

May the Soul of the Faithful Departed

## John Bitz

Rest in Peace

### ROSARY/VIGIL SERVICE

Wednesday, May 8, 2019; 7:00 PM

Eastgate Funeral Service

Bismarck, North Dakota

Deacon Tony Finneman

Presiding

### FUNERAL MASS

Thursday, May 9, 2019; 10:30 AM

Church of the Ascension

1825 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Bismarck, North Dakota

Officiating

Rev. Msgr. Jim Braaten

Musicians

Julie Ternes

Reader

Kayla Tormaschy and Dana Halvorson

Gift Bearers

John's Grandchildren

Prelude

*"Carry Me Home"*

Processional Hymn

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

#378

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103: *The Lord is kind and merciful*

New Testament Reading

Col 3: 12-17

Gospel Acc.

Gospel

John 14:1-6

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Preparation of Gifts

*"Amazing Grace"*

#432

Eucharistic Acc.

*Mass of Christ the Savior*

Holy Holy

#914

Mem. Acc

#915

Amen

#918

Lamb of God

#919

Communion Hymn

*"Be Not Afraid"*

#431

Final Commendation

*"Song of Farewell"*

#826

Closing Hymn

*"How Great Thou Art"*

#424

### CASKET BEARERS

Cody Tormaschy

Steve Bitz

Hunter Bitz

Brian Geloff

Jim Tormaschy

Mitch Bitz

### INTERMENT

Sunset Memorial Gardens

Bismarck, North Dakota



John W. Bitz, 76, Bismarck, was called home on May 4, 2019, at St. Vincent Care Center, Bismarck. He fought a long, hard battle with Parkinson's disease and kidney failure which resulted in seven long years in dialysis.

John was born on June 2, 1942, in Burnstead, ND, the son of Joseph and Margaret Bitz. He was the third youngest out of ten children and grew up south of Napoleon on a farm. John married Sally Wanner on June 5, 1965, in Burnstead and the couple were blessed with two children, Mitch and Julie.

John worked for Burlington Northern Railroad for 20 years and retired from the railroad and started working part-time at Capital Place Rentals as a maintenance man, where he worked for 20 years.

John enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping with his family in the early years. He loved to work with his hands and fix anything around the house. He enjoyed frequent trips to the casino later in life.

John was active with Ascension Catholic Church where he ushered. He was a devoted Catholic.

John is survived by one son, Mitch (Patty) Bitz, Bismarck, and their children, Levi and Hunter Bitz; one daughter, Julie (Jim) Tormaschy, Bismarck, and their children, Cody, Kayla and Gracie Tormaschy; one brother, Alfred Bitz; one sister, Alvina Kluth; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Leland and Suzanne Wanner; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Betty and Larry Halverson; and many nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Sally; his parents, Joseph and Margaret; brothers, Joe, Adam, and Leo; and sisters, Victoria, Rose, Isabelle, and Margie.

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### Announcements

Following the Funeral Mass, the family invites you to join them at the church for fellowship and refreshments.

Eastgate/Parkway Funeral Service  
Bismarck, North Dakota

## God Saw He Was Getting Tired

God saw he was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So he put his arms around him  
And whispered, "Come with me."  
In tears we watched him suffer  
And saw him fade away.  
Although we loved him dearly  
We could not make him stay.  
"A heart of gold stopped beating."  
"Hard working hands now rest."  
God shares the pain  
Of our broken hearts,  
Our lives he richly blessed.

Celebrating the Life of

# John Bitz

June 2, 1942 ~ May 4, 2019



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