



Nancy M. Kern

October 15, 1946 - December 31, 2015

Nancy M. Kern, 69, of Kankakee entered new life on Thursday, December 31, 2015 at Presence St. Mary's Hospital. She was born on October 15, 1946 in Kankakee to Leo and Marjorie (Parrish) Smith. Nancy married Jerome Kern on July 16, 1966 at St. Rose Church in Kankakee.

Always enjoying company with her former students, Nancy was a dedicated teacher at many schools in the city of Kankakee. She was very giving, always learning and loved to read. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and looked forward to taking family vacations together.

She is survived by her husband Jerome Kern of Kankakee; her parents Leo and Marjorie Smith of Bourbonnais; one son Stephen (Lisa) Kern of Bartlett; one daughter Michelle (Ryan) Zettle of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin; two sisters Leora Smith of Bourbonnais and Patricia Smith of Las Vegas, Nevada; one brother Lee (Theresa) Smith of Cadiz, Kentucky; and four grandchildren Jennifer Kern, Leah Kern, John Zettle and Jonah Zettle.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 4, 2016 from 4-8pm at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 11am with visitation one hour prior, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee. Pastor Scott Henley will officiate the service. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Chebanse.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association (diabetes.org)

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Chebanse, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

JAN 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Asbury United Methodist Church
196 S. Harrison
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-4408
<https://www.kasbury.org/>

Funeral Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KR

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Nancy passing we went to Kankakee high together I just received the historical society news letter and read of her passing we had worked together on one of our class reunions*

katherine rauworth - April 07, 2016 at 03:40 PM

DC

“ *Jerry and Family,
I am saddened you lost such a beautiful wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Be strong, lean on one another. In time, hopefully wonderful memories will ease some of the pain you are feeling today. My prayers to all of you*

Denise Carta - January 05, 2016 at 08:35 PM



“ *Jerry, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your wife Nancy. Sending you the thoughts of caring and concern.
Barbara Wells*



Barbara Taylor-Wells - January 05, 2016 at 05:03 PM

CZ

“ The first time Danny and I met Nancy was when we made a surprise visit to her home for Ryan and Chelle's shower . No one knew we were coming, not even Ryan. Nancy and Jerry welcomed us into their beautiful home and it didn't take long to realize that our son was very fortunate to be marrying into a wonderful family. Thank you Nancy . Rest in peace.

Danny and Corie

Corie Zettle - January 04, 2016 at 06:07 PM

PC

“ Jerry, I'm so sorry to hear about your wife's passing. My sincere sympathy to you and your family. All my prayers! Pam Cordes-Redding.

Pamela Cordes-Redding - January 04, 2016 at 02:10 PM

TL

“ Mrs Kern was a great teacher, she adored my son, she said he was a great student and a great kid. She enjoyed my son as a student. I remember I had to put my son on a punishment and Mrs Kern let me know she didn't like it. Thank you Mrs Kern you ran a good race, may you Rest in peace safely in the arms of the Almighty God. Mrs Terry Robicheaux- Lloyd

Terry Robicheaux- Lloyd - January 04, 2016 at 01:30 PM

RR

“ Thank you Steve for letting us know of the loss of your Mother. As I shared on the phone, I admired your Mother as a teacher. Her gentle manner and true concern were gifts to her students. Roger & Jeannine Rainbolt

Roger Rainbolt - January 04, 2016 at 12:52 PM

RT

“ Jerry and family, so sorry to read about Nancy. She was such a sweet lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with y'all during this time. Always, Jimmy and Rhonda Tatom

Rhonda Tatom - January 03, 2016 at 09:30 PM

TN

“ Lee so sorry for the loss of your sister. I'm sorry I cant make the visitation service.

Terry Nesbitt - January 03, 2016 at 08:33 PM



“ Nancy would make the most beautiful Christmas ornaments and Jerry would give them out as gifts at work when we were at Coldwell Banker. I still put those ornaments on my tree every Christmas!

Laurie Giller - January 03, 2016 at 11:49 AM

RF

“ Nancy was a wonderful teacher. She was our daughter's Montessori teacher. Her classes all loved her. She had such patience with students and they were excited to learn. Heaven has another Angel. Our sympathy to her family during this time. The Ron Jacobs family.

Ron Jacobs Family - January 03, 2016 at 10:53 AM

JB

“ *Mr. Kern, Steve & Chelle & families -*

My first encounter with Mrs. Kern was as a 2nd grader at Taft, and my sister and I have such fond happy memories of her kindness. She was making silhouettes of students and had Meg & me pose for each of ours, then displayed the silhouettes in the hallway. Always a smile, always a warm feeling whenever I ran into her in the Taft hallway. At that time I didn't realize I'd also befriend her son through CCD at St. Pat's, and in later school years swim with her daughter on the KHS swim team, followed by the surprise encounter of having Chelle for my daughter's 3rd grade teacher in Pleasant Prairie many years later.

My heart aches for all of you with your loss, and I am thinking of you all during this difficult time! I know your wife/mom touched many people's lives throughout the years, and I hope your happy memories of a kind and thoughtful woman will help you through.

Wishes of sympathy,

Jennie Potter Brooks & family

Jennie Potter Brooks - January 02, 2016 at 05:52 PM



Theresa
Hult

Dear Jerry and family,

I was saddened to hear of Nancy 's passing. I first met Jerry and Nancy while working on their home for the Junior League housewak. I later became a neighbor and worked with Nancy on several projects in their home. We became freinds. She was so talented and fun to work with.

She will be missed. My sympathy all of you for your loss at this sad time. May your memories of happy times and knowledge that she is at peace sustain you.

Terri Hult

S

Theresa Hult - January 03, 2016 at 01:07 PM

JC

“ I lived across the street for Nancy until I was 5 years old. To this day I remember spending time at their house. I remember how sweet Nancy was every time we went back to visit. My prayers are with the family. Heaven gained an angel.

Jenna Clarno - January 02, 2016 at 02:27 PM

KR

“ Jerry and family we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Nancy was a very sweet and kind lady and we always enjoyed her company. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Duane and Kathy Roy

Kathy Roy - January 02, 2016 at 01:59 PM

DK

“ Jerry and kids. Carroll and I were so sorry to read about Nancy's passing. Though we lost contact, we often thought of you guys. Prayers are with you. Dennis & Carroll Kimery

Dennis Kimery - January 02, 2016 at 01:51 PM

JD

“ Jo And Wayne Dubree lit a candle in memory of Nancy M. Kern



Jo and Wayne Dubree - January 02, 2016 at 09:40 AM

RK

“ *Rosemary Kern lit a candle in memory of
Nancy M. Kern*



Rosemary Kern - December 31, 2015 at 06:15 PM