

# Bill Kuntz

December 16, 1959 - September 25, 2004

## SERVICES

*Rosary and Vigil:*

**Wednesday, September 29, 2004 7:00 p.m.**

**St. Bernard's Catholic Church**

**Belfield, North Dakota**

**Funeral Mass:**

**Thursday, September 30, 2004 11:00 a.m.**

**St. Bernard's Catholic Church**

**Belfield, North Dakota**

**CELEBRANT:** *Father Shannon Lucht*

**CONCELEBRANT:** *Father David Morman*

**Readers:** *Mike Hardy & Mark Zarak*

**Gift Bearers:** *Christopher & Jennifer Kuntz  
and Bill's brothers & sisters*

**Special Music:** *Led by Bill's friends*

**Organist:** *Frances Adams*

## PALLBEARERS

<i>Ted Kuntz</i>	<i>Dan Kuntz</i>
<i>Mike Hardy</i>	<i>Don Hardy</i>
<i>Rudy Radke</i>	<i>Joe Magnuson</i>
<i>Rob Bruns</i>	<i>Fraser Harrison</i>

## INTERMENT

**St. Bernard's Catholic Cemetery**  
**Belfield, North Dakota**

## ARRANGEMENTS BY

**Stevenson-Mischel-Olson Chapel**  
**Dickinson, North Dakota**

*A lunch will be served at the St. Bernard's School  
following the Graveside Service.  
Everyone is welcome.*

**To Every Thing There Is A Season,**  
*and a time to every purpose under the heaven:*

*A time to be born, and a time to die;  
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted:*

*A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
A time to break down, and a time to build up:*

*A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
A time to mourn, and time to dance;*

*A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing:*

*A time to get, and a time to lose;  
A time to keep, and a time to cast away;*

*A time to rend, and a time to sew;  
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;*

*A time to love, and a time to hate;  
A time of war; and a time of peace.*

*Eccl. 3:1-8*

## I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call.  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me.*

**God wanted me now,  
He set me free.**



William Joseph Kuntz of Loveland, CO, formerly of Belfield, passed away Saturday September 25, 2004 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Dickinson. William was born on December 16, 1959 in Dickinson, ND to Stanley and Tillie Fisher Kuntz. He grew up and attended school at St. Bernard's Grade School and later graduated from Belfield High School in 1978. He attended NDSU where he received his Agriculture Economics Degree in 1983. Bill began work in Edgely, ND in a seed cleaning plant. In the mid 1980's he began working in sales for Busch Ag Resources in Moorhead, MN. On May 23, 1987 Bill was married to Sheila Hardy in the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach. He later began working in sales for Keltgen Seed Company. He then worked at a ND Crop Improvement Association where he served as executive secretary. William began work for the North Dakota State Seed Department where he was the State Seed Certification Specialist. At the time of Bill's death he was working for AgriPro Wheat in Berthoud, CO as the National Marketing Manager. The seed industry will miss Bill. His contribution over a 21-year period of tireless dedication to the seed industry and helping farmers was immense. He held a number of important positions including Administrator of the North Dakota Crop Improvement Association, Director of Field Seed Services for the North Dakota State Seed Department and National Marketing Manager for AgriPro Wheat. He was a long-standing board member of the Association of Official Seed Certification Agencies including service on the executive committee. He was a board member of the North Dakota State University Research Foundation. Bill received numerous awards including the Outstanding Service Award from the NDSU Research Foundation and a Distinguished Service Award from the North Dakota Crop Improvement Association. Bill has been an integral part of AgriPro's strong growth since he joined the team. Throughout his career, Bill served as a mentor to seedsmen and seed related organizations nationwide. His leadership helped elevate the North Dakota industry into its current prominent position and his guidance helped direct the enhancement of seed industries in many other states. The entire US seed industry mourns the loss of such an outstanding individual. He loved to spend time with his family and children, being outdoors, golfing or working on his home improvements, especially his home and yard. Bill loved being able to return to the family farm and help his father with the harvest or putting in the crop. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus of North Dakota and Colorado and volunteered time to the Loveland High School Marching Band. Survivors include: his wife, Shelly; a son, Christopher and a daughter, Jennifer all of Loveland, CO; his parents, Stanley and Tillie Kuntz, Belfield; his father & mother-in-law, Charlie & Vicky Hardy, Beach, ND; seven brothers, Dan (Mary) Kuntz, Bismarck, Ray Kuntz, Helena, MT, Pat Kuntz, Las Vegas, NV, Larry (Jamie) Kuntz, Helena, Ted Kuntz, Reno, NV, Roy Kuntz, Kirkland, WA and Wally (Pam) Kuntz, Merville, IA; three sisters, Joan (Tom) Cave, Great Falls, MT, Joyce (Bill) Stewart, Issaquah, WA and Janel (Kevin) Keating Bonney Lake, WA; his brother and sister-in-laws: Don (Jean) Hardy, Beach, Kathy (Jerry) Bodensteiner, Wahpeton, ND, John (Gayle) Hardy, Battle Mountain, WA and Mike (Barb) Hardy, Fargo; and numerous nieces and nephews.



## Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields and,  
Until we meet again,  
May God hold you  
In the palm of His hand.

*In Loving Memory of  
William Kuntz*

*December 16, 1959 - September 25, 2004*

