



# Letting Go

The Angels gathered near your bed,  
so very close to you.  
For they knew the *pain and suffering*  
that you were going through.

I thought about so many things,  
as I held tightly to your hand.  
Oh, HOW I WISHED that you were strong  
and happy once again.

But your eyes were looking homeward,  
to that place beyond the sky.  
Where JESUS held His outstretched arms,  
it was time *to say goodbye.*

I struggled with my SELFISH THOUGHTS,  
for I wanted you to stay.  
So we could walk and talk again,  
like we did - just yesterday.

But JESUS KNEW THE ANSWER,  
and I knew He loved you so.  
So I gave to you life's greatest gift,  
*the gift of letting go.*

Now my heart will carry MEMORIES  
of the love you gave to me  
*Until we meet again* in heaven,  
where the best is yet to be.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

# Neil William Kaelin

OCTOBER 16, 1963 – APRIL 20, 2023

**Services At:**

Immanuel Lutheran Church—Starbuck, MN  
Friday, May 5, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.

**Officiant:**

Reverend Paul Johnson

**Musician:**

Dee Syverson

**Trumpet Solo:**

Charlie Drozdowicz

**Pallbearers:**

Kyle Johnshoy, Nicholas Peters, Bryan Richards  
Derek Klimek, Ken Spore, Nate Kaelin

**Honorary Pallbearers:**

Charlie Drozdowicz, Ella Drozdowicz, Lillian Drozdowicz  
Casey Johnshoy, Callie Johnshoy, Cassidy Johnshoy  
Cierra Johnshoy, Alexandra Klimek

**Interment:**

Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery  
Starbuck, Minnesota

Neil William Kaelin, son of Charles and Shirley (Brate) Kaelin, was born October 16, 1963 in Springfield Township in Ohio, where he grew up. He began his schooling at Springdale Elementary, before attending Princeton High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. Following his graduation, he continued his education at Cincinnati Technical School. Neil was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Hamilton, Ohio. On August 20, 1994, he was united in marriage to Sheila Johnshoy at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Starbuck. The couple made their home in Zimmerman, MN, where Neil worked for Cargill as a Maintenance Technician.

Neil enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, canning and cooking. He especially loved spending time with his daughter and grandkids.

Neil died on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale, MN; he was 59 years old.

He is survived by his wife: Sheila Kaelin of Zimmerman; one daughter: Lisa (Doug) Drozdowicz of Madison, WI; three grandchildren; one brother: Gary (Robin) Kaelin of Hamilton, OH; four sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law and two nephews and five nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents: Charles and Shirley Kaelin.



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