

I'm Free  
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm 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 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 shared, 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.



## In Loving Memory of William J. "Bill" Kuntz



*Pictured: Bill next to the ND Capitol Buffalo which he installed in 1985.*



William J. Kuntz (Bill) of Mandan, ND passed away January 25, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

Bill was born September 5, 1928, in Solen, ND and spent the early years of his life farming. Bill married Helen Leingang 70 years ago and had 3 children, Cindy Scott (Tim) of Bismarck, Kim House (Kevin) of Bismarck and Kevin W. Kuntz (Cheryle) of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida.

Bill and Helen moved to Mandan where Bill started work clearing snow for the railroad. Bill then worked at the local lumber yard where he delivered lumber to the house, he would eventually buy in 1962 where he raised his family and lived for 60 years. While working at the lumber yard he met Julius Froeschle, Founder of Froeschle and Sons. Mr. Froeschle hired Bill and he spent 33 years with the company eventually becoming one of the owners up until his retirement.

Some of Bill's favorite projects he built were Med Center One (Sanford Hospital), St. Alexius (CHI), Mid Dakota Clinic and Bismarck School of Nursing to just name a few.

After retirement Bill worked part time at Med Center One where he enjoyed being around the nurses and medical staff in his role as resident carpenter, a craft that he truly loved.

When Bill was truly retired, he spent his time helping his kids and granddaughters remodeling their homes and doing many projects well into his mid-80s.

Bill and Helen have 6 granddaughters, Sarah Watson, Chelsea Bittner, Hailey Pomonis of Bismarck, Heather Zachmeier of Mandan, Jackie Kuntz and Michelle Barbosa of Atlanta and 6 great grandchildren with number 7 on the way in April. He is also survived by brothers August and Joe.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob and Rose Kuntz and in-laws George and Rose Leingang, brothers Vince, Jake, Paul, Alphonse and sisters Bertha, Caroline, Annie and Irene, brothers-in-law Frank, Ray, Leo, Arnie and sisters-in-law Caroline, Leona, baby Janice and Janice.

Bill will be remembered as a very generous man and a good neighbor. He enjoyed snow plowing his neighbors' driveways and when asked by our beloved neighbor Regina Shanandore what she owed him, he would always reply "Just lay a couple rosaries on me". Well done my good and faithful servant.

The family would like to thank all the people who took such good care of Bill, especially all medical personal including Sanford Hospice, Dr. Brown, Dr. Addo, Dr. Price, Dr. Mahr, Dr. Elena Raducu, Dr. Litchfield and Michael Henke, PA.

In lieu of flowers you can make contributions to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Building Fund, Mandan ND 58554, or Bismarck Cancer Center Foundation.



# Celebrating the Life of William J. "Bill" Kuntz

**Funeral Liturgy** Monday, January 31, 2022; 10:30 AM

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

**Celebrant** Father Josh Waltz

**Musicians** Anne Kesler & Gene Mosbrucker

**Prelude** "It is Well with My Soul"

**Opening Song** "On Eagle's Wings"

**Liturgy of the Word**

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25:6a,7-9

Lector Ian Goldsmith

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23

**"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."**

New Testament Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Lector Santi Barbosa

Gospel Reading John 5:24-29

Homily

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Preparation of Gifts Song "Shepherd Me, O God"

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Song "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

Second Communion Song "I am the Bread of Life"

Communion Meditation "Ave Maria"

Final Commendation "Song of Farewell"

Closing Song "Lead Me, Lord"

**Graveside Service** Mandan Union Cemetery

Mandan, North Dakota

**Casket Bearers**

Kyle Zachmeier ~ Peter Pomonis ~ Jason Watson

Bryan Bittner ~ Santi Barbosa ~ Ian Goldsmith