

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 left undone must stay that way;
I found my place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow:
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savoured much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my life seemed all too brief:
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Kevin Kautzmann

1970 – 2026



Kevin Kautzmann, 55, passed away peacefully on May 30, 2026, in Arizona.

Kevin was born on November 30, 1970, to Kenneth and Shirley Kautzman. He grew up in Mandan, North Dakota, and graduated from Mandan High School in 1989. On July 10, 1992, Kevin married Julie Klein. Together they shared 24 years of marriage and were blessed with two children, Casey and Karlee.

Kevin spent more than 30 years in the automotive industry. Customers returned to him not only because of his knowledge and professionalism, but because they knew they would always be met with kindness and honesty. His commitment to excellence earned him numerous General Motors awards throughout his career. Yet, for Kevin, the greatest reward was the opportunity to build lasting friendships with the people he served.

Kevin loved being outdoors, tending to his yard and garden, hunting with family, watching the purple martins return each year, and preparing Sunday meals. These simple pleasures brought comfort, joy, and meaning to his everyday life. He genuinely loved people and found great joy in helping others, always bringing warmth, compassion, and a wonderful sense of humor to those around him.

Kevin will be remembered for his generous heart, steady presence, unwavering work ethic, and the genuine way he made everyone feel welcome. His greatest legacy lives on in the family he loved so deeply and the countless friendships he cherished throughout his life.

Kevin is survived by his children, Casey (Morgan) Kautzmann and Karlee (William) Litchfield; three grandchildren, Callan Kautzmann, Scottie Kautzmann, and Hudson Litchfield; brother, Robert Kautzman; sister, JoAnne (Teresa) Kautzman; sister-in-law, Jill Kautzman; aunts, Marge (Ray) Heck, Bette Gene (Steve) Kennedy, and Mary Jane (Ken) Yetter; uncles, Dennis (Carol) Kautzman and Eugene (Cindi) Kautzman.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Kent Kautzman; grandparents; and many loving aunts and uncles.

Memorials and cards may be sent to:
The Family of Kevin Kautzmann
4304 South Bay Dr. SE
Mandan, ND 58554

Celebration of Life Service Monday, June 29, 2026; 10:30 AM
First Lutheran Church
Mandan, North Dakota

Officiant Pastor Phil Leer

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF KEVIN KAUTZMANN

- Gathering and Welcome
- Thanksgiving for Baptism
- Opening Song *“Amazing Grace”*
Please feel free to sing along.
- Invocation and Opening Prayer
- Scripture Readings 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Sermon
- Time of Sharing
Open to everyone
- Prayers of the Church **C: “Hear our prayer.”**
- Lord’s Prayer
- Commendation
- Benediction
- Closing Song/Recessional *“Go Rest High on that Mountain”*

THE FAMILY INVITES YOU FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE FUNERAL SERVICE.

A private family burial service will be held at Mandan Union Cemetery.