



# Melvin L. Kern

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**M**elvin L. Kern, 84, of Vandalia, IL passed away at 9:38 AM, Thursday, January 12, 2023 at his home, surrounded by family.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00AM, Saturday, January 14, 2023 at Unity Baptist Church, Vandalia with Rev. Robert Weaver and Rev. Joe Lawson officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:00-11:00 AM prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow in Fairlawn Cemetery, Vandalia. Memorials may be made to Fayette County Cancer Fund, Unity Baptist Church, or Fayette County Health Dept. Hospice; online condolences can be expressed at [www.hohltandfilefh.com](http://www.hohltandfilefh.com)

Melvin Leon Kern was born October 1, 1938 in Seminary Twp., Fayette County, IL, the son of Lloyd Everett and Myrtle (Eyman) Kern. He married Janet Sue Barbee on July 05, 1957; together they celebrated 65 years of marriage and raised four daughters.

Melvin owned and operated Kern's Feed & Supply in Mulberry Grove and also farmed. He was a member of Parkview Free Methodist Church, and regularly attended Unity Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Kern of Vandalia; daughters, Deborah (Lloyd) Lewis of Vandalia, Marcia (John) Andrejack of Webberville, MI, Patricia (Randy) Hoffman of Vandalia, and Amy (Smokey) Newsom of Vandalia; brothers, Charles (Glenda) Kern of Keyesport and James (Melinda) Kern of Mulberry Grove; sisters, Shirley Barenfanger of Vandalia, Donna (Larry) Bowen of Mulberry Grove, and Barbara Jackson of Panama; grandchildren, Tim Lewis, Mark Lewis, Sarah Vanderkwaak, Eric Andrejack, Daniel Andrejack, Joel Andrejack, Erin Thomason, Kyle Hoffman, Whitney Huggins, and Alex Newsom; 16 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Melba Kay Kern.



# Events


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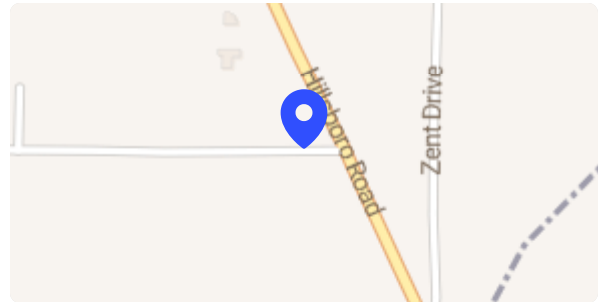
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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, January 14, 2023

 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **Unity Baptist Church - HWY 185**  
716 E County Rd 1700 N, Vandalia IL 62471

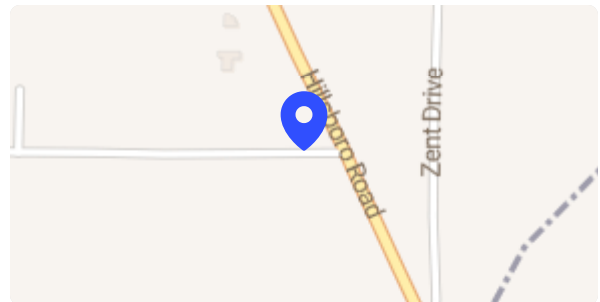


## Funeral Service


 **Saturday**, January 14, 2023

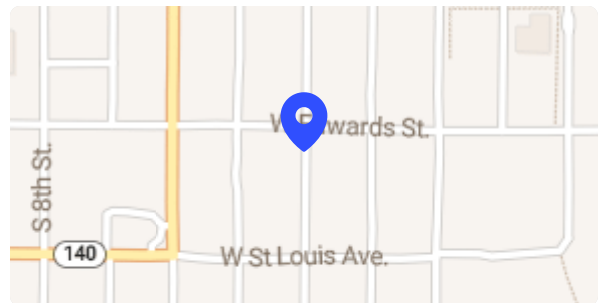
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## Cemetery Details

 **Fairlawn Cemetery**  
South 6th St, Vandalia IL 62471





## Tribute Wall

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CO

**Cheryl Oertwig** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

January 13 at 6:48 AM

CM

**Carla Mathews** posted:

Amy, I was sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Please know I will keep you and the entire family in my prayers. Carla Mathews

January 13 at 6:31 AM

CL

**Cheryl Lupton** lit a candle in honor of Melvin.

You all are in my thoughts & prayers. Focus on the enjoyable memories & that it was out of your control. I work with wonderful Patti & have known Randy a lot of years.

January 13 at 4:29 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Kern family.

January 12 at 6:59 PM



LW

**Linda Willms** posted:

Melvin has been a part of my life since I was 9 years old. He's been a great brother-in-law to me and a wonderful husband to my sister Janet during the 65+ years they were married. There were times he would stop by and tune up my lawn mower without being asked or do other odd jobs for me. I am really going to miss him and his smile.

January 12 at 1:43 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Melvin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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