



## Richard Wayne Kerns Jr.

April 1, 1969 - June 12, 2015

Richard Wayne Kerns, Jr., age 46, of Chanute, KS passed away Friday, June 12, 2015 at Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center. Richard was born on April 1, 1969 in New York, NY the son of Richard Wayne and Pamela (Hnida) Kerns, Sr.

Richard graduated from Chanute High School in 1987. Richard joined the United States Navy in September of 1987 and served in Desert Storm. He was honorably discharged in September of 1991, at which time he served in the reserves until February of 1995.

Richard married Laurie Halda on September 20, 1997 in Chanute, Ks. He was a member of the American Legion, American Legion Riders, Sons of the American Legion, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and the Elks Lodge # 806. Richard enjoyed spending time with his children and his grandchildren, and riding his 1992 Harley Davidson motorcycle. He also liked to travel.

He is survived by his wife; Laurie of the home, daughter; Samantha Kerns of Kansas City, MO, daughter; Chelsy Wright of Chanute, KS, son; Cody Wright and significant other Johanna of Humboldt, KS, daughter; Kaitelyn Kerns of Humboldt, KS, grandchildren; Landen and Kaydence Wright, parents; Richard and Pamela Kerns, mother and father –in-law; William and Mary Halda, sister; Renee Deering of Louisburg, KS, sister-in-laws; Stacie Halda of Gardner, KS,

Michele Wright and significant other Todd Stone of Linn Valley, KS, and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by his daughter; Haley E. Kerns.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Good News Center. Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 17, 2015 from 6-8 p.m. at Countryside Funeral Home Johnson Chapel. Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, with military honors provided by the Chanute American Legion Honor Guard.

Family requests memorials to the American Legion or the American Legion Riders, and may be mailed to 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

Countryside Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel  
101 N. Highland  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-1220  
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

## Service

JUN 18. 1:30 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Chanute  
118 N. Forest  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Dee Bombagi lit a candle in memory of Richard Wayne Kerns Jr.*



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**Dee Bombagi** - June 25, 2015 at 06:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Wayne Kerns Jr..*



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June 18, 2015 at 10:33 AM

BG

“ *You have my condolences and prayers Laurie. Richie was such a warm, loving person. First met him when we worked at Kustom. He always had that great beautiful smile and "How's it going today?" Remember his love of music, his family and God. Always had that smile and hug whenever we ran into each other. Going to miss seeing him so much. Know he is a better place, no more pain, always sunny, beautiful day. Know your heart is hurting, but know that God is holding you in His arms of grace and mercy. God loves you and so do I.*

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**Beverly Gordon** - June 17, 2015 at 11:16 PM

EH

“ *My deepest sympathy to all.*

*Elsie Perez Halda*

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**Elsie Perez Halda** - June 17, 2015 at 08:32 PM

MF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Richie was and still is a great guy. We did have some pretty great adventures in high school. He will be missed by many.*

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**Marietta Davis and family** - June 17, 2015 at 03:16 PM

LW

“ *Our hearts are saddened for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Chad and Lisa Webster*

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**Lisa Webster** - June 17, 2015 at 02:14 PM