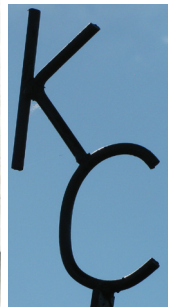




The Family Chain
If love could have saved you
You never would have died
If tears could bring you back
You'd be here by our side
It broke our hearts
to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you



The day God called you home
God takes us one by one
and breaks the family chain
But somewhere
in a better land
our chain will link again.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Katie Kunz

1928 ~ 2021

Catherine “Katie” Kunz, 93, New Salem, passed away on September 14, 2021, at Elm Crest Manor in New Salem.

Katie was born April 15, 1928, one of 13 children to Sebastian and Rose (Berger) Freidt of Judson, ND. She attended school through the eighth grade in Judson and later got a job working in the dining room at the Mandan Hospital. Katie loved to dance and often went to the Casa Loma where she met the love of her life, Kenny Kunz. They were married on September 6, 1949. They were the first couple to get married in the new church building. Together, they lived on the family homestead north of New Salem. Katie was a hard worker and worked side by side with Kenny as they milked cows for over 30 years as well as feeding livestock, and doing whatever else needed to be done, all while raising their ten children. Katie put 3 meals a day on the table for her family as well as baked goods and canned produce. Housework and laundry were never ending! Despite all the hard work, Katie loved raising her large family on the farm, instilling a strong work ethic in each of them. Among the joyous occasions there were also difficulties, accidents, as well as tragedy and loss. Katie’s strong faith carried her through the hard times and she attended weekly Mass at St. Pius V Catholic Church. Despite all, the Kunz family also survived on kindness, friendship, and lots of laughter and fun. Kenny and Katie retired from dairy farming in 1982, and later moved into town in November 1999. In 2013, they moved to Elm Crest Manor. Kenny passed away a few months later, and Katie continued living there until the time of her death.

Katie enjoyed playing Pinochle, fishing, bowling, and Bingo. Katie and Kenny loved dancing together for many years and were called professional Polka dancers. Giving of her time and talents, she volunteered at Elm Crest Manor and Meals on Wheels. She enjoyed being around friends at Miles Around Homemakers Club and the Christian Mothers. You could always find Katie with a smile, likely because she was always surrounded by her family, whether it was at a family gathering at her home or surrounded by the photos of those she loved in her room at Elm Crest Manor. Her family is very grateful for the wonderful loving care the EMC staff gave her.

Katie will be deeply missed by her children, Jerry (Darlyn), Russell (Susie), and Dennis (Vicki) Kunz, all of Bismarck, Carol (Dennis) Bauer, Lame Deer, MT, Tim (Tami) Kunz, Bismarck, Carleen (Danny) Cosner, Buffalo, WY, Kelvin (Sandy) Kunz, Mandan, Dixie (Doug) Sorge, Billings, MT, and Ron (Margo) Kunz, New Salem; 24 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary Hoffman and Margie Hoff; and brothers, Sebastian (Judy) Freidt and Johnny (Ardie) Freidt.

Katie was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Kenny; son, Dean; great-grandchildren, Elijah Slappy and Alexis Griffin; brothers, Nick, Christ, Jack, and Stanley; and sisters, Clemie Kokkeler, Monica Price, Maggie Markel, and Eva Eckroth.



In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the New Salem Community Foundation, St. Pius V Catholic Church, or place of your choice in Katie’s name.

Parish Rosary & Vigil

Sunday, September 26, 2021; 6:00 PM

Officiant

Fr. Stephen Folorunso

Funeral Liturgy

Monday, September 27, 2021; 10:00 AM

St. Pius V Catholic Church
New Salem, North Dakota

Celebrant

Fr. Stephen Folorunso

Musician

Dana Pazdernik

Vocalists

DeAnn Bueligen, Joell Letzring, & Kristie Klusman

Readers

Brooke & Bridget Kunz

Eucharistic Minister

Jamie Mosbrucker

Honorary Urnbearers

Jody Kunz, Garrett Kunz, Jacob Bauer
Tayt Kunz, Carter Kunz, Levi Sorge, Josh Bauer
Sidney Sorge, Taner Sorge, Shayne Kunz, & Carson Kunz

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Song

“Only A Shadow”

Old Testament Reading

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

Response

Psalm 27

“The Lord is my light and my salvation.”

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Reading

John 5:24-29

Homily

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts

“Prayer of St. Francis”

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Song

“Hail Mary, Gentle Woman”

Final Commendation

“Song Of Farewell”

Closing Song

“Peace Is Flowing Like A River”

Committal will be at St. Pius Catholic Cemetery following the funeral service.

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

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



Family of Katie

Jerry & Darlyn Kunz

Christy Griffin & Russ Benz; Jadelyn Dahl and Alexis Griffin (deceased)
Jody Kunz & Teresa Zastoupil; Sierra, Colton and Taylor

Russell Kunz & Susie Selensky

Nicole Kunz; Elijah Slappy (deceased) and Micah Slappy
Danielle & Chance Scally; Declan
Brooke Selensky
Luke Selensky (deceased)

Dennis & Vicki Kunz

Tyanne & Seth Ryan; Porter and Hadley
Garrett & Jill Kunz; Avery, Finley, and Kai

Carol & Dennis Bauer

Mikayla & TJ Ramaeker; Hayden; Blake; Teague; and Everly
Jacob & Liz Bauer; Braxton, Gage, Logan and Liam
Joshua & Shaelyn Bauer; Diehl and Truly
Jessica & Randal Saliba

Timothy & Tami Kunz

Tayt Kunz
Ashley & DJ Wallace ; Dylan, Bradon, Ryker and Darren (deceased)
Shayne & Samantha Kunz; Nora and Ellianna
Daniel Brothers; Lexus
Megan Brothers

Carleen & Danny Cosner

Kelvin & Sandy Kunz

Carter & Erin Kunz; Rowyn & Wallace
Kelsey Kunz & Steph Roan
Carson Kunz & Brooklyn Beehler; Mekhi Liggins

Dixie & Doug Sorge

Levi & Micki Sorge; Brix, Bristol and Corbin
Sidney & Annie Sorge
Taner & Stacey Sorge; Lincoln

Ron & Margo Kunz

Brooke Kunz
Bridget Kunz
Baily Kunz

Dean Kunz Born 08/28/1965 – Deceased 07/07/1971