



(This picture is of the Kautzman Farm)

Dear Lord,

Lord, as we look back upon the years
We see a life so full, we need not shed tears
Husband, Father Grandfather, Friend was he
Now given to you, it's where he should be.

His memory lives on through the people he touched
He made us smile and laugh and we loved him very much
He'll be with us always like the breeze on a summer day
We'll think of him when we see little children play.

We celebrate his life and what he has given to us
He was honest, hardworking, honorable and just
Take him in and love him with all your heart
Knowing your love makes it easier to part.

Karen McIntosh Allen

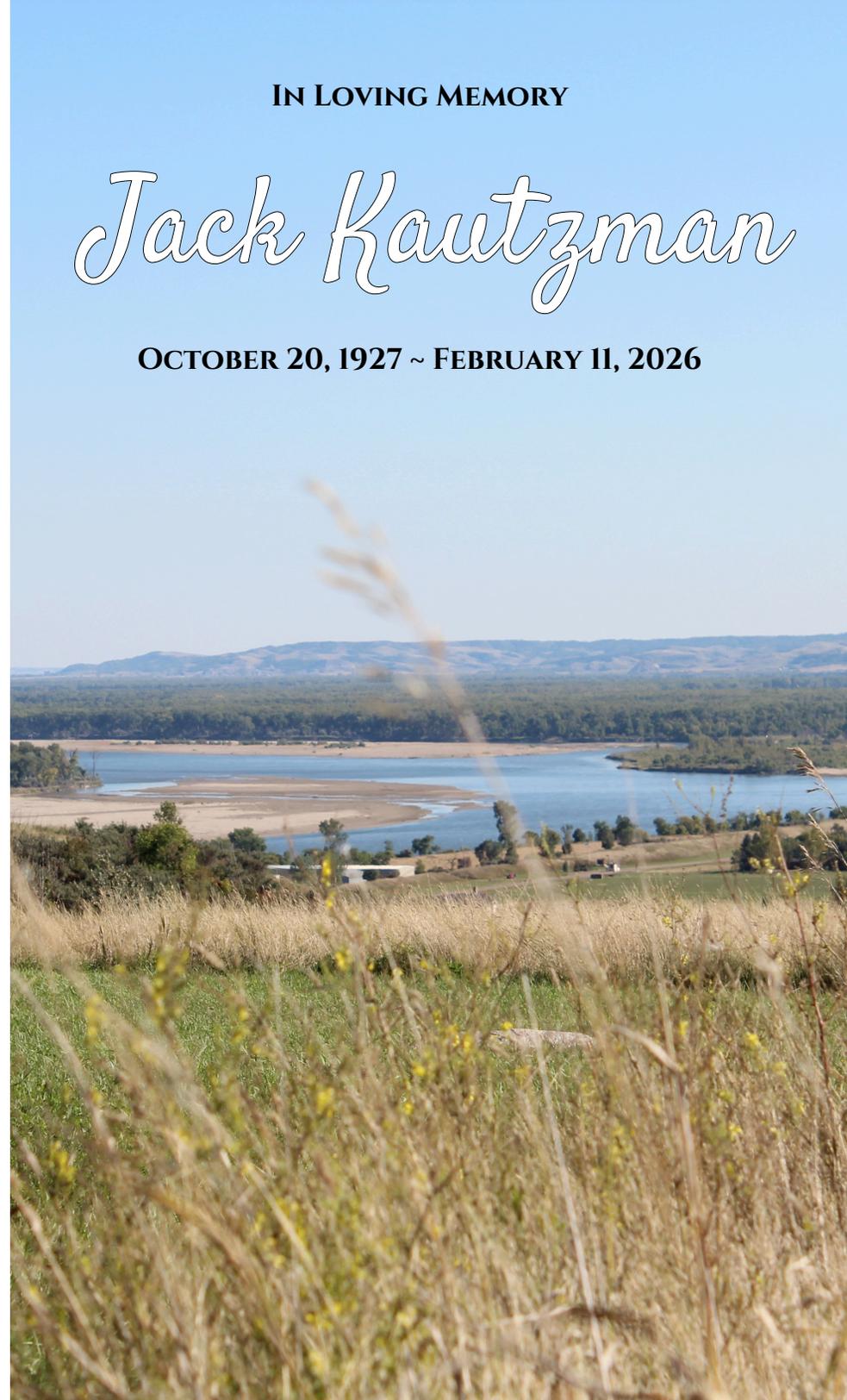


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of Life video for Jack*

IN LOVING MEMORY

Jack Kautzman

OCTOBER 20, 1927 ~ FEBRUARY 11, 2026





Jack Kautzman, 98, passed away February 11, 2026, at the Baptist Home, in Bismarck.

Jack was born on October 20, 1927, to Ralph and Elizabeth (Hatzenbuhler) Kautzman. Raised in Center, ND, he grew up learning the value of hard work on the family farm alongside his siblings until he took a position at the Refinery in Mandan. Later he apprenticed and worked with Fred Konic as an electrician and linemen. He worked alongside others to bring power to the rural areas in Morton County.

Jack was married to Lillian (Zander) on November 1, 1949. Together they purchased their first farm in St. Anthony, ND. There they started their family, having two daughters. Six years later, they purchased the Kolberg Farm at Fort Rice. The family grew with another daughter and their first son.

They family raised beef cattle and farmed small grains. Later, a dairy parlor was added.

Semi-retiring from the farm, Jack and Lillian moved to Mandan. The two of them partnered in many construction endeavors, building and renovating homes in Mandan and Bismarck. Jack's last build was a house overlooking the Missouri River on Highway 1806 where they lived for several years before moving into Mandan.

Jack and Lillian loved dancing and meeting friends at the clubs. Polkas were his expertise. Often traveling a far for a polka contest. In the winter, the two of them escaped to Arizona.

After losing Lillian in 2016, Jack kept busy with small projects at his rentals, fishing with his uncles, and meeting his buddies at Burger King for coffee.

Jack will be missed by his daughters, Sandra (Wayne) Smith, Mandan, Colette (Dennis) Friedt, Gillette, Wyo., and Jackie (Gene) Geiger, Bismarck; son, Stacy (Rocelyn) Kautzman, Bismarck; 15 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren; sisters, Catherine Mosbrucker, Mandan and Elizabeth Goggins, Milwaukee, WI; brother, Ralph (Irene) Center, ND; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Lillian; his parents; brothers, John (Maggie) and Matthew (Jackie); and brother-in-law, Ben Mosbrucker.

A special thanks to the caring people at the Baptist Home, where Jack was always well taken care of.



Following the committal service, the family invites everyone to the parish hall for food and fellowship.

Rosary & Parish Vigil
Monday, February 16, 2026; 7:00 PM
Weigel Funeral Home, Mandan, ND
Presider: Dcn. Kevin Leingang

Mass of Christian Burial
Tuesday February 17, 2026; 10:30 AM
Spirit of Life Catholic Church, Mandan, ND
Celebrant: Fr. Keith Streifel
Musicians: Jeremy & Carrie Davis



Pallbearers
Loren Smith Brandon Smith
Jordan Geiger Koltan Kautzman
Rowdy Kautzman Jimmy McClean

Lectors
Jackie Geiger & Candace Smith

Order of Service

Prelude *“Go In Peace”*

Processional Song *“Amazing Grace”*

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading Job 19:1, 23-27

Response Psalm 23

“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-23

Gospel Reading John 14:1-6

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song *“On Eagle’s Wings”*

Presentation of Gifts Mariah Jaeger, Keesha Ree
Micah Kautzman, & Kallie Kellam

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Songs *“To Live with Him Forever”*

Communion Meditation *“Draw Me Close”*

Final Commendation *“Song of Farewell”*

Closing Song *“How Great Thou Art”*

Committal Service 11:30 AM at Mandan Union Cemetery
Mandan, ND

