



## Lavern Paul "Vern" Kinder

August 13, 1937 - April 19, 2025

Lavern "Vern" Paul Kinder, 87, died at 3:03 p.m. Saturday, April 19, 2025 at Evelyn's House in St. Louis, MO. Born August 13, 1937 in Golden Eagle, IL, he was the son of Paul L. and Lucinda H. (Lesseg) Kinder. Vern served in the U.S. Army and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. He retired as Captain from the Alton Fire Department after 25 years of service. On September 1, 1962 he married the love of his life, Judith A. Schobernd by the Monsignor James Suddes. She survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Brenda LeMaire (Dr. Scott) of Danville, Pennsylvania, four grandchildren, Sarah Kinder, Craig Kinder (Katie), Emily LeMaire, and James LeMaire, two great grandchildren, Theo Kinder and Cooper Kinder, several nieces and nephews and his dog, Buddy. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, David Kinder, a brother, Glen Kinder, a sister, Evelyn Sherman and his dog, Benji. All services will be private. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to Evelyn's Hospice House or BJC Hospice in Alton. The family would like to extend a special thanks to family and friends who have helped in any way. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Valhalla Memorial Park**

2308 W. Delmar Ave.  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ So sorry to hear of Vern's passing. My condolences to Judy, Brenda and the entire family. I spent many a shift working with Vern at the Alton Fire Department. He was such a fun man and a joy to be around at all times. Vern truly made the world a better place for all those who knew him. He was a good man and will be missed!  
- John Sowders

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**John L. Sowders** - April 22, 2025 at 02:45 PM

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*Thank you John. Mom and I appreciate your kind comments.*

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**Brenda** - April 23, 2025 at 11:55 AM

MH

“ Dearest Judy, Brenda and family, Fred and I are so sad to hear of Vern's passing. What an amazing Husband, Father and Grandfather and blessing to all of us that were blessed to know him. We know he will leave a huge void in your lives but remember the good times and that he is at peace now. May God bless you all and keep you strong during this sorrowful time.  
Fred and Mary Ann Hentrich

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**Mary Ann Hentrich** - April 22, 2025 at 02:02 PM

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*Thank you so much Mrs and Mr Hentrich. Mom and I really appreciate your kind words.*

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**Brenda** - April 23, 2025 at 11:56 AM

PW

“ Patrice Wondercheck purchased the Heartfelt Comfort Charcuterie Gift Set for the family of Lavern Paul "Vern" Kinder.



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**Patrice Wondercheck** - April 22, 2025 at 01:35 PM

PW

“ Patrice Wondercheck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lavern Paul "Vern" Kinder.

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**Patrice Wondercheck** - April 22, 2025 at 01:35 PM

MH

“ I worked at the Venture store in Alton in the mid 70's. He was also working there and I remember us talking and joking around. I thought a lot of him. My condolences to your family. Mike Howald

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**Mike Howald** - April 22, 2025 at 11:14 AM

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Thank you Mike! I was just a kid when dad worked at Venture, but remember those days fondly. Mom and I appreciate your kind words.

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**Brenda** - April 23, 2025 at 11:58 AM

GK

“ Deepest sympathy to Judy, Brenda and family. So sorry to hear of Lavern's passing. He was the last of that generation of Kinder cousins; all hard working people. Sending love and hugs.

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**Gerry Kinder** - April 22, 2025 at 10:48 AM

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*Thank you Gerry for your kind words. Mom and I really appreciate it. The Kinder Family were hard workers and good people. Thank you for the love and hugs.*

**Brenda** - April 23, 2025 at 11:59 AM

AA

“ *Rest in peace Mr Kinder you were a great man.*

**Andy Abromovich** - April 21, 2025 at 02:14 PM

BR

*Thank you Andy. Mom and I appreciate your kind words.*

**Brenda** - April 23, 2025 at 12:00 PM