

**Thomas A. Hern - Obituary**  
**1941-2019**

**Thomas Albert Hern**, 77, of Perrysburg, Ohio, (formerly of Cincinnati, Ohio) passed away peacefully Thursday, May 30, 2019, in Hospice of NW Ohio in Toledo, Ohio, surrounded by loving family.

Born December 23, 1941 in Cincinnati, Ohio, he was the son of Harry Thomas and Jane Louise (Bader) Hern. He graduated from Withrow High School (1960), University of Cincinnati (1964) and received his PhD in mathematics from Ohio State University in 1969. His career in teaching mathematics began at Bowling Green State University that fall. During 1982-1984, he was a visiting professor in the Department of Computer Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill working on the molecular graphics project.

While Thomas Hern taught at the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Bowling Green State University, he was the seventh recipient of the prestigious MAA Ohio Section Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics. In 1998 he retired from teaching full time at BGSU. In his leisure time, he enjoyed reading, photography, classical music concerts at the Toledo Peristyle and May Festival in Cincinnati. A regular globe trotter, Tom took trips abroad to Kenya/Tanzania, Egypt, China, Europe, England, and Ireland.

During retirement, he enjoyed traveling by train within the United States and Canada and a riverboat cruise down the Ohio River. His interest in family history during the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War inspired him to write a book: *Devon To Andersonville: Four Hern Brothers in the American Civil War (2014)*. Tom collaborated with his cousin in writing three more family history books.

Tom is survived by two nephews, Bryan (Staci) and son Noah; Kevin (Jenn) and son Savvas.) His parents, Harry and Jane Hern, and younger brother, Steve, preceded him in death.