



Michael Andrew Kern

September 21, 1943 - September 14, 2023

Michael Andrew Kern, age 79, of the Ivy Bend community south of Stover, passed away Thursday, September 14, 2023. He was born September 21, 1943, in Kansas City, Missouri, son of the late Andrew and Martha (Miller) Kern.

Mike graduated in 1961 from the Oskaloosa High School in Oskaloosa, Kansas. He joined the United States Navy on September 15, 1961 where he served as an electrical repairman on the USS Coral Sea. He was honorably discharged on November 16, 1963.

On December 18, 1965, in Oskaloosa, he was united in marriage to Julia Kreuzburg, who preceded him in death on November 18, 2019.

Mike and Julia began coming to the Lake of the Ozarks in the 1970's and it was during that time period they found their perfect spot in the Ivy Bend community. They made regular trips to their weekend getaway; starting with just a boat and later a cabin where they enjoyed the beauty of the lake and spending time with their weekend neighbors. In 2000, following Mike's retirement from Sears, they moved from the Kansas City area and made Ivy Bend their permanent home.

Mike served as a board member with the Ivy Bend Fire Department and was

also a volunteer firefighter. He also volunteered at the Ivy Bend Food Pantry and served on the board. Prior to covid, Mike was a member of the Ivy Bend Cheap Labor Group, doing odd jobs for the people in the community such as tree cutting, wood splitting and delivery and rewiring all the wells in Ivy Bend.

He is survived by his sister, Marsha Veal of the Ivy Bend community near Stover, Missouri; sister-in-law, Mary Cramer of Salina, Kansas; brothers-in-law, Arthur Kreuzburg and wife Olive of Colony, Kansas and John Kreuzburg and wife Rose of Hiawatha, Kansas; nephews, Travis Cramer and wife Janae, Troy Cramer and wife Dawn, Lance Kelley and David Kern and wife Lynsey; nieces, Tiffany Jones and husband Taylor, Angela Kelley, Jennifer Gormley and Traci Schrock and husband Shane; several great-nieces and nephews and many friends. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Patrick Kern.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 7th, at the Lakeview Baptist Church in Ivy Bend. Graveside services and inurnment with full military honors will follow in the Stover Cemetery. Following the graveside service, a luncheon will be provided for all to attend at Lakeview Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Ivy Bend Fire Department or the Ivy Bend Food Pantry.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Stover Cemetery

300 S. Hickory St.
Stover, MO 65078

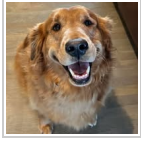
Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Lakeview Baptist Church
32760 Ivy Bend Road
Stover, MO 65078

Tribute Wall



“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Mike’s passing. We had a cabin across the lake from he and Julie and they were the sweetest people you’d ever meet. We are proud to have called them our friends and blessed to have known them.

Denise Sharp - June 06, 2025 at 06:42 PM

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“ I was so shocked to hear of Mike's passing. Mike and I graduated together from Oskaloosa High School. He was one of the nicest guys in the class. He will be missed! Janice Langdon, Horton. KS

Janice Langdon - September 22, 2023 at 01:21 PM

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“ Marsha, so shocked and sorry to learn of Mike's passing. Please know that your hometown community of Oskaloosa, Ks, are thinking and praying for you at this great time of sadness for you. Memories are a wonderful thing, so may all the wonderful memories of your times together bring you comfort and peace. Frances Brey Shufflebarger

Fran Shufflebarger - September 21, 2023 at 11:51 AM

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He was such a gift to the world and to you. My heart and prayers go out to you. He is probably already teaching new souls how to serve in heaven. What a servant he was on earth. Blessings and prayers go out to you.

Susan Dechand - September 21, 2023 at 08:48 PM