



Henry "Pat" Kerns

March 17, 1932 - December 22, 2025

Henry "Pat" Kerns,

December 22, 2025, age 93, of Mequon. Loving husband of Joan Kerns (nee Polacheck). Dear father of Bill (Patty) Kerns, Jim Kerns, and the late Judy (Tom) Pence. Adoring grandfather of Danny (Caitlin), Michael (Emilie), David (Liana) Kerns; Ananda and Max Kerns; Andrew (Giuli) Pence, Jenny (Eric) Kozik, and Sam (fiancée Annika Erickson) Pence. Treasured great-grandfather of 9. Preceded in death by sister Rhoda Silver, brothers-in-law Bob Silver, and Jim Polacheck. Further survived by sister-in-law Terri Polacheck, other relatives, and friends. Special thanks to the staff at Newcastle Place and St. Croix Hospice.

Pat had many passions. As a businessman he was owner of Kerns Carpet One for the past 69 years, a local Milwaukee institution. He was past president of the World Floor Covering Association and Wisconsin Floor Covering Association.

Pat loved Milwaukee and was deeply involved in the community. He was very active with the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, HERC, former president of the board for Mt. Sinai Hospital, board member for the Greater Milwaukee Open, and many others.

Funeral services 12 noon central Friday, December 26, 2025 at Congregation Sinai, 8223 N. Port Washington Rd., Fox Point, WI. Private family entombment to follow. Memorials to Judy Kerns Pence Cancer Fund at Aurora Health Care Foundation, 2025 Windsor Dr., Oak Brook, IL 60523 or charity of your choice.

To join virtually, <https://Sinaimke.livecontrol.tv/4e970ed8>

Following entombment, the family will see friends at Congregation Sinai, Friday only.

Cemetery Details

Spring Hill Cemetery

166 S. Hawley Ct.
Milwaukee, WI 53214

Previous Events

Service

DEC **26**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Congregation Sinai
8223 N. Port Washington Rd.
Fox Point, WI 53217

Shiva

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ we are far away and learned today of his passing....memories go way back to pi lam days, stunningly handsome man with charm and friendliness to boot....

jim and sharon metz - December 29, 2025 at 04:42 PM

JR

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. Kerns was a real gentleman and a pleasure to be around and learn from. I already miss him and remember him fondly.

Joshua Richman - December 26, 2025 at 12:56 PM

MR

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies, he was a real gentleman, always gracious he will be missed Marc Rasansky

marc rasansky - December 23, 2025 at 06:57 PM