

God saw you were getting tired. When a cure was not to be. He closed his arms around you and whispered, "Come To Me." In tears we saw you sinking, we watched you fade away. Our hearts were almost broken, you fought so hard to stay. But when we saw you sleeping so peacefully, free from pain, we should not wish you back to suffer that again. So treasure his, Lord, in your garden of rest. For here on earth, He Was The Best.

Happy Heavenly Birthday Dad!



CELEBRATING A LIFE

BORN TO ALFRED AND MILDRED KULLAND

May 8, 1938 ~ Mountrail County, North Dakota

CALLED HOME TO HIS HEAVENLY FATHER

May 1, 2021 ~ Stanley, North Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 PM Saturday, May 8, 2021

American Lutheran Church

Stanley, North Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor David Behm

MUSIC

"Onward Christian Soldiers" ~ "Battle Hymn of the Republic" ~
"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Pianist

Mary Spichal

PALLBEARERS

Nathan Strande

Erik Strande

Shaun Strande

Shannon Kulland

Ron Woessner

Palmer Reisling

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Tom Kellel

Walter Darr

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Johns Cemetery

Palermo, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Springan Stevenson Funeral Home

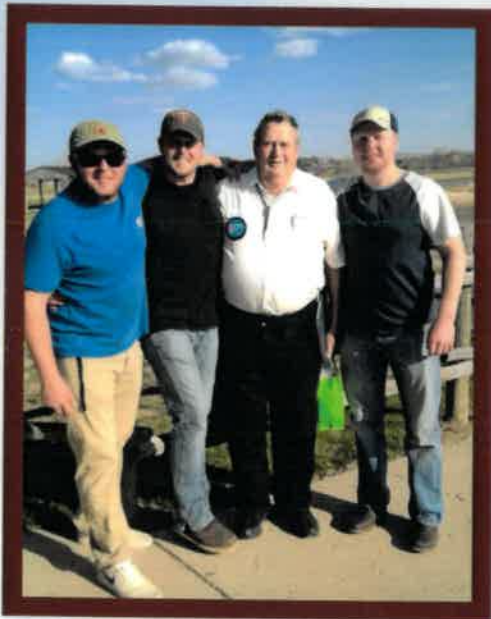
Stanley, North Dakota



A Life Well Lived!

Keith A. Kulland

May 8, 1938 - May 1, 2021



A special thank you to Shannon, Summer and Stacey, and to all who came from near and far. Our family would like to thank all those who took care of, helped, talked and made sandwiches and coffee for Keith at the Mountrail Bethel Nursing Home. You know who you are and we appreciate you so much!

Keith was born May 8, 1938 at a home near the Palda coal mine, in Mountrail County to Alfred and Mildred (Holstenson) Kulland. Alma Eklund helped deliver him. As a boy Keith helped on the family farm east of Belden, ND, and was confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church of rural Belden. He attended high school in Parshall, ND, then went on to enlist in the United States Air Force, where he was stationed in Japan and the Philippines. Upon his return he worked at North Dakota missile sites in Langdon and Larimore among other places, married Ellen (Kellel) Kulland, and had two children, Janice and Jason.

Keith was a long time resident of Williston ND, and as a young man worked in the oil patch for Calvert, then Bomac drilling companies. One day in his late 30's he came home and announced, "I bought a crane!" Keith then went on to own Kulland Excavating and Gravel Inc. for 25 years, and later started a business of taking down old granaries and grain elevators in Northwest North Dakota and Eastern Montana. For all who knew Keith he was an eccentric, with many dreams and ideas, and many of which came true. He was an inventor, master mechanic, collector, explorer, and best of all story teller. We used to say, he never bought anything that couldn't be fixed, and he had a love of tinkering and fixing old vehicles and machinery. He was also instrumental in the construction of the American Legion Park located southwest of Williston in the 1990's.

Keith wore many hats. He was a member of Toastmasters, Williston Moose Lodge #239, and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #487 in New Town, and was a lifetime member of Williston American Legion Post #37 (Where was Post Commander from 1983-85, and Legionnaire of the Year in 2008), Williston VFW Post #12169, and Williston Forty and Eight Voiture Locale #360. Keith was also well known for his faithful portrayal of Gen. George S. Patton. He and his North Dakota Military Police Association won several awards in the North Dakota State Fair Parade. The highlight of his Patton portrayal was when he recited his famous speech on the Medora Burning Hills Amphitheater stage in 2002. He was known to many as, "The General". Keith was an avid military history historian, and a true patriot, but most of all he loved life and cherished his family and friends.

Keith is survived by his children, Janice Strande (Dave) of Grand Forks, ND, and Jason Kulland of Langdon, ND, grandchildren, Nathan Strande (Meagan), of Council Bluffs, IA, Erik Strande (Kelsey) of Vernal, UT, and Shaun Strande (Jennifer) of Grand Forks, ND, great grandchildren, Keaton, MaKenzie, Judd, and Lucy, and one sister, Anita, of Mulvane, KS. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Clark, Dean, and Darwin.