



Bernard "Bud" Kunick

January 1, 1930 - July 3, 2009

Bernard "Bud" Kunick, age 79, passed away on Saturday, June 27, 2009, at his home in Beach, North Dakota, surrounded by his family. Visitation will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Thursday, July 2, 2009, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach. Funeral Services will held at 10:00 A.M., Friday, July 3, 2009, at the United Community Church in Beach with Pastor Dave McGullion officiating. Interment will follow in the Sentinel Butte Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is entrusted with arrangements. Bud was born on January 1, 1930, in Sentinel Butte, North Dakota, the son of Emil and Janie (Rathbun) Kunick. He attended Plainview Country School through the seventh grade and then quit school to work on the family farm and ranch with his father. Bud spent one year at the Assumption Abbey in Richardton, North Dakota, until contracting rheumatic fever. He never returned to formal schooling, but he spent the rest of his life learning the life-taught lessons. Bud spent one year in Grant's Pass, Oregon, where he owned and operated a well drilling business returning to the ranch in the spring to do farming. On May 27, 1968, Bud married Alice Vandeberg and her five daughters at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Williston, North Dakota, by Father Raymond Aydt. To this union two more children were added, a daughter, Janie, and a son, Steven. They made their home on the family ranch and after the death of Bud's father, Emil, Bud took over the operation until 2003 when he sold the ranch and moved into Beach. He spent his retirement attending livestock shows and auctions and helping friends and

neighbors. Bud was a member of the Evangelical Church in Beach. Bud was preceded in death by one son, Steven in 1995; his parents; his step-mother, Iris Kunick; an infant brother, Emil Duane; his sister, Darlene Myers; and his two dogs, Peanut and his constant companion for the last twelve years, Cocoa. Cocoa went to Heaven one week earlier to pave the way for Bud. Survivors and those grateful for having shared his life are his wife of 41 years, Alice Kunick; his six daughters: Janie Kunick of Fargo, North Dakota; Tammy (Russ) Woodland of Walcott, North Dakota; Becky (Richard) Swanson of Hettinger, North Dakota; Debra Hoelscher and Maxine (Jerry) Peterson, both of Beach, North Dakota; and Jackie (Craig) Ross of Bakersfield, California; his five grandchildren: Jessica and Ashliegh Swanson of Hettinger, North Dakota; Brandon Hoelscher stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky; Julie (Craig) Martin and Janelle (Aaron) McWilliams, both of Bakersfield, California; two great-grandsons: Gavin Martin and Reilly McWilliams, both of Bakersfield, California; one sister, Eugenia (Albert) Rojic of Wibaux, Montana; several nieces, one nephew, and one very special friend whom he proudly referred to as daughter #7, Lori Beth Watembach of Beach, North Dakota. According to Bud's wishes, memorials may be made to the Golden Valley Manor, the Badlands Bible Camp, or the Golden Valley County Ambulance.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard "Bud" Kunick*

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