Alvin M. Kern

December 15, 1941 - September 15, 2021

A man who lived his dreams.

Al Kern was many things to many people: husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, trusted advisor, friend, mentor, pilot, entrepreneur, and business owner. He was caring and generous. He will be deeply missed.

Al passed away peacefully on September 15, 2021, at his home on Grand Lake with his devoted wife by his side.

He was born on December 15, 1941, to Arnold and Anna Kern in Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota. The family relocated to a farm near Watkins where Al attended school and graduated from Eden Valley High School. He served as a National Guardsman and in the Army Reserves. Al married Doreen Salzer on September 2, 1963. He graduated from St Cloud State University with a degree in accounting and worked as a CPA, partnering with colleagues to establish the accounting firm of Kern, DeWenter, Viere. Upon retirement, Al served as a trusted advisor and founder for Granite Equity. He was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church, St Cloud Lions Club and American Legion.

Al had an adventurous spirit. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, with his interests ranging from bowhunting and fishing locally to big game hunting that

led him to travel worldwide. He obtained his pilot's license and used float planes to take excursions into the north country and Canada. Al loved snowmobiling with friends and even raced for Polaris. He enjoyed playing cards, especially cribbage, and was known as skilled and intuitive at any game of strategy. He had a way of beating the odds.

Al is survived by his loving wife, Doreen; children, Julia (David) Sheffield, Jeffrey Kern (Jessica Randazzo), Jennifer (Steve) Schwieters, Jonathan Kern; grandchildren, Briana (Kent) Pawelk, Bryan Sheffield, Samuel Kern, Olivia Kern, Madison (Justin) Brinkman, Ryan Schwieters, Brooke Schwieters, Nicholas Kern and Alexander Kern; great-granddaughter, Charlotte Brinkman; siblings, Kenneth (Margaret) Kern, Richard (Butch) Kern (Kay Regnier), Shirley (Darrel) Nemeth; sisters-in-law, Eileen Kern, Lynn Robertson, Mary Kern.

Al is preceded in death by his parents; siblings, James (Eileen) Kern, Gerald Kern, RoseMary Kern, David Kern and Thomas Kern.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at Holy Cross Church in Pearl Lake, with military honors to follow.

Visitation will be held at Wenner Funeral Home in Richmond on Tuesday, September 21st from 4 to 8 p.m. and from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Church prior to the funeral.

Memorials preferred to the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Saint Cloud or to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross

Marty, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Richmond, Wenner Funeral Home
151 Oakwood Ave SE
Richmond, MN 56368
(320) 685-7762
office@wennerfuneralhome.com
http://www.wennerfuneralhome.com

Visitation

SEP **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Catholic Church
10651 Co Hwy 8
Kimball, MN 55353

Mass

SEP **22**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Catholic Church
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Kimball, MN 55353

Tribute Wall

Alvin M. Kern

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM

DK

Thank you all for your kind words! They mean so much to me! Appreciated all the beautiful bouquets of flowers, plaque's, Wind Chime's and endless cards. Al will be forever in my heart, and know our children's too! God's Blessings 💕 . .Doreen…….

Doreen Kern - June 03, 2022 at 11:17 AM

Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Alvin M. Kern.

September 21, 2021 at 12:33 PM

Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Alvin M. Kern.

September 21, 2021 at 11:19 AM

White Standing Open Heart was purchased for the family of Alvin M. Kern.

September 21, 2021 at 09:46 AM

Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Alvin M. Kern.

September 20, 2021 at 11:50 PM

Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Alvin M. Kern.

September 20, 2021 at 10:32 PM

White Large Sympathy Arrangement In Basket was purchased for the family of Alvin M. Kern.

September 20, 2021 at 05:27 PM

We will miss seeing Al at the Grand Lake Grill. Always with a big smile and enjoying time with his wife

Michelle Sommers - September 20, 2021 at 04:07 PM

White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Alvin M. Kern.

September 20, 2021 at 01:23 PM

Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Alvin M. Kern.

September 20, 2021 at 10:43 AM

Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Alvin M. Kern.

September 20, 2021 at 09:16 AM

LS

Sending my sincere condolences to you Doreen and the whole family, may God give you all peace and comfort !!! He surely will be missed .

Lou Schwieters - September 18, 2021 at 10:01 PM

JA

Rest in peace Al.

Jim Ellering-Phoenix, AZ - September 18, 2021 at 03:00 PM

AL

Our sympathy to Doreen and family sending prayers may he rest in peace

Art and Carol Lahr - September 18, 2021 at 08:54 AM

JB

I am honored that I knew Al and that I had the opportunity to interact with him for many years. A deep thinker who made any issue pretty easy to understand and easy to deal with. He cut a wide path and touched many people. God bless his memory!

Jeff & Marlene Bertram - September 18, 2021 at 08:50 AM