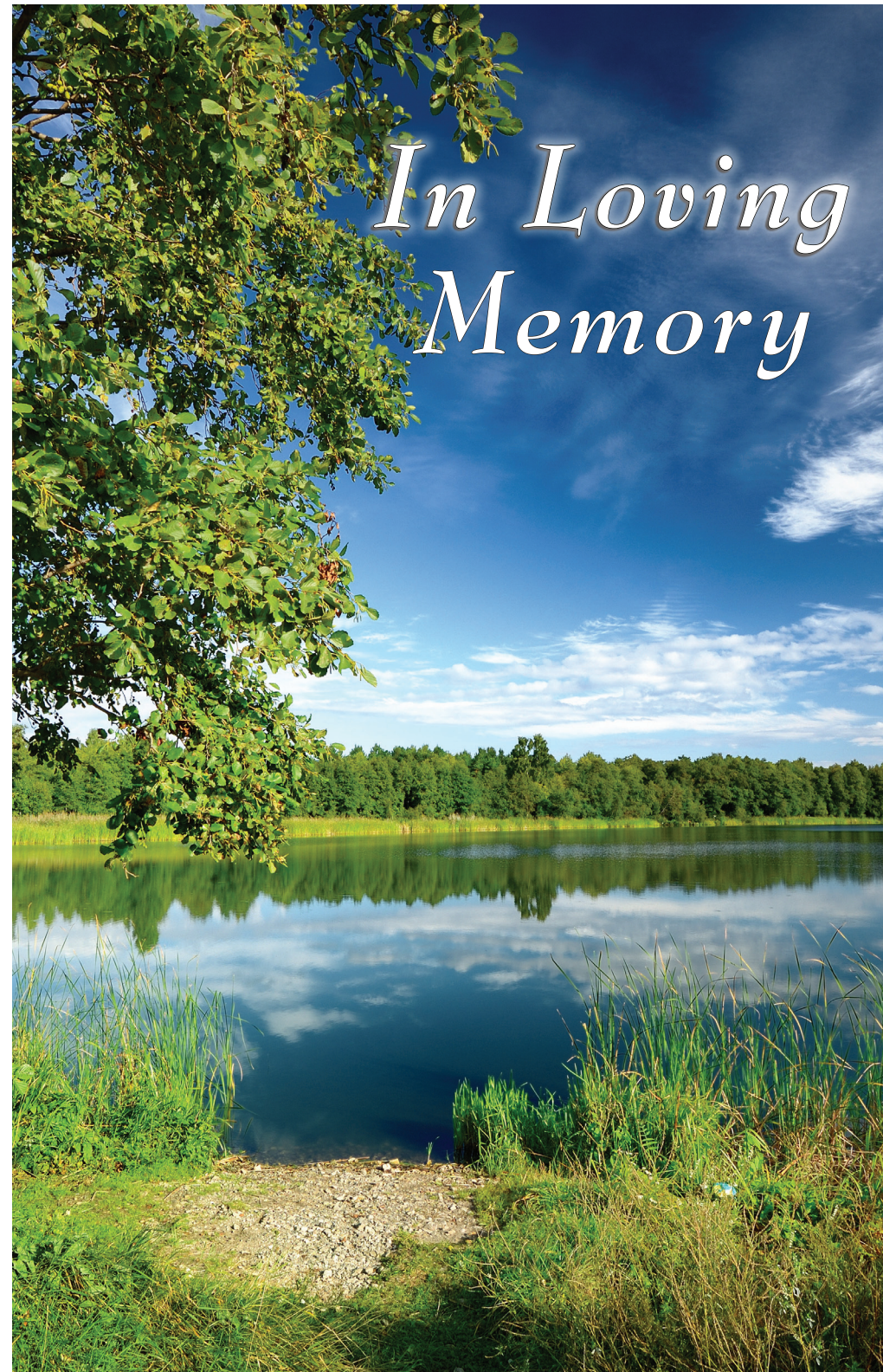


*God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be.
So He put his arm around him
And whispered, "Come with Me."
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
And saw him fade away.
Although we loved him dearly,
We could not make him stay
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*





William L. "Bill" Kunkel, 72, New Salem, passed away March 26, 2019 at Sanford Health, Bismarck, after a 6-week battle with lung cancer.

Bill was born July 29, 1946 in Bismarck to Lorenz and Martha (Vellios) Kunkel. He attended country school south of New Salem and later New Salem High School, graduating in 1964. Bill served in the 816th Engineer Company of the North Dakota National Guard and was honorably discharged in December 1971. On October 26, 1968 he married Joyce Wetzels at Glen Ullin. They made their home in New

Salem and welcomed three sons, Jeff, Mike, and Joey. Bill delivered gas for Rud Oil Company of New Salem and later hauled milk for Kautzman Trucking. He made many friends on his routes and enjoyed visiting with all his customers. In retirement, Bill had a small painting business, which again gave him opportunities to visit with his customers. He liked to visit! Bill enjoyed fishing in his spare time and especially loved taking his sons and grandsons fishing. He always planted a big garden and sold some produce but gave most of it away to friends and family. Bill also enjoyed watching Nascar racing.

Bill is survived by his sons, Jeff Kunkel, Mandan, Mike (Kim) Kunkel, Lincoln, and Joey (Miranda) Kunkel, New Salem and six grandchildren, Jalen, Jordan, Devon, Dayton, Alexa, and Troye. Bill would have welcomed his first great granddaughter, Baby Girl Linde, in August. Step-grandchildren include, Dillan, Courteney, Noah, Dominic, Ayden and Sophia. Bill's siblings are Bonnie Maier, New Salem, Judy Kroh, Bismarck, and Dave Kunkel, Grand Junction, CO. He is survived by nephews and nieces, Stacy, Jeremy, Deanna, Travis, Dana, and Laura.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; his niece, Michelle; and his nephew, Damian.

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

Funeral Service

Saturday, April 13, 2019; 2:00 PM

Buehler-Larson Funeral Home, Mandan, ND

Officiating

Reverend Jeff Olson

Bismarck Bible Baptist Church

Honorary Casketbearers

Jalen Linde, Jordan Kunkel, Devon Kunkel
Dayton Kunkel, Alexa Kunkel, & Troye Kunkel



Funeral Service for William Kunkel

Prayer

Brief Announcement

Song

"Amazing Grace" by Alan Jackson

Sermon

Our Life

Sharing Thoughts

Final Song

"Go Rest High On The Mountain" by Vince Gill

Prayer

The family invites you to stay for refreshments and fellowship following the service.



Committal will take place at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 16, 2019

at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, south of Mandan.