



James Kerns

April 21, 1948 - April 21, 2008

JAMES T. KERNS age 60 of Portage passed away Monday April 21 2008. Survived by daughters: Jamie (Bill) Doll of Portage Vanessa Kerns of Chicago Jennifer (David) Kelly of Chicago three grandchildren: Billy and Brittany Doll Deja Kerns sister Barbara (Don) Parker of Valparaiso aunts uncles nieces nephews and cousins fiancée Norma Espinosa and many loyal friends. Preceded in death by parents Cliff Kerns and Millie Horn beloved brother Mike Kerns and nephew Cliff Kerns. Jim dedicated over 37 years of service to Local #17 of the International Association of Heat & Frost Insulators and was the proud owner and operator of Murphys Saloon in Miller. Jim was a graduate of Emerson High School Class of 1966. He honorably served his country during the Vietnam War as an Infantryman in the U.S. Army and received several medals of honor including the Purple Heart. He was a member of American Legion Post #260. Friends may call at Pruzin Brothers Funeral Service 2700 Willowcreek Rd. Portage Thursday April 24 2008 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a Legion service at 7:00 p.m. Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Friday April 25 2008 from Pruzin Brothers Chapel with Rev. Jerry Ulrich officiating. At rest Calvary Cemetery Portage. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation www.marf.org or 1-877-END-MESO. Please click on the following link to view James Tribute video. <http://videos.lifetributes.com/16242>

Tribute Wall

TW

“ I knew Jimmy and his brother Mike both from highschool and living a few blocks away in Aetna. I knew Jimmy as a gentleman and a kind soul. Him and his dad and brother can now be together again and it sounds like a good time will be had by all. God Bless them all and his family and fiancée. I also thank him kindly for his generous service to our nation and his sacrifice in Vietnam. My sincerest sympathies to all his friends and family members.

Terry Waggoner-Rumsey - May 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ we will miss a very good friend and comrad THE FOX FAMILY

MIKE FOX - April 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of sorrow. Jimmy will surely be missed! God Bless!

Ambrosio (CoCo) & Virgenmina Calo - April 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I MET JIMMY THROUGH HIS GOOD FRIEND RICH ALONZO AND HE WAS SUCH A GENEROUS AND GIVING MAN. HE LOVED LAUGHTER AND PARTIES AND MURPHYS WAS THE SPOT! MY CONDOLENCES TO HIS DAUGHTERS AND HIS FIANCE NORMA. JIMMY WILL LIVE ON IN EVERYONE WHOSE HEART HE HAS TOUCHED.

SUSAN BAER - April 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

YH

“ Jim often said that one thing he knew for sure he got right on this earth was his daughters Jamie Vanessa and Jenny. He not only thought they were beautiful on the outside but was also proud of their immense inner beauty. He felt a great source of comfort and happiness knowing that they truly loved him. I know there will be a lot of partying when Jim joins his family members and friends who departed this world before him. Heaven will never be the same!

Yolanda C. Hernandez - April 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ My condolences to Jims daughters and other family members. I graduated with Jim from Emerson H.S. in 1966. We had home room and many classes together! I always liked Jim and I am very sorry I was out of contact until I read his obituary. God Bless you Jim I Look forward to meeting you again in the next life! As a Vietnam Veteran I salute you for your service to our country! Sincerely
Raleigh Plesko Emerson H.S. 1966

RALEIGH PLESKO - April 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I knew him as the owner of Murphys where many of us south shore train crew would gather after a long day of working and commuting. He was always gracious playing that good music and socializing with us as if we all knew one another forever. He will be sadly missed.

Mary Ross - April 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM