



## Alice Emma Kunick

March 25, 1933 - December 31, 2022

Alice Emma Kunick passed away at her home in Beach, ND, at the age of 89, on December 31, 2022, where she spent her last Christmas with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, January 9, 2023, at the First Lutheran Church in Beach with Hospice Chaplain David Jenkins officiating. Interment will take place at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Sentinel Butte, ND. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Alice was born March 25, 1933, to Harry W. and Olga M. (Sundby) Landgren in Jamestown, ND, the oldest of three children, with two younger brothers, Ed and Howard. Alice always said her greatest desire was to be a wife and mother and with their parents being owners/operators of a bakery, she had a big hand in raising her two brothers. In fact, her youngest brother would occasionally tease her by calling her "mom" in public. The Landgren family moved several times before settling in Williston, ND, where Alice graduated from high school in 1951.

In November of 1953, Alice married Ray Vandeberg in Williston and to this union, five wonderful children were born. Sadly, Alice and the children lost Ray to a work-related accident in 1963. In 1968, Alice married Bernard "Bud" Kunick and they then lived on the Kunick Ranch north of Sentinel Butte. Alice and Bud were blessed to add two more wonderful children to complete their family. In 2002, Bud and Alice sold the ranch and moved into Beach where they lived together until Bud's passing in 2009, after battling kidney cancer for

three years.

Alice's life continued to be filled with her faith, many activities, travels, and personal hobbies. Alice was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and a member of First Lutheran Church in Beach. Her hobbies were vast including crocheting doilies and afghans for her children, shopping, a variety of crafts, and painting. Alice loved taking yearly trips with her girls to places such as Jamaica, Dominican Republic, and Mexico. One of her last trips with family was to Black Hills, SD where she spent three days riding on the back of a motorcycle. Alice was worried that she would have to keep an eye on her children during these trips, however, they found themselves having to keep an eye on her.

Alice treasured her yearly reunions with the Sunby Cousins who adopted the name "Auntie Cousins" for their group. Alice also spent many winters in California with her daughter where she was able to enjoy her grandchildren and all of her great-grandchildren as they grew up, calling her Grandma-Great or Gigi. During her time in California, Alice met and shared a special relationship with Tony and Xochitl Ayon; their three sons, Alex, Caden and Lincoln and Xochitl's mother, Twala Carmona, to which they considered Alice to be their Mom and Gigi. Alice's years in life were spent with many hobbies, numerous adventures, new experiences and most of all love for everyone she knew.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Olga Landgren; two husbands, Ray Vandeberg and Bernard "Bud" Kunick; son, Steven Kunick; two daughters, Becky Swanson and Janie Kunick; in-laws, Sue Landgren, Al and Sis Rojic and Warren and Darlene Myers.

Alice is survived in death by her daughters, Jackie (Craig) Ross, Maxine Peterson, Debra Hoelscher, Tammy (Russ) Woodland and 7th adopted daughter, Lori Brown; grandchildren, Ashliegh and Jessica Swanson, Brandon Hoelscher, Julie (Craig) Martin and son, Gavin, Janelle (Mark) Herrera and their children, Rielly, Cain and Alice; the Ayon Family and her puppies, Mindy Jo and Abbie Rae.

Alice's biggest wish is that her children keep in touch.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com). Livestreaming of the service will be available at the First Lutheran Facebook page: First Lutheran Church-Beach Lutheran Parish.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery

Old Hwy 10  
Sentinel Butte, ND 58654

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (MT)

First Lutheran Church  
225 2nd Ave SE  
Beach, ND 58621

## Interment

JAN 9. 12:30 PM (MT)

St. Michael's Cemetery  
Sentinel Butte, ND 58654

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ I'm so sorry for you girls. It's a hard thing to lose your precious mom. I guess just the comfort in knowing she is with your dad and in a better place may help you get through. Love Renae and Paul Waller

Renae Waller - January 09, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Alice Emma Kunick.



January 09, 2023 at 11:58 AM

GK

“ Gennifer Krank lit a candle in memory of Alice Kunick



Gennifer Krank - January 09, 2023 at 10:37 AM

JK

“ Justin Kiffin Kohanes lit a candle in memory of Alice Kunick



Justin & Kiffin Kohanes - January 08, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alice Emma Kunick.*



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January 08, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Alice Emma Kunick.*



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January 07, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Alice Emma Kunick.*



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January 06, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about your mother. Sounds like she lived a full life despite her sorrows. She has now gone on to a place where there are no sorrows. Say "hi" to my parents.*

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**Missy Elmore** - January 05, 2023 at 07:56 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Alice Emma Kunick.*



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January 05, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ *Our prayers go out to Alice and her family. It was so nice to be related to Alice through the Lee family. Her Lee family was a big part of her life. She was a grand lady and will surely be missed. Hopefully they will provide you with donuts in heaven!!*

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**Jo Heckaman** - January 05, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alice Emma Kunick.*



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January 05, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ *Alice will be missed by so many! Even though I had not seen Alice for many years, I remember how much fun she was. I especially enjoyed seeing pictures of the auntie cousins trips. Welcome to your eternal home Alice! And greet our family that were there to meet you.*

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**Cindy Iverson** - January 05, 2023 at 09:13 AM

CS

“ Thoughts and prayers to her family.  
Ed and Connie sundby.

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**connie sundby** - January 03, 2023 at 08:52 PM

JR

“ Alice was a lively soul and lived her life to the fullest. I enjoyed being with her whether it was just visiting or taking a road trip to a craft show. I really enjoyed when she and the girls took their trips to a warm southern paradise and shared their fun times. God bless you, Alice!

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**John and Angie Ross** - January 02, 2023 at 08:07 PM