

Michael Clair Kunz, 71, passed away on July 23, 2026, after a long and courageous battle with COPD, at Portneuf Medical Center, surrounded by the love of his family. Mike was born on February 28, 1955, in Montpelier, Idaho, to Clair and Beverly Hill Kunz. He was raised with a strong work ethic and a love for family, values that would guide him throughout his life.

Mike graduated from Bear Lake High School in 1973 and went on to attend the Idaho State University Diesel Mechanic Program. He discovered his passion for mechanics at a young age and was rebuilding and repairing vehicles long before his teenage years. Family members often recalled spending countless hours beside him, handing him tools as he worked on his latest project.

Mike made a career doing what he loved most. As a skilled diesel mechanic, he earned the respect of coworkers and customers alike through his expertise, dedication, and problem-solving abilities. During his tenure with Modern Machinery, where he was affectionally known as, "Modern Mikey," one of his proudest accomplishments was participating in the three-week field assembly of the massive Komatsu PC4000 mining shovel in Nevada, a project that showcased both his technical skill and commitment to excellence.

On June 3, 1989, Mike married the love of his life, Cyndra Ann Johnson. Together they built a life centered on family, adventure, and enduring love. Mike previously married to Lucille Prescott, and although that marriage later ended in divorce, he remained devoted to the family he helped create.

Mike had a deep appreciation for the outdoors and spent many happy days hunting, fishing, skiing, snowmobiling, boating, camping, and riding side-by-sides. He found peace in nature and cherished every opportunity to share those experiences with family and friends. He also took great pride in gardening and became well known among family and neighbors for his remarkable tomato and pepper harvests.

Above all else, Mike loved his children and grandchildren. He was a steadfast source of encouragement and support through life's trials and triumphs, always willing to lend a helping hand, offer thoughtful advice, or simply be present when needed.

Mike was ordained an Elder in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints prior to first marriage and carried the values of faith, service, and integrity throughout his life.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Cyndra Ann Kunz; his children, Travis Kunz, Kimberly Knutter, Alyssa Kunz, and Ashley Kunz; His grandchildren, Skyler Beckmann, Michael Knutter, Kevrin Knutter, Brayden Knutter, Rhain Wells, and Marley Wells; his brother, Clair Kunz; and his sisters, Tina Price, Robin Melton, and Patti Jessen. He leaves behind many extended family members, lifelong friends, and colleagues who will remember his generosity, craftsmanship, sense of humor, and unwavering love for those around him.

Mike's legacy lives on in the family he cherished, the countless machines he brought back to life, and the many lives he touched through his kindness, hard work, and love. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

In Loving Memory



Michael Clair Kunz
February 28, 1955 ~ July 23, 2026

God's Garden

God looked around his garden and found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful. He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering. He knew you were in pain.

He knew that you would never get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb,

So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone,

For part of us went with you the day God called you home.

Funeral Services

Wednesday ~ July 29, 2026 ~ 2:00 pm

Wilks Colonial Chapel

2005 S 4th Avenue ~ Pocatello, ID

Officiating ~ Funeral Director Amy Swift

Family Prayer ~ Robin Melton

Invocation ~ Velma Jones

In the Garden

Musical Selection by Alan Jackson

Obituary ~ Patti Jensen, sister

Daddy's Hands

Musical Selection by Holly Dunn

Life Story ~ Ed Price

Sharing of Memories ~ Open Invitation

Final Tribute ~ Cyndy Johnson-Kunz

Could I Have This Dance?

Musical Selection by Anne Murray

Benediction ~ Michael Jones

Concluding Services

Mountain View Cemetery

1520 S 5th Avenue ~ Pocatello, ID

55 West ~ Row 4 ~ Space 12

Graveside Prayer ~ Scott Jessen

Casket Bearers

Michael Knutter ~ Kevrin Knutter ~ Brayden Knutter
Rhain Wells ~ Marley Wells

Honorary Casket Bearer

Skyler Beckmann