



Leo Garnett Kerns

August 20, 1951 - April 3, 2026

Leo Garnett Kerns, 74, of Bowling Green, passed away Friday, April 3, 2026, at his home.

Funeral services will be Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green with Rev. Richard Epperson officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Bowling Green. Visitation will be Thursday, April 9th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Leo was born August 20, 1951, in Cyrene, Missouri to Leslie and Garnett (Lovell) Kerns. He was united in marriage to Marsha Buchanan on May 27, 2000. She survives.

Also surviving are children Kim (Keith) Dawson, Shawn (Tori) Kerns, Gary (Brett) Hamilton Jr., Stephenie Hamilton Stone, and Brian (Rachel) Wright; son-in-law, Allan Brown; grandchildren: Daylan Brown, Cody Brown, Alaina Brown, Paige Willis, Olivia Dawson, Natalee Hollingsworth, Breanna Schlueter, Brayden Wright, Jacen Wright, Elijah Wright, and Coy Hamilton; great-grandchildren: Emery Brown, Paisley Brown, Liam Brown, Remi Brown, Berkley Brown, Copelynn Brown, Harper Willis, Stella Willis, and Roman Hollingsworth; best friend and nephew, Ed Kerns; and sister, Virginia (Faye) Inlow.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Leslie (Buddy) Kerns, Glenda Hanson, and William (Bill) Kerns; and daughter, Melinda Brown.

Leo was a 1969 graduate of Bowling Green High School. After graduation he attended Linn Tech where he graduated in 1971 with an associate degree in design drafting. He worked at Bowling Green Redi Mix and operated Kerns Construction for over 50 years.

Leo loved building things and woodworking. He was always tinkering around the house. He was there to lend a helping hand whenever anyone asked. He was the best concrete finisher in Pike County. He loved get-togethers with family and friends. If the music was playing, he was dancing with a Busch Light in his hand. Leo had the best sense of humor and always had a smile on his face. Everyone said he was the nicest, most good-hearted man. When he loved it was with his whole heart.

Pallbearers will be Darin Inlow, Kevin Inlow, Eric Benn, Bobby Kerns, Eddie Grote, and Terry Harrison.

Donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens

Bowling Green, MO 63334

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green
606 West Main Street
Bowling Green, MO 63334
(573) 324-2211
office@bibbveach.com
<https://www.bibbveach.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green
606 West Main Street
Bowling Green, MO 63334
(573) 324-2211
office@bibbveach.com
<https://www.bibbveach.com/>

Burial

APR 9 (CT)

Memorial Gardens
Bowling Green, MO 63334

Tribute Wall

CW

“ *Marsha & family I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with you*



Chrystal Walker - April 13 at 09:17 PM

E(

“ *Elenora (Traynor)Lobb lit a candle in memory of Leo Garnett Kerns*



Elenora (Traynor)Lobb - April 09 at 12:01 AM

SL

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and prayers to all his family and friends.*



Stephen/Zenda Luebrecht - April 08 at 04:27 PM



“ 190 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC. - April 08 at 03:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Leo Garnett Kerns*.



April 08 at 08:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Leo Garnett Kerns*.



April 07 at 06:51 PM

MC

“ *Mark Cohea lit a candle in memory of Leo Garnett Kerns*



Mark Cohea - April 07 at 11:23 AM

CM

“ *Carla Mills lit a candle in memory of Leo Garnett Kerns*



Carla Mills - April 07 at 11:22 AM

CO

“ *Cynthia (Poyser) Osborne lit a candle in memory of Leo Garnett Kerns*



Cynthia (Poyser) Osborne - April 07 at 11:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leo Garnett Kerns.*



April 06 at 08:02 PM

JE

“ Janet Grover Elliott lit a candle in memory of Leo Garnett Kerns



Janet Grover Elliott - April 06 at 06:04 PM

SS

“ Stacey Stoops lit a candle in memory of Leo Garnett Kerns



Stacey Stoops - April 06 at 03:37 PM

SS

So sorry for you loss!

Stacey Stoops - April 06 at 03:38 PM

AC

“ *So sorry for your loss! Prayers to all!*



Ann Cannon - April 06 at 02:31 PM

KF

“ *Kristi Freeman lit a candle in memory of Leo Garnett Kerns*



kristi freeman - April 06 at 02:12 PM

TF

“ *The Graham Family and The Brooks Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Leo Garnett Kerns.*



The Graham Family and The Brooks Family - April 06 at 01:39 PM

TF

“ *The Graham Family and The Brooks Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leo Garnett Kerns.*

The Graham Family and The Brooks Family - April 06 at 01:39 PM