



Judge Joseph Kerns

September 15, 1922 - September 21, 2012

Judge Joseph D. Kerns, 90, of Urbana died at 4:00 P.M. Friday, September 21, 2012 in the Springfield Regional Medical Center. He was born September 15, 1922, in Urbana, a son of William C. and Margaret (Sexton) Kerns.

A member of St. Mary Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus #1727, Judge Kerns graduated from St. Mary High School and the University Of Cincinnati School Of Law. Judge Kerns served as an Assistant Ohio Attorney General, was a Probate and Juvenile Judge in Champaign County, sat on the Second District Court of Appeals for 30 years and was a decorated combat infantry veteran of WWII.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Peggy (North) Kerns, whom he married on October 9, 1948, children Ann Comer and her husband Brendan of Port Washington, WI, Joan Place and her husband Jim of Dayton, OH, Mark Kerns of Columbus, OH, John Kerns and his wife Nancy of Naples, FL, Julie McDaniel and her husband Rod of Lebanon, OH and Deanna Sundheimer and her husband Alan of Urbana, grandchildren Jimmy Place and his wife Connie, Peggy Butze and her husband Eric, Carolyn Heller and her husband Ryan, Katie Kerns, Joe Kerns, Claire McDaniel and Brian McDaniel and great grandchildren Sophia Place, RJ Place and Kaitlyn Butze.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister and brothers.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, September 25, 2012 in St. Mary Catholic Church, 231 Washington Avenue, Urbana with Father Greg Konerman, celebrant. Burial will follow in Oak Dale

Cemetery, Urbana. The family is being served by the WALTER & SMITH FUNERAL HOME, 642 S. Main Street, Urbana.

Memorial contributions may be made in Judge Kerns' memory to a veterans' organization of your choice.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.walterfunerals.com.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ *My deepest condolences to the family for their loss.*

Dan Hunt - October 25, 2012 at 03:27 PM

BP

“ *My late father Clyde Smith was extremely fond of Judge Kerns and we all respected and admired him. My mom Eileen and I are so sorry to hear of his passing - our thoughts and prayers are with the family*

*sincerely
Eileen Smith
Mike and Larry Smith
Beth Smith Phillips*

Beth Smith Phillips - October 25, 2012 at 03:27 PM

HA

“ *Sory for you lose Peggy*

Harold Amspoker - October 25, 2012 at 03:27 PM

JD

“ *Judge Kerns was both an honorable judge and kind gentleman who was a joy to be around,lived an extraordinary life,and will be fondly remembered.*

*James D. Dennis
Attorney
Dayton,OH*

Jim Dennis - October 25, 2012 at 03:27 PM

JB

“ Bus and I were deeply saddened to read of the passing of Judge Kerns. When remembering our various meetings over the years with the Judge and you, Peggy, whether at St Mary's, the KofC hall, on the street, wherever, we always parted from a warm and beautiful couple.

Judge Kerns will be deeply missed.

Joy and Adolph Bowdry - October 25, 2012 at 03:26 PM

BA

“ My thoughts are with the family, had many good times growing up in Urbana, and just lived a lot away from a baseball fields, and othe fun stuff. My thoughts and prayers are with you, and many fond memories.

Peachie Andrews

Barbara (Peachie) Andrews - October 25, 2012 at 03:26 PM

ES

“ I did not know Judge Kerns personally, but I'd like to extend my sincere sympathies. May his faithful soul rest in peace. Vivat Jesus.

Erik Stricker - October 25, 2012 at 03:26 PM

JB

“ Aunt Peggy and family, we were saddened to learn of the passing of Uncle Bud and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Love Janie, Fred, James & Sarah

Janie,Fred,James and Sarah Bossemeyer - October 25, 2012 at 03:26 PM

HA

“ Have nothing but fond memories of our connections in Urbana many years ago in our yours. Sorry Peggy for your lose.

Harold Amspoker - October 25, 2012 at 03:25 PM

BE

“ Peggy and family,
I want to express my sympathy for the loss of your dear husband and father.
Betty Eggleston, Sebring, Fl.

Betty Eggleston - October 25, 2012 at 03:25 PM

JR

“ I was so sorry to hear about Judge Kerns. I'll be keeping you all in my prayers.

Jacquelyn Caccia Romanish - October 25, 2012 at 03:24 PM

JM

“ John and I wish to extend our sincerest sympathy to the entire Kerns family. We are sorry we cannot be with you at this time, but we are certainly with you in spirit.

John and Diana McLaughlin - October 25, 2012 at 03:24 PM

TH

“ Dear Peggy, Memories go back many years. Thank you for being so hospitable to our family. Good memories of a very nice person.
Tom Hunt

Tom Hunt - October 25, 2012 at 03:24 PM

JB

“ Aunt Peggy and family we were saddened to learn of Uncle Bud,s passing and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. May your fond memories comfort you during this time.

Love Janie & Fred, James & Sarah

Janie,Fred,James and Sarah Bossemeyer - October 25, 2012 at 03:23 PM

PT

“ Bob & I were saddened to wake up this morning to read in the newspaper of Judge Kerns passing. As a past and now retired (30+ years) of the 2nd District Court of Appeals I have so many fond memories of the Judge and you Peggy coming to the Court for hearings and just sitting down and talking with me. I felt like I had a good friend in both of you. Both you and the Judge were always so down to earth and so pleasant and easy going. It was a pleasure and an honor working for him while he was there!

I'm sure the Judge is presiding at the table with the angels surrounding him. God Bless you Peggy and God Bless your Family!

Phyllis and Bob Tatom - October 25, 2012 at 03:23 PM

CI

“ I extend my sincere condolences to the entire Kerns family.

Charles Imel - October 25, 2012 at 03:23 PM