



Charles Raymond Kern

June 17, 1941 - March 11, 2019

Charles Raymond “Chuck” Kern, 77, of Charlotte died peacefully at home on Monday, March 11, 2019.

Charles is survived by his wife, Jean (née Huentelman) Kern; his children, Karen (Thomas) Donahue of Charlotte, North Carolina; Joseph (Janice) Kern of Grafton, North Dakota; Margaret (Charles) Blair of Chicago, Illinois; and Diane (Charles) Hansen of Concord Township, Ohio. He is also survived by his beloved grandchildren Erin, Jane and Anne Donahue; Kenneth, Charles, Thomas, and Jack Kern; Iain and Hugh Blair; Owen and Morgan Hansen; and Elijah Losey; and his brothers William and Thomas Kern; as well as by his large extended family, whom he eagerly traced in his genealogy studies. These studies culminated last year when he visited his second cousin and his family's ancestral town in Germany.

Chuck was born on June 17, 1941, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was the son of the late Myron and Marie (Eilermann) Kern and Stella (Herzog) Kern. He attended Elder High School in Cincinnati. He then finished high school and got his B.A. degree in Philosophy from Atheneum of Ohio. He obtained his Masters of Education in Guidance Counseling from Xavier University and his Doctorate in Education Administration from Miami University. Chuck began his teaching career after college and met, and then married, his wife Jean in 1965. He began his career as a school administrator soon after. He worked as an Assistant Principal at Colerain High School near Cincinnati, and was the inaugural Principal at Northwest High School, also near Cincinnati. His work in public education moved him and his family to Bellefontaine, Ohio, in 1979, where Chuck worked as the curriculum director and then the assistant superintendent of Bellefontaine City Schools until he retired from education in 1995. Afterwards he worked as a social service administrator for six years in Logan County (Ohio). In 2002, Chuck and Jean retired and moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, to be near their eldest daughter and granddaughters. Chuck had a strong passion for the arts and for arts education. While in Bellefontaine, he helped found the Cultural Arts Commission of Logan County, and he received the Distinguished Educator for Art Education by the Ohio Art Education Association in 1990. He was also a docent for the Mint Museum in Charlotte for many years. He was a cantor and choir member at the many Catholic Churches he attended, most recently at St.

Gabriel's Catholic Church in Charlotte. He loved attending the opera, reading, drawing, and working in his immaculately manicured yard. His greatest love was for his family. He took great pride in his 12 grandchildren and could often be found cheering for them at swim meets, attending their piano recitals, or reading to his smallest grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, March 18, 2019, from 5 to 7 p.m., with recitation of the rosary at 6:30, at James Funeral Home in Huntersville. A funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 11 a.m. at St. Mark Catholic Church in Huntersville. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to TACA (The Autism Community in Action) 2222 Martin Street, Suite 140 Irvine, CA, 92612

<http://2019ff.tacanow.org/charles-kern> or to the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association P.O. Box 105 Glenolden, PA 19036 <http://www.cmtausa.org>

To sign an online guestbook for Chuck, visit the obituary link on the funeral home website, <https://www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com/obituaries/>

Events

MAR **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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James Funeral Home

10520 Arahova Dr P.O. Box 3434, Huntersville, NC, US, 28078

MAR **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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St. Mark Catholic Church

14740 Stumptown Road, Huntersville, NC, US, 28078

Comments



“ Jean & Family, We were so sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. We have such fond memories Of you guys when we lived across the street from each other. I'll never forget he drove down from Bellefontaine by himself to come to our daughters wedding,as you were sick. That really meant a lot to us. Norm also remembers how proud he was of his rose garden when we came to see you after playing racquetball in Bellefontaine.

We will keep you in our thoughts & prayers during the difficult and sad time. Sure hope we can stay in touch.

Love ya, Janet &Norm

janet settle - March 21, 2019 at 11:02 PM



“ We are in shock and very saddened to learn of Chuck's passing... and are so grateful to have had one last visit with him a few weeks ago. One never knows when the "last time" will be, so we will hold that endearing "last visit" memory in our hearts. Our deepest condolences to Jean and all of Chuck's family.

Love,
Bill and Nancy Kern
Kalamazoo, MI

William and Nancy Kern - March 18, 2019 at 09:13 PM



“ To Dr. Kern's wife and family, I extend my deepest condolences on his death. I worked with Dr. Kern and Mrs. Ray after he was appointed the new principal of the new Northwest High School. The Summer before it opened I worked especially with Mrs. Ray doing all of the purchase orders that had to be made to order all of the necessary things fir the new school.

I remember Dr Kern asking me to try out the new typewriters that various sales representatives were displaying, and as I was backspacing on an Olivetti electric typewriter, a gentlemen came up behind me and asked what I thought of that machine. I honestly told him I thought it was too clunky. He was the representative for those machines, and we didn't order any of them! Dr. Kern trusted my judgement! I have always held him in high esteem, and I think he would be proud of me too, as I followed much of his early educational path. May he rest in peace. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace!

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.



March 18, 2019 at 03:56 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family during this difficult time. My deepest sympathy.

Maureen Nolan - March 18, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ Love and fair well to a most intelligent and kind man. We were honored to share our 50th Wedding Anniversary with Chuck and Jean and to call them our special friends. Love Charlotte and Frank

Frank Carbone - March 18, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.



March 18, 2019 at 10:55 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.



March 17, 2019 at 07:11 PM



“ Chuck welcomed my family and I with open arms to the Prosperity Point Community. Very kind man. Chuck loved to answer many of my how-to questions on many items from gardening to leading a family the right way. I already miss him and was looking forward to fixing the front of the community.

Rest in Peace Chuck

Dell and Lis Young

Londell Young - March 17, 2019 at 01:20 PM



“ Jean,
We were so sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. Our prayers are with you at this difficult time. May God bless you and your wonderful family.

With prayers,
Barry and Tricia McCaa

Tricia McCaa - March 17, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.



March 17, 2019 at 05:56 AM



“ Chuck was fearless in saving my German Shepherd Magnum. I will always remember him for doing this for me.

Carole Runnion - March 16, 2019 at 05:45 PM



“ Dr. Kern was the perfect choice to be the inaugural principal at Northwest High School in the early 1970's, and to lead the efforts to build our new school community. He was well liked and highly respected by the students, parents, teachers, and staff. I was fortunate to see and speak to Dr. Kern about 5 years ago when the Alumni Association had a reunion of that early NW HS community, with many of our now retired teachers and administrators returning. Thank you Dr. Kern and God speed!

Andy Dillman - class of 1976 - on behalf of the Northwest HS Alumni Association

Andy dillman - March 16, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.



March 16, 2019 at 02:21 PM



“ We are truly saddened to hear of Chuck's passing. He was a great neighbor, always willing to lend a hand (or his truck) to help out. We will miss seeing Chuck on his regular walks thru the neighborhood. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean and the rest of the family.

The Barnett family

donald barnett - March 16, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ My Uncle Chuck was an amazing man and had numerous accomplishments. His biggest accomplishment was his love for family. His generous heart and his spirit. I always loved talking to him and hearing our family stories . I Loved him very much, he will be missed but he will live on in our hearts and memories forever!

Pamela Kern Garcia - March 16, 2019 at 10:09 AM



“ The MN Hansens, George, Monica, Josh, and Leah purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.



The MN Hansens, George, Monica, Josh, and Leah - March 16, 2019 at 01:22 AM



“ I was the Spanish teacher st Northwest High School. We often received memos saying “See me” signed CK. We never knew if we were in trouble or not. The last day of school for teachers, we all wore T-shirts with CK written across the front. He loved the joke. I remember him as an outstanding administrator who was always very professional. Marjorie Artzer, PhD

Marjorie Artzer - March 15, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.



March 15, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ I was in Dr. Kern's first graduating class at Northwest. He was so straight laced and quiet we all wondered if he had any personality at all...until we put on a variety show. He stepped on stage in full cowardly lion costume and sang "If I were King of the Forest", absolutely nailing it. Seeing him in the halls after that we knew our principal was a pretty cool guy.

Rest in Peace Dr. Kern.

Larry Campbell (NWHS Class of 74)

Kathy (Harper) Campbell (NWHS Class of 76)

Larry Campbell - March 15, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ We are very sad to hear of Chuck's passing but we know he is in a better place. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We will miss seeing Chuck up and about in the neighborhood every morning - we enjoyed him and truly appreciated his dedication and love for his neighbors.

God Bless.

The Wallace Family



Estella and Warren Wallace - March 15, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.



March 15, 2019 at 11:28 AM



“ I am sure Chuck was a guiding light and an inspiration to his entire family. It was my privilege to serve on his teaching staff in Bellefontaine, where he made excellent contributions to the curriculum. I also served on the Cultural Arts Committee with him and the changes he made there had had a lasting impact upon the community. He will be sadly missed by his family and I pray for their comfort in this tremendous loss.

Dorothy Cost

Dorothy Cost - March 15, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ Tom and I are saddened to learn of Chuck's passing. Our card playing friend and a friend we loved. Our thoughts and prayers to Jean and her family.

Bobbie and Tom Greene - March 15, 2019 at 08:49 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.



March 15, 2019 at 05:13 AM



“ Aufrichtiges Mitgefuehl mit seiner Frau Jean und seiner großen Familie und tiefe Trauer um seinen Verlust sind unsere Gefühle.
Spaet, zu spaet, in unseren Leben haben wir Vetterns uns gefunden, zu zeitug wurden wir wieder getrennt. Wir haben seine Sympathie und seine Freundschaft geschwisterlich empfunden und danken von Herzen.
Er ruhe im Frieden des HERRN.



Joerg KERN - March 15, 2019 at 04:56 AM



“ Jean and the Kern family,
Thoughts and prayers to all of you. Sorry for your loss of your dad and husband.
Sending love.

Lisa Lander - March 14, 2019 at 08:51 PM



“ Thank you, Lisa.

Diane Hansen - March 15, 2019 at 07:55 AM



“ To Jean and Family: Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. Lovingly, Steve and Deanna Wolz



Deanna and Steve Wolz - March 14, 2019 at 06:15 PM



“ Love, Charlotte and Frank purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.



Love, Charlotte and Frank - March 14, 2019 at 05:59 PM



“ Gary and Lynn purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.





“ The Bereavement Ministry Team and the Parish Community of St. Mark Catholic Church, extend our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. Be assured that you and your family are in our prayers.

Bereavement Ministry Team - March 14, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.



March 14, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. We have many fond memories of the family, especially Peggy who was a great friend of our daughter Jenesse. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
John and Carol Wells
Richmond, Virginia

John and Carol Wells - March 14, 2019 at 02:52 AM



“ We are very sorry th hear of Chuck's passing. We really enjoyed
the times spent with you guys. Chuck,Jean and family you are in
our thoughts and prayers.

RIP Chuck

God Bless,

Don and Mary Curtis

Fairfield ,Ohio

Don Curtis - March 14, 2019 at 08:21 PM



“ Our last picture of him with his little ray of sunshine.



Diane Hansen - March 13, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ Gabor Hetyei purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.



Gabor Hetyei - March 13, 2019 at 07:14 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Peg Kern - March 13, 2019 at 07:04 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Peg Kern - March 13, 2019 at 04:07 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your husband passing, Jean. I will be praying for you and your family during this time of sorrow.



Kay Henneman - March 13, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ TACA Staff & Coordinators purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.



TACA Staff & Coordinators - March 13, 2019 at 03:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.



March 13, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.



March 13, 2019 at 01:53 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Raymond Kern.



March 13, 2019 at 12:18 PM



“ Charles and Gina Hansen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles Kern.



Charles and Gina Hansen - March 13, 2019 at 08:39 AM