



Kerry Kinder

September 11, 1946 - February 18, 2019

Kerry Kinder, 72, passed away February 18, 2019 at his home in Carthage. Kerry was born September 11, 1946 in Springfield, Missouri to James Leon and Dorothy Gladys "McKinney" Kinder. Kerry served in the United States Air Force from August 1964 to August 1968 and served his last year in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive. He was a Carthage area resident since 1984 and grew up in the Bolivar area. He was a service manager for Ryder Trucking of Carthage, Springfield and Joplin and worked there for 37 years.

Kerry attended the Salvation Army Church, taught Sunday school there, and assisted with transporting kettles during the annual "Ring of the Bells". He had a close relationship with the Lord and knew where he was headed for eternity.

Kerry was united in marriage to Cecilia "Mayes" Kinder September 24, 1989. She preceded him in death on January 20, 2014.

Kerry is survived by two daughters, Katherine VanWey (Steve) of Carthage and Jessica Kick of Fayetteville AR; two sons, James Kinder (Amber) and Joe Brown both of Carthage; eight grandchildren, Karlee, Clay, Carson, Cole, Avery, Cooper, Malari, and Kyra; and one brother, John Kinder of Casper Wyoming.

Kerry is preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday February 21, 2019 at the Salvation Army Church of Carthage, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I have been looking for Kerry along with the other guys we served with in Viet Nam. Sorry to hear of his passing. He and I spent 8 days in Khe Sanh during the TET siege. You all can be proud of his service. I was proud to serve beside him.

Dan Horner
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Dan Horner - February 22, 2020 at 05:39 PM

MR

“ I am very sad to hear that Kerry Kinder has passed away. Although I have not seen Kerry in over 30 years, Kerry has always been in my thoughts and prayers. I first met Kerry in 1962 in Bolivar, Missouri. We lived only a few blocks away from each other. Kerry was two years older than me and was in the same class at Bolivar High School as my sister Anna and cousin Joycelyn. We became great friends and for three years I was either at his house or he at mine. We both shared an interest in the American Civil War and spent a great deal of time researching and re-inacting the major battles of that war. When we were not doing that, we would hang out at Jester's Drug store and soda fountain where his Mother worked and sip on chocolate sodas, root beers and talk about all the things we were going to do in life. Kerry was always kind and polite; a very good friend. I just wish that we had stayed closer in touch over the years, but I will never forget him. Rest in Peace Kerry.

Michael Douglas Brewer
COL, USA, Ret.

Michael Brewer, COL, USA, Ret. - February 26, 2019 at 04:43 PM

MA

I worked with Kerry at Ryder truck rental for a few years in Springfield. He was the nicest mechanic there very polite and friendly. I happened to run across a last name of Kinder and genealogy and made me think of Kerry Kinder. It sounds like he had a full and blessed life and I'm very happy for that. Rest in peace good friend.

MarieTralyn - April 02, 2025 at 06:06 PM

GI

“ Sending sympathy to the Kinder family. James, Amber, the kids, Kathy and the rest of his family and friends, thinking of all of you, hoping you can cherish his memory and love for you, especially his grandchildren he was so proud of. Love to you, Tony & Gail



Gail Irwin - February 20, 2019 at 12:17 AM