



## Gary R. Kerns

September 17, 1958 - August 6, 2020

Gary R. Kerns, 61, of Alliance, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 7:45 pm at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio.

Born on September 17, 1958 in Minerva, to Russell and Madolyn Kerns, he lived in Alliance for most of his life.

Gary was a member of Alliance Christian Center.

A 1977 graduate of Minerva High School, Gary was employed at Longaberger Basket Company.

Gary loved Jesus. He enjoyed running, refurbishing furniture and collecting antiques.

Music was a big part of his life. He loved singing and song writing.

He was a history enthusiast. He loved his country and was a passionate supporter of our men and women in the military.

Gary was a huge Pittsburgh Steelers fan. His children and grandchildren were the joy of his life.

Survivors include his daughter, Kristen A. (Tre Cline) Kerns of Alliance; three sons, Levi D.V. Kerns, Luke M. (Danielle) Kerns and Jonathan I. Kerns all of Alliance; his grandson, Karson R. Cline and granddaughter, Kallie M. Kerns; his wife, Diana Lynn (Beadnell) Kerns-Randall of Alliance; two brothers, James "Michael" and Greg; four sisters, Lisa, Marybeth, Rosella and Connie; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his daughter, Amber Lynn Kerns; his two sons, Aaron Robert Kerns and Adam Ryan Kerns; three grandchildren; his parents; and a sister, Debra.

His Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sunday, August 9, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at Alliance Christian Center, with Kirk Martin, officiating. Burial will take place at Alliance City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Alliance Christian Center, 670 West Main St., Alliance, OH 44601.

You are invited to view Gary's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories at <http://www.sharerfuneralhome.com>. Arrangements are by the Sharer-Stirling-Skivolocke Funeral Home.

# Cemetery

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## Alliance City Cemetery

541 West Vine Street

Alliance, OH, 44601

# Events

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**AUG** **Celebration of Life Gathering** 04:00PM

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Alliance Christian Center

670 W. Main St., Alliance, OH, US, 44601

# Comments

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“ We were so shocked to hear of Gary’s passing today. We send our love and prayers to the whole family. The picture of Gary with sweet Amber is precious.  
Jamie and Rebecca Ludwig

**Rebecca Ludwig** - August 09, 2020 at 06:53 PM

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“ I remember Gary's deep love for his children, & him asking for prayer for them & for God to help him guide them as a dad should.

**Cindy Porinchak** - August 07, 2020 at 09:11 PM

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“ I was so saddened to hear this news today. Yet, I am rejoicing with Gary knowing that he is now in the presence of Jesus and has heard those words we all hope to hear some day...Well done thou good and faithful servant.

Gary was such a dear friend and a great help to us during his years of help with the ministry of The Lighthouse. We shared many wonderful times of worship, praying with friends and new believers, and all the fun times in between. His love for the Lord was evident in all that he did. I could fill pages with those times, but it would take quite some time to list them all.

One of those fun times that is a vivid memory was one of those hard fought Browns-Steelers games. I know, Lisa, they all ended with those pesky Steelers on the winning side. But that one that included Browns colors all over the house, and Browns tumblers for the sodas that day, and the most fantastic almost win game ever was a great one. Listening to you and Gary whooping and hollering when the black and gold came back and won that one will forever be a memory of the Kardiac Kids that I would like to remember with a different ending. And yet, we still shared a special friendship through it all.

Dear Kerns family, Gary was a true friend and a wonderful warrior for Jesus. My thoughts and prayers will be with you in the coming days. It was an honor to call Gary my friend.

Barbara (Knipp) Lawson

**Barbara Lawson** - August 07, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Kristen, Luke, Levi & Jonathan from the Church Upon the Rock in Hartville. We remember you & your dad & our hearts are heavy for your loss. May the Lord hold & comfort you.

**Cindy Porinchak** - August 07, 2020 at 09:08 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. We were on staff at the Lighthouse with Gary also. He had a great love for the Lord. Some things I remember were walking the May Day Derby with him as Fundraiser for the Lighthouse. One of the things from his ministry that stands out to me was when he wrote the tract about Halloween exposing what it was all about with alot of demonic and satanic activity. Prayers for family. The Lord will carry you through. Treasure your memories

**Mike and Dottie West** - August 07, 2020 at 09:51 PM