



## Joseph L Kern

March 2, 1912 - August 9, 2015

Joseph L. Kern of Upper Sandusky died at Fairhaven Community on Sunday August 9, 2015 at 4:40pm at the age of 103.

He was born March 2, 1912 in Reading, PA being the eldest son of Richard F. and Lucille S. (Harple) Kern. He married Elsie Montgomery on Oct. 14, 1939 at Bethel Methodist Church, Spring City, PA and they enjoyed 69 years of marriage before her passing on July 09, 2009.

Joe was preceded in death by four sisters Catherine, Dorothy, Lillian and Lucille and four brothers Leon, Jessie, Dick and Sonny Joseph. He is survived by nieces and nephews and a special cousin Sally (Sherman) Stansbery who cared for him.

Mr. Kern was a 1930 graduate of Phoenixville High School, going on to West Chester State Teachers College and graduate school at Temple University all in PA. For four years, he was a teacher at Phoenixville Junior High school and for 21 years he was a teacher and counselor in the Junior and Senior High Schools of West Chester, PA. Joe was a caring and loving teacher always helping those who needed it.

He was active member of Trinity Evangelical United Methodist Church in Upper Sandusky for the past 26 years where he sang in the church choir

rendering many solos. Joe was also a member of Bethel United Methodist Church for over 40 years in Spring City, PA where he served many years as a Sunday school teacher and choir member. Mr. Kern received an honorable discharge from the military service in 1943. Joe held life memberships in the Chester County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations, National Education Association and the West Chester State College Alumni. In his younger years Joe enjoyed traveling and living in Arizona. After his retirement he won several state shuffle board tournaments. He also excelled in growing beautiful roses which he shared with friends and nursing home residence.

A visitation will be held on Thursday Aug. 13, 2015 from 9:30am-11:00am at Bringman Clark Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at Old Mission Cemetery with Pastor James Stauffer and Pastor Becky King officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church or the charity of the donor's choice in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home 226 E. Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351. Visit [www.BringmanClark.com](http://www.BringmanClark.com) to view the Life Tribute DVD, share a memory or light a candle.

# Cemetery Details

## Old Mission Cemetery\*

on East Church St., about 500 feet east of SR  
53 and 67, on north side of town  
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 13.** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bringman-Clark Funeral Home  
226 E. Wyandot Avenue  
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351  
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## Graveside Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bringman - Clark & Co Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph L Kern*



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**Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes** - August 11, 2015 at 08:43 AM

DB

“ *Joe was a wonderful man. He cared about everyone! He always brought a smile to my face when I would work the front desk and bring roses to brighten our day. He had a wonderful perspective on life and wanted to make people happy. He will truly be missed. Joe was one of a kind.*

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**Dawn Boyd** - April 05, 2016 at 12:20 PM

MS

“ *Mary Sprang lit a candle in memory of Joseph L Kern*



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**Mary Sprang** - August 12, 2015 at 08:03 PM

CS

“ Joe was a dedicated and loving husband to Elsie. He didn't miss a day of being with her at the nursing home. His roses always sat at each nurses station till the frost took the last one. Great man of God also.

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**Celia Stansbery** - August 11, 2015 at 09:07 PM

DJ

“ What an incredible man! Joe had such a beautiful soul and was always such a joy to talk with! We had many conversations about his life, his wife and his great love for both. He will be greatly missed! I am honored to have had the privilege to meet and get to know Joe, he made this world a better place!

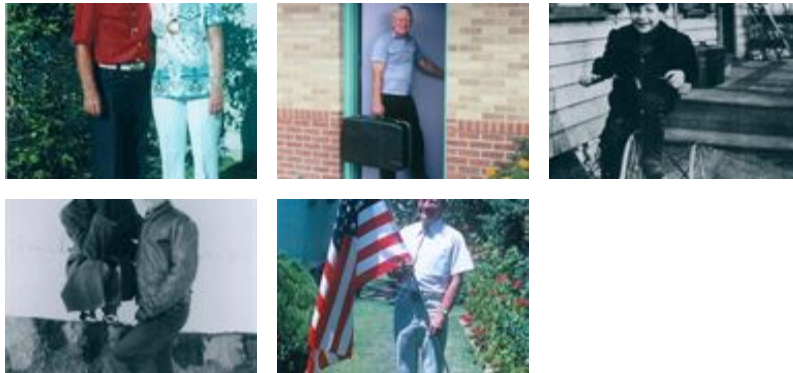
*Diana Jacoby*

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**Diana Jacoby** - August 11, 2015 at 02:46 PM



“ 25 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes** - August 11, 2015 at 08:01 AM