



Thomas E. Kern

February 28, 2015

KERN

Thomas E. Kern, 64 of Hilliard, OH, lost his battle with cancer on Saturday, February 28th, 2015 surrounded by his family and friends. Tom is survived by his wife Kathy, daughter Kristy Draher, Brother David, nieces and nephews and his canine companions Darby, Liam and Scout. A celebration of Tom's life will be held 5:00-9:00pm Thursday, March 5th, 2015 at Westie's Gastropub 940 S. Front St. Columbus, OH 43206. Tom was an active member of several clubs. He was a long standing member of the Central Ohio Vintage Volkswagon Club, A member of the Easy Peasey Scooter Posse, the Columbus Cutters Scooter Club and the Connemara Dirt Dogs Family. Tom was a talented artist and expert clock repairman. He was loved and adored by so many people. He was a loving husband and father and a wonderful friend. The world was brighter with him in it. He will be missed by all. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the James Cancer Hospital, OSUCCC – James Development Office, 660 Ackerman Road, 6th Floor, PO Box 183112, Columbus, OH 43218-3112, Phone 614-293-3752, Email annualgiving@osumc.edu.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 5. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Westie's Gastropub
940 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43206

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas E. Kern*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I met Tom many years ago at the service counter of my family's car repair business and we instantly became friends. No matter what the problem or the bill, he just wanted to talk about concerts, trips, cars, music and what was coming up in his life. When recruiting volunteers to sit in the dunk tank at one of the VW shows, Tom came to mind immediately since he was so funny and loved by all. We fondly referred to him after that as "Bobo" since he relished the role, clowned around and raised a lot of cash for Kids'n Camp during his time in the tank. He made everyone laugh and the world was a better place when he was near. Sorry I couldn't come to the tribute evening to see you Kathy. My prayers to you and Kristy.*
Betty Young

betty young - March 10, 2015 at 03:00 PM



Betty, you were there in our hearts! You guys are like our family thanks for always taking such good care of our cars.
Kathy

Kathy Kern - March 12, 2015 at 02:00 PM



so sorry tom you are my friend a long time you no I well miss you so much my friend R.I.H. laura legg [legg]

Laura Sells - May 19, 2015 at 09:02 AM

KP

“ Tom will be missed.

*Keith Price
Ferndale MI*

Keith Price - March 06, 2015 at 09:57 AM

LR

“ I had the privilege to meet Tom and to develop a friendship over the last 5 years. He was always friendly and encouraging to me as I started a new career. I will certainly miss him. My deepest condolences to Kathy, Kristy, and all family and friends. I know he will be missed.

Leo Renner - March 04, 2015 at 11:55 PM

PA

“ Sending much Cutter love out to Tom's friends and loved ones. He was a true scooter buddy and most excellent dude.

Panman - March 03, 2015 at 10:03 PM

SB

“ Steve Burk lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Kern



Steve Burk - March 03, 2015 at 04:53 PM



“ *I am saddened by the loss of a great person and friend. Tom would always greet me with a hug. I am so grateful that he was able to join us for dinner a few months ago. He was so brave. Peace to you, my friend.*

Vickie Buchanan

Vickie Buchanan - March 02, 2015 at 09:29 PM

CD

“ Tom and I ran into each other often ... we frequented the same places and followed the same local music/bands. This picture was taken last October when again we ran into each other and several of our high school friends at Natalie's in Worthington when we went to hear Sean Carney, Dave West, Sammy Williams, etc..

At Brookhaven, he was in my homeroom and with our names (Kern & Knox) so close, he sat next to me there and in several of our classes, and our lockers were side-by-side. Our physical proximity made it easy for him to innocently, mischievously torment me on a daily basis! He thought he was so slick, dropping his pencil on the floor, and then on his way down to retrieve it, he'd push my knee socks down to my ankles. But he had another kind and caring side too ... my savior. The last week of senior year, we were at our lockers in the hall outside the gym, when I was having some sort of stress/respiratory distress episode, couldn't breathe, passed out, and fell inside my locker. He picked me up, carried me through the gym and out the other door until he found a teacher. Many times in later and recent years, he always shared the knee sock stories with friends, but I don't remember ever hearing him recount saving me that day ... I hope he knows that I've never forgotten.

Seeing him ill these last couple of years was heartbreaking, but still didn't prepare me for this. I'm confident and thankful that he's in Heaven, no longer fighting, suffering or in pain, but I'm truly going to miss him, his hugs and laugh.



Connie Knox D'Andrea - March 02, 2015 at 09:21 PM

JH

“ Jackie Hall lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Kern



jackie hall - March 02, 2015 at 09:03 PM

JH

You left us too soon, but one never knows! You were a special guy with such a great talent for artistry and working with clocks and just being a wonderful person. We all at Mac will miss you soooo much! Am grateful that you didn't suffer that much with this horrible disease. Hope to see you in the world beyond someday! Love you!

jackie hall - March 02, 2015 at 09:09 PM

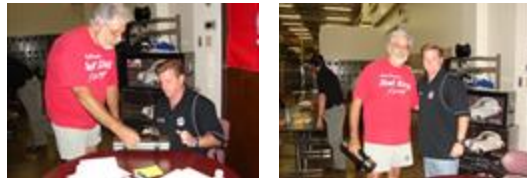
PM

*To the Family of Tom Kern. He was a great guy, always friendly through all his ordeals. We watched the Buckeyes at the VW Christmas Party at Mark and Debby's. He has a lot of talent and left us way too soon. Rest in Peace Tom. May God Bless your Family in the days ahead. With love and our deepest sympathy,
Jim and Pat Meyer*

Patricia Meyer - March 04, 2015 at 07:32 PM

PJ

“ 2 files added to the album Mac Memories



Pam Jones - March 02, 2015 at 07:59 PM

SG

“ On behalf of Bill Webner and the LEAKOIL community we want to offer our deepest condolences to Tom's family on their loss. He was a true VW enthusiast. We will treasure his passion, commitment, dedication and joy of all things VW!

The LEAKOIL Community.

Sean Gallagher - March 02, 2015 at 06:07 PM



“ I'll always miss you big brother.



David Kern - March 02, 2015 at 04:25 PM

JH

Great picture! You and brother look so much alike!

jackie hall - March 02, 2015 at 09:09 PM

PB

So sorry to hear of Tom's passing He will be greatly missed! COVVC will never be the same!

Patti Burns - March 03, 2015 at 10:10 AM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Bird Thompson - March 02, 2015 at 11:21 AM

TD

“ *Deepest sympathies to Kathy and Kristy. We were blessed to have Tom as our friend. One special memory is of Christmas Day when he came to dinner at our home. We assembled a VW bus Lego in the dinning room. Many laughs! We will miss him greatly.*

Tom and Sue Davis

Thomas Davis` - March 02, 2015 at 07:01 AM



To Kathy, Kristy, Darby, Liam and Scout. I am so sorry for for your loss. Tom was a great friend and loved by all who knew him. I will truly miss him and his laughter that he brought to everything.

Tim Rezes - March 02, 2015 at 12:10 PM

JU

Tom will be missed by all of us who knew him. He was so easy to talk to - he helped me through a time when my daughter had a stroke at Mac Tools along with all of our friends were a ray of hope at a truly hard time. His humor had no bounds. We all loved him dearly. I will truly miss him!!! I am sorry for your loss!!! Jama Upperman

Jama Upperman - March 03, 2015 at 09:23 AM



I'm so sorry to see him go.

Tom Taylor BHS'69

Tom Taylor - March 03, 2015 at 03:09 PM