



## John William Kearns

March 9, 1946 - September 10, 2019

John William Kearns, age 73, of Lake Geneva, WI, formerly of Aurora, IL, passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 9, 1946, the son of Francis and Gladys (Keating) Kearns in Aurora.

John proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He was a firefighter for the Aurora Fire Department for 25 years, retiring as the Fire Marshal. He served as the past president for the Aurora Noon Lions Club and on the Chamber of Commerce Safety Committee.

John was an avid fisherman. He also enjoyed spending time in the Upper Peninsula and Walt Disney World. Most of all, he was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, who is already dearly missed.

Survivors include his loving wife, Donna J. Kearns; daughters, Christie (Michael) Bachio and Julie Wallace; grandchildren, Jacob Bachio, Emma Bachio, Niki Wallace, and Michael Wallace; sister, Katherine (John) Clayton; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service will be held Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY with interment to follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, September 13, 2019 from 4:00 PM- 8:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506, 630-631-5500.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's name to the Fire Fighters Relief Association, 75 N. Broadway Aurora, IL 60505-3328.

Please visit our website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may leave

condolences for John's family.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60505

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **13**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *A wonderful husband and parent, a respected fire marshal, and a great neighbor.*

*Our condolences to the Kearns family on John's passing.*

*Zita and Bob Woodrick*

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**Zita and Bob Woodrick** - September 14, 2019 at 08:40 AM



“ *I have been so blessed to have Uncle John as my uncle. One of my first memories of him goes way back when I was pre-school age. It was very early in the morning at my grandparents house while my family was living with them. We had an early morning medical emergency involving my younger brother. My grandparents were visibly shaken (even in the eyes of a pre-schooler) and I distinctly remember hearing something to the extent of, "call John, he'll know what to do." As a pre-schooler who was scared of everyone, I remember thinking, "Wow, Grandpa calls him for help!" That was a huge thought as I already thought Grandpa was the greatest person on the planet. I never imagined that he might call anyone for help. I think Uncle John must have run from his house a few blocks away to Grandma's house because there he was in the kitchen in what seemed like just moments. He immediately took control, calmed the adults, assessed the situation and then quickly took my brother and some other adults to the hospital. I can't even remember who went him to the hospital and who stayed with me; only that my grandparents had trusted him enough to call for help. Certainly everything was going to be alright. I have always loved him and regarded him with the utmost respect. He truly did make the world a better place and he will be greatly missed.*

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**Karen Clayton** - September 13, 2019 at 08:22 PM

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“ I was lucky enough to hire John as the part time building inspector at the Village of Sugar Grove in the late 90's. He served the Sugar Grove community with so much wisdom, patience, common sense, and dedication during a time of building growth. Sugar Grove owes him a debt of gratitude. I learned a lot and laughed a lot from working with John, and I treasure those memories. RIP John Kearns

Brian Schiber - September 13, 2019 at 11:34 AM



“ My Uncle Johnny has finished his race here on the earth. He was always very good to me. I have enjoyed talking to him over facebook the past couple years. I remember when I was about 17. I was living with my grandparents in Aurora, IL. There was a big party in Plano and I went. It just happened to be next door to a police officers house. A couple people got the bright idea to go look through his window or break in--I am not sure. I was too busy partying. The cops came and raided the party. I escaped through some bushes and hitch hiked back to Aurora. The next day my dad came to my grandparents furious because the police had been to his house looking for me. Apparently, some of my friends told them it was me breaking into the cops house. They had a warrant for my arrest. It was my Uncle John who came and talked to me. He told me I had to face the music--that it wasn't going to go away. I told him I knew nothing about what happened and I was telling the truth. In those days, I did more than my share of lying but my Uncle John believed me. He told me he would take me to the police station and help me through it. He did and he stuck with me. The police let me go in his care. My Uncle Johnny took me back to my grandparents. I just remember he always cared about me. He never said a lot but I respected him because he cared. He was a good man and I will miss him a lot.



Keith Clayton - September 12, 2019 at 11:24 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of John William Kearns.*



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September 12, 2019 at 07:33 PM



“ *John was our favorite cousin. The world is a better place because of him.*

*Terebessy cousins, Sue, Mike, Jeff, Dee and Patty.*

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**Sue McAdoo** - September 12, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ *Terebessy cousins, Sue, Mike, Jeff, Dee and Patty. purchased the Red & White Standing Crosses With Red Rose Break for the family of John William Kearns.*



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**Terebessy cousins, Sue, Mike, Jeff, Dee and Patty.** -  
September 12, 2019 at 11:42 AM



“ *My condolences to the Kearns family. He was a great co-worker during his tenure as Fire Marshal. Possessing wonderful people skills, he connected with those from all backgrounds. It's unfortunate that we won't be able to share another laugh about that Saturday morning at the Barber Greene plant when we stopped the dynamite explosion. You'll be missed, John.*

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**Mark Anderson** - September 12, 2019 at 08:35 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of John William Kearns.*



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September 12, 2019 at 08:31 AM