

After retiring from full-time farming, he kept himself plenty busy maintaining the farmstead. He enjoyed working in his shop with scrap metal, antique tools, retired equipment, and whatever he could find to make beautiful sculptures to decorate the yard and Linda's gardens. He was a collector by nature and a meticulous steward of everything he owned. He deeply cherished everything left behind by his dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa before him and was proud to own such an extensive physical history of the farm and homestead.

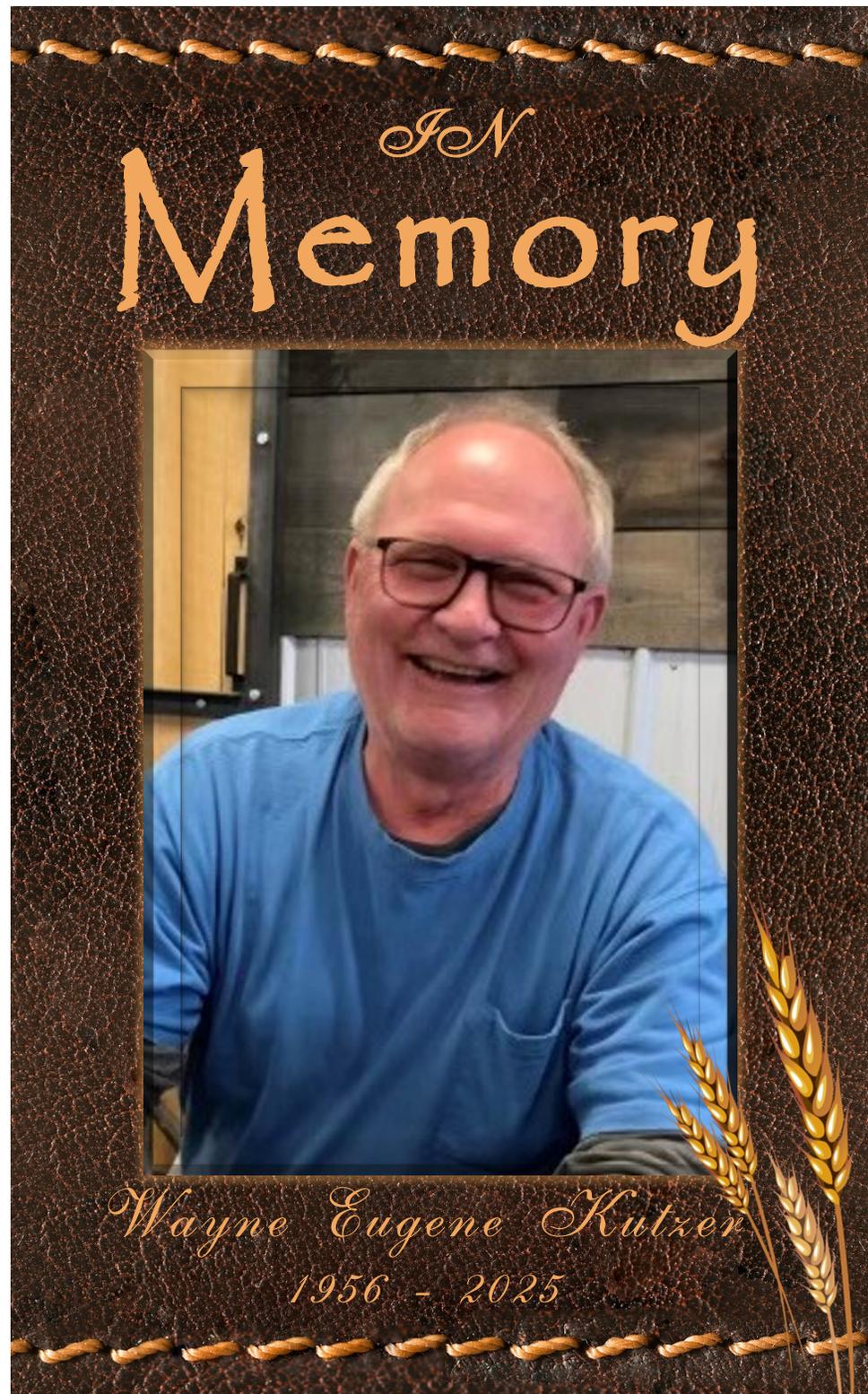
When he wasn't tending to the farm and his shop of treasures, he enjoyed seeing friends to reminisce, swap stories, tell jokes, and trade ideas. He couldn't go anywhere without running into at least one friend to catch up with, whether at a local watering hole or back at his shop for "shop talks" with buddies. You could always count on his famous "Toodle-oo!" before parting ways. He had too many fun expressions to count, and a nickname for everyone: his wife he lovingly referred to as "Hun Bun," his son "Bud," his daughter-in-law "Louie," and his daughter "Doodles." Wayne was active in his community, having served on several boards, including Cenex and Campbell Farmers' Elevator, and as a church member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Campbell, MN.

Wayne will be greatly missed by his wife of 34 years, Linda; mother, Helen Kutzer; son, Scott (Lois) Vorachek; daughter, Mackenzie Kutzer; sister, Beverly Terhurne; sister, Lori Kutzer (Kim Gutzmer), and her son, Joe Harper; sister-in-law, Jane (Randy) Allenstein, and their children, James and Kelly; sister-in-law Annette (Laurel) Johnson, and their children, Nick, Nathan, and Cory; and many more family members and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Florence and Herb Kutzer; Myrtle and Paul Lehman, Sr.; father, Eugene Kutzer; mother and father-in-law, DeAnn and Allen Ista; brother-in-law, Timothy Terhurne; brother-in-law, Greg Ista; and several aunts and uncles.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to HIA (Hearts in Action) Hospice, Richland Wilkin Food Pantry, and the Campbell and Fairmount Fire Departments.

Wayne's family would like to extend their sincere thanks to the wonderful caregivers with HIA Hospice for their help and comfort during his last days.



Wayne Eugene Kutzer

Born

May 22, 1956 | Breckenridge, Minnesota

Passed Away

December 9, 2025 | Tintah, Minnesota

Age

69 Years | 6 Months | 18 Days

Memorial Service

1:00 P.M. | Saturday, December 20, 2025
St. Paul's Lutheran Church | Campbell, Minnesota

Officiant

Pastor Craig Palach

Organist

Sharolyn Locks

Congregational Hymns

"I'm But a Stranger Here" | "Beautiful Savior" | "Amazing Grace"

Honorary Pallbearers

"All Who Called Wayne Friend"

Interment at a Later Date

Calvary Cemetery | Fairmount, North Dakota



Wayne was born to Helen and Eugene "Gene" Kutzer on May 22, 1956. He was baptized at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Fairmount, ND, and grew up attending Campbell-Tintah Public School in Campbell, MN. After graduating in 1975, he entered the Diesel Mechanics program at Moorhead Technical College, where he studied for two years before returning to full-time farming. He was the fourth generation of Kutzers to farm the family operation, which was recognized as a Minnesota Century Farm in 2007.

He married Linda Kay Ista on July 13, 1991, at St. John's Catholic Church in Wahpeton, ND. They made their home on the Kutzer family farm, where they raised their son, Scott, and daughter, Mackenzie.

As a child and all through his life, he loved tinkering, building, and repurposing "old" into "new." From erector sets and custom bicycles to motorcycles, cars, machinery, and beyond, he could always be trusted to fix something broken or turn it into something new. He was barely in high school when he drove a mini bike into the shop and drove it out as a go-kart, to name one of his many projects. One of his favorite things to build was bonfires – the bigger, the better. He was also artistic, with a knack for drawing and designing. He loved music and was an excellent guitar player.