



Charles R. Kerns

Frankenmuth, MI

Passed away peacefully with family by his side, after a brief illness on Monday, February 2, 2026 at U of M Hospital Ann Arbor; age 78 years. Charles was born on April 29, 1947 in Saginaw, MI to the late Robert and Kathryn Kerns. He was married to the former Carolyn Hopp on June 7, 1969, in Munger, MI. She survives him. Charles served in the US Navy in Vietnam aboard the USS Boston CAG-1.

He was employed by the Saginaw County Road Commission for 37 years. Charles was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Reese, MI. He was the Executive Board Chairman for Saginaw County 911 and former Township Supervisor for Blumfield Township. He was a member of the Reese - Blumfield Fire Department, retiring as a lieutenant, and served on many other boards throughout his life.

Surviving besides his wife Carolyn are children Melissa (Benjamin) Iliff of Saginaw, MI, David (Barb) Kerns of Bay City; grandchildren Hannah (Zach) Peil, Andrew and Matthew Iliff, Emily Kerns; two step-grandchildren Becca (Bret) Bowman, Jessica (Nick) Marker; one step great grandson Colson Marker; sister Cynthia Hanley; brother-in-law Bruce Schuster, and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Charles was preceded in death by sister Kathryn Schuster.

Funeral service will take place on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9858 Noth Street Reese, MI. Rev. Daniel Burhop will officiate with burial in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Charles' family will receive visitors at Cederberg Funeral Home of Frankenmuth, 590 N. Franklin St. on Friday, February 6th from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Trinity Lutheran Organ Fund or Holy Cross Lutheran School Scholarship Fund.