



Thomas A. Kern

June 26, 1944 - December 27, 2010

Kern, Thomas A. Age 66, December 27, 2010

Beloved son of the late Elmer and Phyllis

Loving Brother of Claudia Charles Nash.

Mr. Kern was a teacher at Lakeshore High School retiring in 1993 and was active with the Grosse Pointe Theater in the 1970's and 80's

Visitation at the Wm Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road 3 Blks E. of Van Dyke

Utica Thursday 11am until time of service 1pm.

Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery

Family request donations to Humane Society of Macomb 11350 22 Mile Road Utica, MI 48317 or Beaumont Hospice Fund.

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Tribute Wall

BA

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Tom Kern. We had many adventures during grade school at Bethany in Detroit. Wish I had known how close he was to us before we moved from Troy, MI to CO a few years ago. We lost touch after high school but he left me with many fond and humorous memories.

Betty Place Armbrust - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Among other things, you'll find that you're not the first person who was ever confused and frightened and even sickened by human behavior. You're by no means alone on that score, you'll be excited and stimulated to know. Many, many men have been just as troubled morally and spiritually as you are right now. Happily, some of them kept records of their troubles. You'll learn from them - if you want to. Just as someday, if you have something to offer, someone will learn something from you. It's a beautiful reciprocal arrangement. And it isn't education. It's history. It's poetry. *The Catcher in the Rye* Mr. Antolini in Chapter 24 We all learned much about literature, poetry and life in Mr. Kern's class...starting with the above...he will be missed. Lakeshore HS Class of 1988

Sherri Goushaw Nichols - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I was very shocked to get an invite on facebook to "Mr. Kern's Memorial Service" on January 8th... I was a student at Lakeshore from 86-90 and could not wait to have Mr. Kern as one of my teachers. He had an uncanny ability to bring out the best in all of his students! A truly great man who will be missed...God Bless his family

Kristan Demski Cheers - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I met Tom when I first joined Grosse Pointe Theatre in 1973. We were in several shows together. He was a talented, funny, fun, wonderful man, and I had a HUGE crush on him. I was sorry to hear of his passing and will be thinking of and praying for you and Tom today. With much joy for having known Tom and sadness that he is gone,

Miranda Herbert Ferrara - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had the privlidge of being one of Mr. Kern's many students at Lake Shore. His style of educating students using his quick wit and humor made everyone in the class feel relaxed and wanting to learn. My condolences to his family and friends, and a huge thank you Mr. Kern, you did have an influence on my education and life!

Rick Doan LSHS 1991 - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ For myself and many others, Mr. Kern's class was the bright spot of our day. His humor and quick wit made learning fun, he truly had a gift. That gift lives on in all of us that had the pleasure of being in his class. My condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Nash and all of his family and friends.

Tricia Galbraith Melasi - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

A1

“ Mr. Kern was one of the best. He was always so energetic & enthusiastic. Sad to admit, but I never read a whole book or Cliff Notes before his class. One of his assignments was to read "Catcher in the Rye" and that was the first time I read a book cover to cover and found I loved reading. I still bring out my copy of that book once in a while and re-read it again & again. I named my son Holden after the lead character. I will never forget Mr. Kern or the influence he had on my life.

April Iddins Brozowski - LSHS Class of 1991 - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Sorry to hear about tom,I will always have great memories of him at lake shore

JOHN M SWOL Jr - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I had Mr. Kern as a teacher at Lakeshore Junior High..He was a great teacher!I always said he was my favorite. I wrote a poem once in his class about fall, "the leaves are turning red and yellow and momma is in the kitchen making jell-o"....there was more, but that line cracked him up...even after I left his class he would always mention it to me whenever he saw me. Loved him, God Bless him and all his family.

Pat Vonlter Bailey - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Mr Kern was a great man. His class made high school bearable. It was one of few classes where I knew I was going to learn and get a good laugh as well. The singing and his little acts plus his honest expectations of his students was refreshing. Often his class was a bright spot in a teenager's overwhelming day. My condolences to Mr. and Mrs. and Nash and the rest of his family and friends.

Angi Simon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Dear Claudia and Charlie, Leslie called me today to tell me about Tom. I am so sorry. I know how much you meant to each other and your loss is unimaginable. Take care of yourself and know that a lot of us are thinking about you. Elaine

Elaine Burns - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Kern. I am so very sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of having him as a teacher at Lake Shore and I can speak for a number of students who would say that he was a great teacher. He made class enjoyable and could have you laughing even on your worst days. He will be greatly missed.

Michelle - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Claudia and Charlie, We were sorry to hear the sad news of Tom's death which will leave a large gap in your family circle. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Most sincerely, Kay and Bill Dittmer

kay dittmer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ For the many of us who were in Mr. Kern's classroom, we will miss you and are saddened to hear you have left us. You were a bright spot in a sometimes dreary school day. It's a gift to be able to transfer knowledge with a laugh and you did just that. You will be missed.

Elizabeth W. - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ My condolences to your family and friends Mr. Kern.... I know you were loved by many. I never had you as a teacher, but I remember so many others that did and how they all talked of how much they loved you. I was actually sad that I never got the chance to have you as a teacher myself. May the love and laughter you shared with so many carry on thru others for all the years ahead.

Tara S. - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Friends and Family, I am so sadden by this news and my heart goes out to his family. Tom was a great friend and a very kind and talented person. We had so much fun when we all were young and sweet and I will never forget him. Much of how I think and do today is due to him. Claudia, I am so sorry for your loss. It is odd that he was on my mind for days before I saw the news from Florida. He will in my heart forever. Love, Carol Dowdy Simonetti

carol dowdy simonetti - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ No words can express our love for Tom. I'll always remember our "Champagne Flights" to Oakland as we got our Masters Degrees together. Our years of teaching together were great fun, especially his production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. Our love and condolences go to Claudia and Charlie Nash.

Anne & Bill Vandervelde - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Claudia and Charlie, So sorry to hear of your loss. I'll be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Sandy Sheets McMahon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ Claudia & Charlie, So sorry to just hear about Tom. We had so much fun at Lake Shore with him. We shared a love of theater and good times. His funny sayings and unique outlook made some difficult times and conditions tolerable. He was always ready to help me when needed...he served as emcee for Jim Slis's retirement program with short notice.....he made Secret Santa exchange clues a real experience! I am sorry we are so far away; we would be there. Dave & Linda

Linda Udy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM