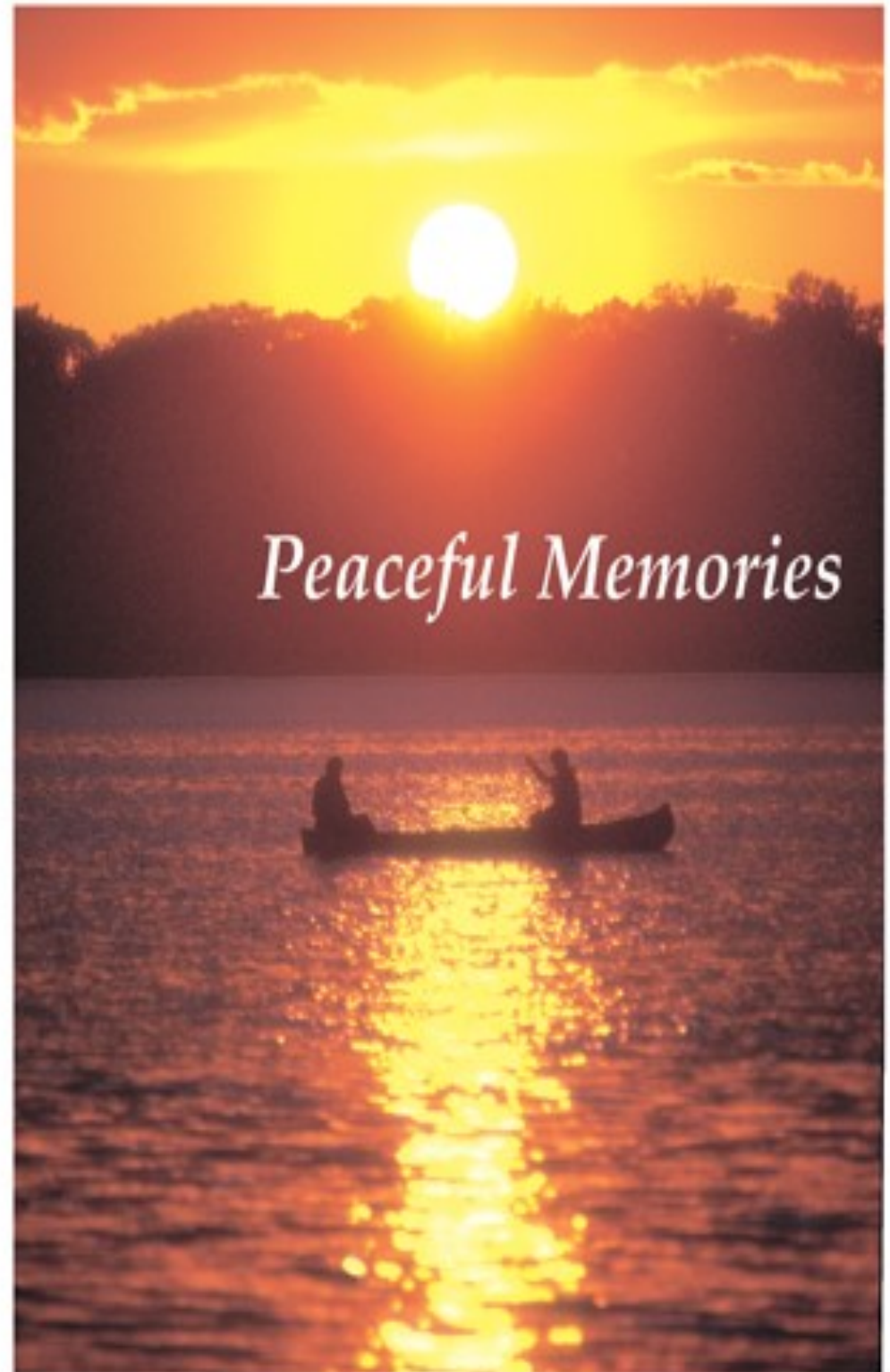




God Saw You

God saw you were getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you
And whispered, "Come with me."
With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away,
Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.



Peaceful Memories



Raymond (Steve) Kautzman, 86, long-time resident of New Salem, ND, passed away peacefully on January 30, 2019 after a short battle with cancer at his home in Mandan, ND.

Steve was born on October 27, 1932 to Emil and Margaret (Miller) Kautzman. He was raised on the family farm and was educated in Judson, ND. He joined the United States Army in 1953. He was enroute to the Korean War when the armistice was signed in July of 1953. He was fond of telling people that the communists gave up because they heard he was coming. Upon his return, he married Ida Kopp on December 30, 1957 in St. Gertrude, ND. They made their home in Mandan before moving to New Salem in 1968.

Steve drove a gas transport for the better part of four decades. When asked why he chose truck driving for a living, his response was "If you are in a truck all day, you don't have to listen to anyone". He was an avid sports fan and quite the baseball player in his own right. He spoke glowingly of the time he hit a homerun in Jamestown. After the game, on the ride back to Judson, he was sure the ball was still going up; it was hit that well. Steve held a special spot in his heart for two places, his couch and the New Salem golf course. He spent many summers trying to master the game of golf (and keep the cart running). He constantly tinkered with his grip and stance in relentless pursuit of the perfect round. He did things his way and made no apologies for it. He was an honest man, full of faith and he will be deeply missed by those that knew him well.

Steve is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Ida; his children, Brad (Darlene), Bismarck, Cheryl (Nick) Kraft, Mandan, Gerald (Mary), Mandan, and Keith (Jodi), Mandan; brothers, Ed (Geri) Bismarck, Jim (Pat), New Salem, Ben, Lisbon ND; sisters, Minnie, Colorado, Eleanor, California and Peggy, Colorado; sister-in-law, Virginia Kautzman, Mandan; his grandchildren, Cody and Cayle Kautzman, Tandra (Doug Preskey), Terry and Tom (Amy) Kraft, Courtney, Zach and Emily Kautzman, and Kennedy and Quincy Kautzman; one great grandchild, Keegan Kautzman; his sisters-in-law, Rosie Hersch, Ann Collingwood and Joni Christopherson; and his brothers-in-law, Bruce Scharmer and Jim Gerhardt.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jack, David and Kenneth; his sister, Clara Ferderer; and one grandson, Casey Kautzman. His in-laws, Mark and Billie Klein, Vi Scharmer, Linda Klein, Joe Hersch, Norm Collingwood, Chris and Leona Gerhardt, Vicki Gerhardt, David and Alice Utter, Renee Powers, Les Kopp, Otto Kopp, Albin Kopp and Don Christopherson.

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In Loving Memory Of

Raymond (Steve) Kautzman

OCTOBER 27, 1932 — JANUARY 30, 2019

Parish Rosary/Vigil Sunday, February 3, 2019; 4:00 p.m.
Presider Weigel Funeral Home
Funeral Liturgy Reverend Jerry Kautzman
Monday, February 4, 2019; 10:30 a.m.
Celebrant Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Concelebrant Reverend Jarad Wolf
Musicians Reverend Jerry Kautzman
Prelude "Come To the Water"
Opening Song "Here I Am, Lord"

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9
Lector Kennedy Kautzman
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23
" Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life."
New Testament Reading Romans 6:3-4, 8-9
Lector Tandra Kraft
Gospel Reading John 14:1-6
Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song "Whatsoever You Do"
Presentation of Gifts Emily Kautzman ~ Courtney Kautzman
Consecration of Eucharist
Communion Song "Taste and See"
Communion Meditation "In the Breaking of the Bread"
Final Commendation "Old Hundredth"
Closing Song "Be Not Afraid"

Interment North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
Mandan, North Dakota

Casket Bearers

Cody Kautzman ~ Zachary Kautzman ~ Terry Kraft
Doug Preskey ~ Quincy Kautzman ~ Greg Kautzman

Honorary Casket Bearers

Thomas Kraft ~ Cayle Kautzman

Following the burial the family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the Mandan Eagles Club. 1400 Collins Ave, Mandan