



OBITUARY

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September 1, 2022

Retired Police Officer Joseph M. Kern Jr., who retired from the department May 29, 1999, passed away August 30, 2022.

Retired Police Officer Kern Jr., was born April 26, 1945 and was 77 years of age at the time of his death. Retired Police Officer Kern Jr., was appointed to the department on June 1, 1969. His assignments included 27th Street Station, East Patrol Division, Central Patrol Division, Central Foot Patrol, Forgery Check Unit, Tactical Response Team III, Training Division and Firearms Section where he was assigned at the time of his retirement.

Retired Police Officer Kern Jr., was reappointed to the department on May 29, 1999 as a Civilian. He was assigned to the Firearms Section as a Firearms Instructor until he resigned August 7, 2010.

Retired Police Officer Kern Jr., is survived by his wife Mary Nell, Hermitage, MO; daughters Shannon Kern Kelley, Kansas City, MO and Heather (Kenny) Hook, Kansas City, MO; son Shane Kern, Newport Beach, CA; grandsons Hunter Capps, Buffalo, NY and Maximus Hook, Kansas City, MO.

A visitation will take place Saturday, September 3, 2022, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church, 24798 Highway 254, Hermitage, MO 65668. Funeral Mass to immediately follow at 12:00 PM. Cremation with burial to be held at a later date.