

The time has come for me to leave this life.

I have fought the good fight.

I have finished the race.

I have kept the faith.

Now there is in store for me

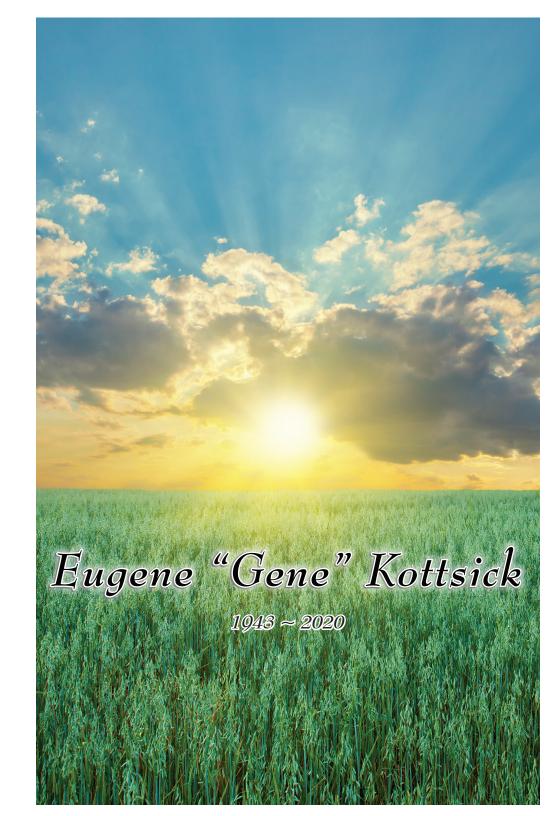
the crown of righteousness

which the Lord, the righteous judge,

will award to me on that day.

~Paul's Second Letter to Timothy~







**Eugene C. Kottsick**, 76, Mandan, passed away peacefully at Sanford Hospital on Sunday, February 9, 2020.

Gene was born in Bismarck to Charles and Eleanor (Friedrich) Kottsick. He grew up and helped his parents on their farm south of Mandan. Gene attended Mandan High School. In 1964 he met and married the love of his life and best friend, Edna Schmidt. Gene served in the Army Guard and was an over the road truck driver, finishing the last nine years of his career in Houston, TX. Together, Gene and Edna shared the joy of raising their three children, Sherri, Bud,

and Mark. Gene enjoyed Louis L'Amour books, truck driving, bingo at the Eagles, and telling old stories. He will be remembered most for his kindness, his own humor, and his acceptance of others.

Gene is survived by his wife of 55 years, Edna; three children, Sherri (Brett) Peiler, Bud (Cindy) Kottsick, and Mark (Roberta) Kottsick; grandchildren, Chelsie, Evan, Carly, Dakota, and Darrick; siblings, Marlene (Jack) Pulkrabek, Josephine (Henry) Kalvoda, Chuck (MJ) Kottsick, Kathy (Steve) Brown, Jim Kottsick, and Dave (Kathy) Kottsick; Edna's siblings, Richard (Cindy) Schmidt, Gary Schmidt, Delores Ternes, and Cheryllyn Schmidt; and many nieces and nephews.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Eleanor Kottsick; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Floyd and Ella Schmidt; brother-in-law, Donald Schmidt; sister-in-law, Marilyn Kottsick; granddaughter, Emma Lynn St. Peter; daughter-in-law, Julie Kottsick; and nephew, Dean Schmidt.

"There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. Yet that will be the beginning." – Louis L'Amour

Please go to www.BuehlerLarson.com to share memories of Gene.

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Memorial Service Friday, February 14, 2020; 10:00 AM

First Lutheran Church 408 9th Street NW Mandan, North Dakota

**Officiant** Pastor Christina Martin

**Organist** Loretta White

**Vocalist** Bruce Schumacher

## Celebrating the Life of Eugene C. Kottsick

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

Special Music What A Day That Will Be

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Readings Psalm 23

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11

Funeral Message

Special Music Amazing Grace

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Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Commendation

Hymn On Eagle's Wings WOV #779

The family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the church immediately following the memorial service.

Committal will be at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery at 12 noon.