

*Don't grieve for me, for now I am free
 I'm following the path God laid for me.
 I took his hand when I heard Him call
 I turned my back and left it all.
 I could not stay another day
 To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
 Tasks left undone must stay that way.
 I found that peace at close of day.
 If my parting has left a void
 Then fill it with remembered joy.
 A friendship stored, a laugh, a kiss,
 Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow
 I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
 My life's been full, I've savored much,
 Good friends, good times,
 A loved one's touch.
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
 Lift up your hearts and share with me
 God wanted me now:
 He set me free.*

I'M FREE



IN LOVING MEMORY

ROBERT KUNTZ

OCTOBER 7, 1948 — OCTOBER 31, 2024



Robert “Bob” Kuntz, 76, Bismarck, formerly of Fargo, passed away Thursday, October 31, 2024 at Sanford Health in Bismarck.

Robert James Kuntz was born on October 7, 1948 to John and Lorraine (Reilly) Kuntz in Mandan, ND.

Bob attended grade school at St. Joseph’s in Mandan and Mandan High School. He worked at M&H in Mandan up until he was drafted into the Army and deployed to Germany before spending about a year in Vietnam. Upon his return from Vietnam, he worked for Viking homes. He then went on to sell insurance for Nodak Mutual and National Guardian before working at 3M in Bismarck. In 1984 Bob and family moved to Ralston, NE where he held jobs in maintenance. In 1990 the family moved to Fargo, ND where Bob again held maintenance jobs before finally retiring with ND Housing Authority as a housing inspector for HUD homes. He moved to Bismarck in the fall of 2023.

Bob was united in marriage to Deborah Frohlich on June 3, 1972 with whom he had three children, Craig, Curtis and Keith. He was a very avid outdoorsman who loved to go hunting and fishing and just being in the outdoors, which he passed on to his three boys. Bob was an avid Western movie watcher and probably had every Western ever made on DVD. He also loved to read books and go to the gym as well as being an avid bird watcher. He was very strong in his faith and active in St. Anthony’s Catholic Church as an usher, Eucharistic minister & bringing communion to the homebound.

Most summers you could find Bob at his camper up in Devils Lake where they had a camping spot for many years. He enjoyed having family there most weekends and being able to spend time doing what he loved. We like to joke that Bob was a klutz and always seemed to be injured. He spent a lot of time injured and being in casts, and on crutches, but would keep on going. Bob was not much of a traveler, but in 2019 he and Deb took a bucket list trip to Alaska to celebrate 50 years of marriage.

He enjoyed spending time and being around his immediate family, grandkids and great grandkids. He liked to have them sit on his lap while watching movies, TV or reading books to them. He made a lasting impression on them. His smile and sparkle in his eyes will be missed.

Bob is survived by his children: Craig (Stephanie) Kuntz, Bismarck ND, Curtis (Alissa) Kuntz, West Fargo, ND and Keith Kuntz, Fargo, ND; Grandchildren: Evan (Shannon) Kuntz, West Fargo, ND and Kaden Kuntz, Bismarck, ND; Great-grandchildren: Grayson, Charli, Vivienne Kuntz, West Fargo, ND; brothers and sisters: Larry (Bonnie) Kuntz, Lincoln, ND, Stan (Nadeth) Kuntz, Granite Falls, WA, Agnes (Ron) Vogel, Kathy (Mike) Schwartzbauer, Clarence (Kim) Kuntz both of Mandan, ND.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife Deb Kuntz, parents Lorraine Kuntz, John and Margaret Kuntz.

Parish Rosary & Vigil Thursday | November 7, 2024 | 7:00 PM

Weigel Funeral Home | Mandan, ND

Presider Deacon Randy Frohlich

Funeral Liturgy Friday | November 8, 2024 | 10:30 AM

Christ the King Catholic Church | Mandan, ND

Celebrant Fr. Fred Harvey

Musicians Alice Gerhardt & Vance Krebs

Opening Song “Be Not Afraid”

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song *“How Great Thou Art”*
 Giftbearers Evan & Grayson Kuntz
 Brianna Albrecht
 Eucharistic Prayer
 Communion Song *“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”*
 Communion Meditation *“The Old Rugged Cross”*
 Final Commendation *“Song of Farewell”*
 Closing Song *“On Eagle’s Wings”*

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading Wisdom 3:1-9

Reader Stephanie Nilles

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 25

Reader Sheila Beauchamp

“To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.”

New Testament Reading Romans 6:3-9

Reader Les Ressler

Gospel Reading John 14:1-6

Homily

Graveside Service

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
 Full Military Honors
 Mandan, North Dakota

Pallbearers

Mike Schwartzbauer | Zach Schwartzbauer
 Greg Schwartzbauer | John Vogel | John Kuntz | Pat Kuntz

Following the burial, the family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the Mandan Moose Lodge, 111 11th Ave NE.