



## Richard Alan Kern

February 16, 1955 - December 9, 2024

Richard Kern, known to many as "Rick" or "Rich", age 69, of New Kensington, died on December 9, 2024. Born February 16, 1955, in Pittsburgh, PA, he was the son of the late Herbert and Dorothy Kern and the loving husband of Judith "Judy" (Roach) Kern for 48 wonderful years.

Rich dedicated many years to his craft as a tool and dye maker. Rich found solace in the tranquility of nature. He was an avid fisherman and was a sharp trap shooter.

In addition to his wife Judy, Rich is survived by his siblings, Herbert (Rose Ann) Kern, Kenneth (Dodi) Kern and Carol (Darrell) Swansbra; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and great-nieces.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 13, 2024, from 10 a.m. until time of funeral service at 1 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd; 930 Center Avenue Blawnox, PA, 15238. Burial and committal prayers will follow at Lakewood Memorial Gardens in Cheswick.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memorial Park

943 Route 910  
Cheswick, PA 15024

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd.  
930 Center Avenue  
Blawnox, PA 15238

## Funeral Ceremony

DEC 13. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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## Cemetery Chapel Service

DEC 13. 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Lakewood Memorial Gardens  
943 Route 910  
Cheswick, PA 15024



# Tribute Wall

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“ When I was 13 in June of 1954, passing an open window outside our home, I overheard my mother telling my father that she was pregnant. I was in total disbelief at what I was hearing as she was in her early forties, but eight months later my young brother Rick was born.

Now, at my age of 83, I was told he had died in a crash and once again I am shocked this could happen to him at such a young age. I never was able to spend a lot of time with him as I lived in Philadelphia by the time he was a teenager, but I know what a great guy he was and how loved he was by everyone who knew him. Ken

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**Kenneth Kern** - December 13, 2024 at 02:07 PM

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“ Willy, Donna & Sons purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Richard Alan Kern.



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**Willy, Donna & Sons** - December 12, 2024 at 10:58 AM

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“ Judy, So sorry to hear of your loss. You and family are in my thoughts and prayers! .....Dirt

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**Chris** - December 12, 2024 at 07:21 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Ricky! It’s so heartbreaking when it’s unexpected like this! When an older person like myself passes from some terminal disease one has a little time to consider! My best wishes to all the family! Thomas McLaughlin

December 12, 2024 at 01:23 AM



“ Adam and Susan Roach purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Richard Alan Kern.



Adam and Susan Roach - December 11, 2024 at 07:17 PM



“ Adam and Susan Roach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Alan Kern.

Adam and Susan Roach - December 11, 2024 at 07:17 PM