

**Robert “Bob” Herman Kuhlmann**, age 87, of Dawson, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, surrounded by his family.

Robert was born on September 16, 1937, in Montevideo, Minnesota, to Frieda Elise “Lizzy” and Gustav Kuhlmann. He was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church, Tyro Township, and graduated from Boyd High School in 1955.

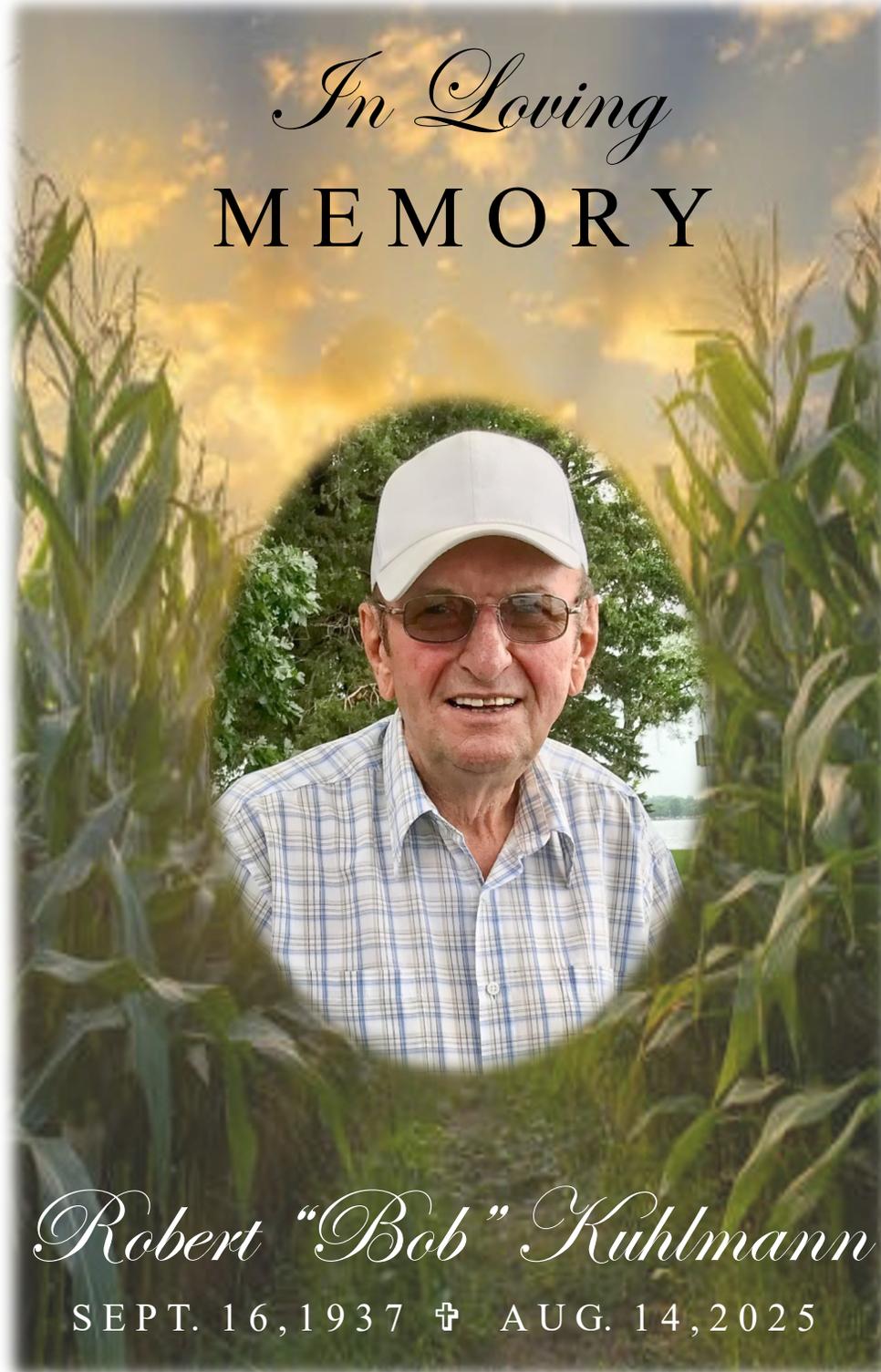
He met the love of his life, Shirley Rolighed, and they married on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1960, at Grace Lutheran Church in Dawson, Minnesota. They were blessed with three children: Tom, Amy, and Ann. He served in the National Guard for six years. He started farming in 1958 and devoted his life to farming for over 60 years. Bob and Shirley moved to their farm west of Boyd in 1960 where they farmed together for 40 years. Bob enjoyed helping his son, Tom, farm for another 21 years. Bob and Shirley moved to Dawson in 2010.

Bob was a very devoted and active member of his church, Zion Lutheran, Tyro Township. He served on the Ten Mile Lake Township board, and served many years on the Boyd Farmers Elevator, Tri-Line Farmers Cooperative, and Prairie Grain Partners boards. Bob and Shirley enjoyed their travels to Europe, Hawaii, Alaska, and nine winters in Lake Havasu, Arizona. Bob’s favorite pastime was his collection of toy tractors. He also loved his antique tractors, collector cars, and going to Car Club. Bob loved his family deeply and was so proud of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Robert is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Shirley; his children, Tom (Kim), Amy (Ron), and Ann; forever cherished and remembered by his grandchildren, Mariah (Tyler), Zack (Savanah), Katarina (Aaron), Riley, Sophie (Austin), Dylan (Kali), and Ella; great-grandchildren, Cannon, Case, Cori, Savv, Sylvie; sister, Louise Busse, and his memory lives on with many of his nieces and nephews and their families.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Gustav and Lizzy; brother, Dennis; sister-in-law, Karen Kuhlmann, and brother-in-law, David Busse.

*In Loving*  
**MEMORY**



*Robert “Bob” Kuhlmann*

SEPT. 16, 1937 † AUG. 14, 2025

On the 8th day, God said, "I need a caretaker."  
So God made a farmer.

God said, "I need someone to rise  
before dawn, work all day in the fields,  
and still have time for community."  
So God made a farmer.

"I need someone strong enough to rustle  
a calf but gentle enough to deliver his grandchild.  
Someone to fix machinery, come home hungry,  
and always welcome visitors."  
So God made a farmer.

"I need someone who'll sit up all night with a  
newborn colt, watch it die, dry his eyes, and say,  
'Maybe next year.' Someone who can work forty  
hours by Tuesday and then put in seventy more."  
So God made a farmer.

God needed someone to help a neighbor in crisis,  
stop to mend a meadowlark's leg, and still plow  
deep and straight. Someone who could do it all and  
still make it to church on Sunday.

"Someone who'd bind a family together, share their  
joys, and smile when his son says,  
'I want to do what dad does.'"

So God made a farmer.

*In Memory of*

**Robert Herman Kuhlmann**

September 16, 1937



August 14, 2025

**Funeral Service**

Zion Lutheran Church  
Rural Boyd, Tyro Township, MN  
Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
11 AM

**Officiant**

Pastor Dean Rager

**Organist**

Kathy Jahn

**Hymns**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness—#809*

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry—Insert*

*Jesus, Lead Thou On—#718*

**Readers**

Katarina Kern & Sophie Johnson

**Reading of the Obituary**

Amy Johnson

**Casketbearers**

Mariah Flattum

Sophie Johnson

Zack Johnson

Dylan Park

Riley Johnson

Ella Park

Katarina Kern

**Honorary Casketbearers**

Cannon, Case & Cori Flattum

Savv & Sylvie Kern

**Entombment**

Terrace Lawn Memory Gardens

Montevideo, Minnesota