorak of Pierce, Marlene Kern and Marv Mittelstaedt of Hadar, numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Phyllis Kern, and stepson Brett Bolton.

Organist will be Diane Herbolsheimer. Casket bearers will be nephews Nate Marsh, Preston Marsh, Blake Heppner, Shawn Dvorak, Shelton Dvorak, Randy Peitzmeier and Taggart Bailey.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery - Rural Hadar

1/4 Mile Northwest of Hadar on HWY 13, then
West of Highway for 1/2 Mile.
Hadar, NE 68738

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
1200 N.13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-7676
info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

Service

NOV **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Hadar
2nd Ave. & Main St.
Hadar, NE 68738

Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Fred A. Kern*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - November 19, 2020 at 12:50 PM

BM

Beautiful video of Fred's life. Love and miss you brother. Barb

Barb Marsh - November 21, 2020 at 11:34 PM

MC

Beautiful tribute, but so sad. My prayers are for the family.

Marian Christensen - November 22, 2020 at 09:48 AM

FE

*A beautiful tribute!
Rejoice in your new home, Fred. Praying for God's comfort and peace to the family. 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏*

Frances Ewing - November 22, 2020 at 12:48 PM

MJ

You were there to bury Merritt with me. I will never forget you and the others showing up and digging for me. I hope you are both laughing at all the memories and pranks he pulled. I'm pretty sure God loves laughter, joy, and celebrates you in His eternal home. I'll be seeing you there someday. You'll be missed by many until then.

Mary J - November 30, 2020 at 10:28 PM



“ Fred A. Kern

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ Juergen Kern lit a candle in memory of Fred A. Kern



Juergen Kern - May 07, 2021 at 07:23 AM



Ich durfte Fred nur kurz kennenlernen als er in Deutschland war. Nun ist ein weiterer Teil der Familie Kern so jung von uns gegangen. Ich wünsche seiner Frau und Familie stark zu sein und sein Andenken zu bewahren.

Cousin aus Deutschland

I was only allowed to get to know Fred briefly when he was in Germany. Now another part of the Kern family has passed away so young. I wish his wife and family to be strong and to keep his memory.

Cousin from Germany

Juergen Kern - May 09, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fred A. Kern.*



November 19, 2020 at 10:00 PM

BO

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Barbara Oppliger - November 19, 2020 at 02:21 PM

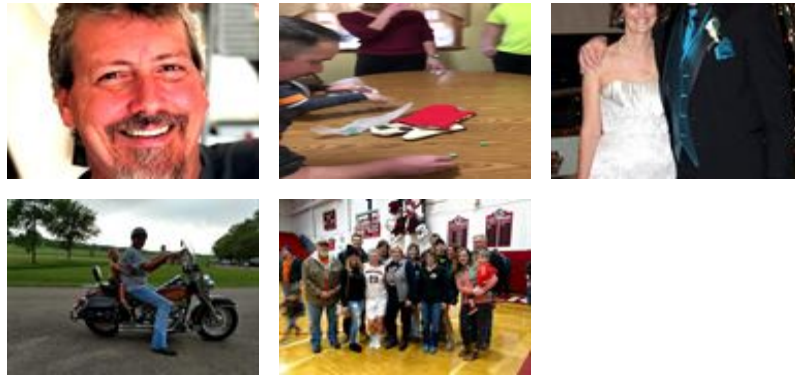


“ So sorry for your family. Fred was a great guy and coworker. He always lightened the mood at work when we needed it. Prayers for your family.

Ron Eades - November 19, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ 165 files added to the album LifeTributes



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - November 19, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Fred A. Kern.



November 19, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Fred A. Kern.*



November 19, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ *Unca Noel & Aunt Carol purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Fred A. Kern.*



Unca Noel & Aunt Carol - November 19, 2020 at 08:49 AM



“ *Neal and Teresa Schnoor purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Fred A. Kern.*



Neal and Teresa Schnoor - November 18, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ *Our condolences are sent to Fred's family and especially to Leigha who loved him so much! His love for her will never be forgotten! He was an earthly angel that will always be watching over her and protecting her forever. Many blessings and prayers to all who knew Fred. He was a wonderful, sweet loving man. The Davelines- Dirk, Sherri, Tyler and Amber*



Sherri Daveline - November 18, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fred A. Kern.*



November 18, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Fred A. Kern.*



November 18, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fred A. Kern.*



November 18, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ *Tom & Nancy Langdon and the FloorTec Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Fred A. Kern.*



Tom & Nancy Langdon and the FloorTec Team - November 18, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of *Fred A. Kern*.



November 18, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ *Delpha Riley lit a candle in memory of Fred A. Kern*



Delpha Riley - November 18, 2020 at 08:56 AM