

Pallbearers

Blaine Kern, Jr.
Barry Kern
Brian Kern

Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser
Dr. David Hutchinson, M.D.
Paul Leman

Burial

WESTLAWN CEMETARY
Gretna, Louisiana

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Holly Kern and the Kern family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to the many friends, family and love ones who shared words of comfort during our time of bereavement. God bless each of you.

"...AND SO BEGINS THE GREAT ADVENTURE."

~ Blaine Kern

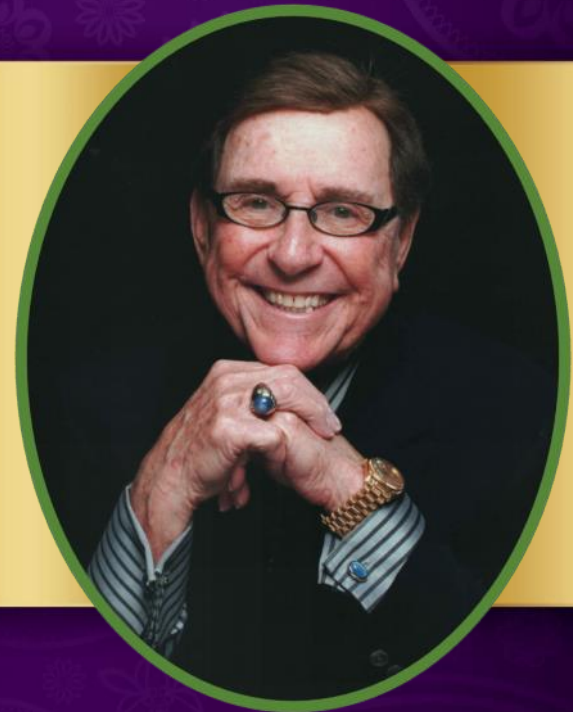


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Celebration of Life



BLAINE KERN
"MR. MARDI GRAS"



MAY 17, 1927 – JUNE 25, 2020

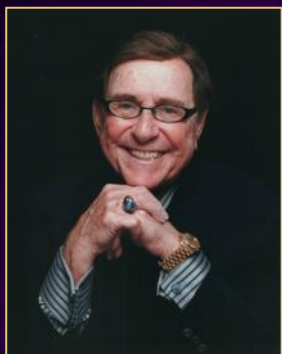
GALLIER HALL

New Orleans, Louisiana

FRIDAY

JULY 10, 2020

OFFICIAL MEMORIAL PROGRAM



BLAINE KERN
"MR. MARDI GRAS"
Obituary

Blaine Salvadore Kern, a native of Algiers, La., passed away peacefully at home on June 25, 2020 at the age of 93. Devoted and loving for over 18 years to his wife, Holly Brown Kern, Blaine had a zest for life, people, and the City of New Orleans. An eccentric, talented, and creative artist that served in World War II, he founded Kern Studios in 1947 and Mardi Gras World in 1984. Throughout his over 70 year career in creating Mardi Gras magic, Blaine received countless awards and honors for his philanthropic contributions to the New Orleans community. He was most proud to be proclaimed "Mr. Mardi Gras" by the Krewe of Rex in 1988, and serving as Captain of the Krewe of Alla for 50 years. He was thrilled to become a Louisiana Legend in 1998, as well as a New Orleans Legend in 2014. Blaine was honored in the historic New Orleans Tricentennial as one of 300 individuals, over a 300 year span, who made New Orleans, New Orleans. He was humbled when the University of Holy Cross College named their library after him in 1990, giving him their highest honors, a doctorate and the Spes Unica Award. Blaine was overjoyed designing floats and theme park attractions for Universal Studios and Disney for many, many years. Later in life Blaine's accomplishments did not end, as his passion as an artist lives on in the children's book he illustrated with his wife Holly, titled, "A Tree In The Sea". Left to cherish their memories are his wife Holly Kern, his children Thais Barr (Dennis), Blaine Kern Jr. (Tammy), Barry Kern (Tina), Brian Kern, Blainey Kern, ten grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Everyone, including friends, will miss his genuine heartwarming smile and vivacious spirit. Blaine Kern was extraordinary and his legacy will forever live on.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS
TO MISS NEW ORLEANS

*Do you know what it means to miss New Orleans
And miss it each night and day?
I know I'm not wrong, the feeling's getting stronger
The longer I stay away*

*Miss the moss-covered vines, the tall sugar pines
Where mockingbirds used to sing
And I'd like to see the lazy Mississippi
A-hurrying into spring*

*Oh the Mardi Gras, the memories
Of Creoles' tunes that filled the air
I dream of oleanders in June
And soon I'm wishing that I were there*

*Do you know what it means to miss New Orleans
When that's where you left your heart?
And there's something more, I miss the one I care for
More than I miss New Orleans*





THE LORD'S PRAYER

*"Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.*

Amen."



ORDER OF MEMORIAL SERVICE

Visitation.....Family and Friends
Military Honors.....U.S. Army

PRAYER SERVICE

Entrance.....Ave Maria (Roberto Matthews)
1st Reading.....Blaine Kern Jr.
Responsorial Psalm.....The Lord Is My Shepherd (Roberto Matthews)
2nd Reading.....Barry Kern
Gospel.....Fr. Michael Nam Nguyen
Homily.....Fr. Michael Nam Nguyen
Prayer of Faithful.....Fr. Michael Nam Nguyen
Exit.....On Eagle's Wings (Roberto Matthews)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Hosts.....Susan Roesgen (WGNO 26) / Liz Reyes (FOX 8)
Dancer.....Dawn Mezzanares-Palazzo

SPEAKERS

Mayor LaToya Cantrell
Holly Kern
Windy Fleetwood

Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser
Paul Leman
Blaine Kern III

Grand Marshall of Memorial.....Rockin' Dopsie Jr.

