



**Robert  
"Bob" Kilzer**

Robert "Bob" Kilzer, age 88, of Bentley, ND, passed away on Sunday, April 6, 2025.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Mott, ND. Visitation was held Friday, April 11, 2025, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Evanson Jensen Funeral Home, with

Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at St. Vincent's Catholic Church.

Robert was born on the family farmstead out on the prairie south of Bentley, ND on the blustery winter day of January 16, 1937 to Alois and Jean Ferguson Kilzer. He was the middle child of three children. The youngster attended country schools in his early years before heading to the "big" school in Bentley. His parents choose Catholic education for the children's final schooling, sending them all to boarding school at St Mary's in New England, ND. The teenagers traveled home by train for school breaks. Robert later attended college for a year at St John's University in MN before choosing to return to ND to continue farming with his parents.

Through mutual friends he met Katherine Hoerner while she was working in Elgin as a nurse. The love-struck man had to court her from afar as she moved to Minneapolis to experience city life. Fortunately, he quickly came around to her way of thinking, proposed, and a short 6 months later they were wed. The wedding was held on June 18, 1966, in Dickinson. They lived in the town of Bentley while farming nearby. The couple purchased and moved to the Beisigl Ranch 14 miles south of Bentley in 1973. While The Ranch was the beloved home, bi-yearly moves were made between The Ranch and the Bentley Farm for 30 years.

While farming was in his blood, his love and passion was in raising cattle. He was in his true

element buying and selling livestock at the sale barn. Checking the herd was his favorite pastime, bumping over pasture terrain in the pickup and later the Ranger. The children and grandchildren loved joining him in this grand adventure.

Robert loved the land and was a conservationist at heart. He oversaw the planting of thousands of trees (hundreds by his hand spading), the construction of several dams, and the conversion of poor cropland back to grassland through CRP.

Committed to his community, Robert served on the Beisigl Township, Beisigl School, Adams County FSA, and Bentley Elevator Boards. Though, his proudest service was through the local Knights of Columbus as a Fourth

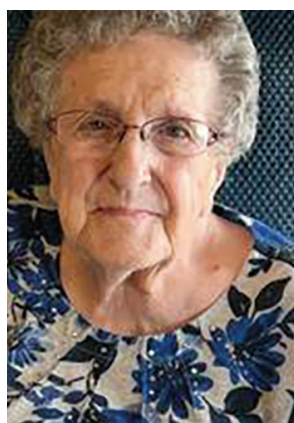
Degree Knight.

Who would have foreseen Robert as a camper, traveler, and an exotic animal collector? The ranch hosted peacocks, llamas, guineas and other fancy chickens, and so many more. After one night of van camping, Katherine convinced him of the merits of a 5th wheel camper to join family throughout the summer. The brave rancher turned into an extensive traveler seeing Alaska, Hawaii, all 4 corners of the US, Italy, and the Holy Land.

He is survived by his wife Katherine, brother Ralph (Marcia) Kilzer, children Carolyn (Brian) Benz, Donald (Joleen) Kilzer, Diane (Kevin) Marcotte, Wanda (James) Stipek, daughter-in-law Melissa Kilzer, son-in-law Steven Nott, Adam (Jennifer Eckman) Kilzer, Gwendolyn

(Gilbert) Bisek. Grandchildren: Danelle (Marccus) Marsh, Shawn and Caitlyn Benz; Kaylene Kilzer; Justin (Jennifer) Kilzer; Nathan, Aleasha, and Kyle Marcotte; Caden and Rachel Stipek; Eryn, Liam, and Clay Kilzer; Mitchell and Brooke Nott; Jeffrey and Elizabeth Kilzer; Katherine and Genevieve Bisek; great-grandchildren Aiden Volk, Blakely and Wyatt Kilzer, with baby sister on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alois and Jean (Ferguson) Kilzer, daughter Beverly Nott and son Jeffrey Kilzer, his parents-in-law Valentine and Dorotheia Hoerner, sister Dorothy (Alvin) Schmitz, and several in-laws.



**Viola  
Schock**

Viola Elizabeth (Diehl) Schock of Bismarck, ND, went

home to be with her Savior, Jesus Christ, on February 17, 2025, at the age of 95. Viola was born on April 17, 1929, to Calvin and Caroline (Hirning) Diehl. She was raised on the family farm west of Carson and attended Carson schools.

She married Roland Schock on November 9, 1947 at Emmaus Congregational Church in Carson. Together they farmed north of Elgin. Through hard work and a strong faith in God, they successfully expanded and built up the family farm while rais-

ing four children: Ken, Dale, Dennis, and Linda. Viola worked tirelessly beside her husband on the farm but also her scrumptious cooking and baking were always plentiful and welcomed by her family after a hard day of work.

Viola and Roland had a strong faith in God, together coming to faith in Jesus Christ at Evangelistic meetings at their church. Living out her faith, Viola sang duets with her husband, Roland, she also sang in the church choir and in community choirs. Viola

taught Sunday School, was active in Ladies Aid; she was a teacher and helper for VBS and unselfishly gave of her time and talents serving God in the life and ministries of her church. Viola actively served in the Women's Auxiliary of the Germans from Russia. In 1978, they moved to Elgin where she worked at the Elgin Hospital in Physical Therapy and the Nursing Home, retiring in 1998. She moved to Mandan in 2009 and lived there until moving to the Baptist Care

Facility in Bismarck until the time of her death.

Viola is survived by her children, Ken (Theresa) Schock of Valley City, ND, Dale (Rynell) Schock of Staples, MN, Dennis (Rose) Schock of Moorhead, MN, and Linda (Tom) Gietzen of Mandan, ND. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 51 great grandchildren, and two great great twin granddaughters. Also surviving are two sisters-in-law, Margie Diehl and Marcella Schock, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins

and friends who have shared her life.

Viola is preceded in death by her husband, Roland; her parents, Calvin and Caroline Diehl; Roland's parents, Karl and Barbara Schock; two brothers, Ervin and Melvin Diehl; two sisters, Wilma (Diehl) Robidou; an infant baby; 12 brothers-in-law; and 12 sisters-in-law.

For a life well lived, we, her family, give praise to God.

**Public Notice**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF SIOUX  
SOUTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-  
TATE OF MICHAEL D. FRIED,  
ALSO KNOWN AS MIKE  
FRIED, DECEASED

**NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-  
EN that the undersigned has  
been appointed Personal Rep-  
resentative of the above Es-  
tate. All persons having claims  
against the said deceased are  
required to present their claims  
within three (3) months after  
the date of the first publication  
of this notice or said claims will  
be forever barred. Claims must  
either be presented to Michelle  
Fried, Personal Representative  
of the Estate, and her attorney,  
Mary Maichel Guler, at PO Box  
2196, Bismarck, ND 58502-  
2196, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 31st day of  
March, 2025.  
/s/Michelle Fried  
Michelle Fried,  
Personal Representative  
Published April 3-17, 2024

*Easter Schedule*

**17  
APRIL**

**HORIZON PARISH ALC/UCC** Confirmation Seder Supper, 5:45 pm; Foot washing and Holy Community Service 7 pm CT  
**ZION LUTHERAN, ELGIN** Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm  
**ST. LAWRENCE, FLASHER** Holy Thursday Mass, 7 pm (for all parishes)  
**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN, NEW LEIPZIG** Maundy Thursday Communion Worship, 7 pm

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APRIL**

**HORIZON PARISH BETHESDA** 4 pm MT; **ST JOHN'S** 6:30 pm MT  
**ZION LUTHERAN, ELGIN** Good Friday Service, 7 pm  
**ST. LAWRENCE, FLASHER** Good Friday Mass, Noon  
**ST. GERTRUDE, RALEIGH** Good Friday Mass, 3 pm CT  
**ST. THERESA, CARSON** Good Friday Mass, 4 pm MT  
**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN, NEW LEIPZIG** Good Friday Worship, 7 pm

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APRIL**

**ST. THERESA, CARSON** Easter Vigil, 7:30 pm MT

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APRIL**

**HORIZON PARISH ALC/UCC** 9 am CT; **ST JOHN'S** 9:30 am MT; **BETHESDA** 11 am MT  
**ZION LUTHERAN, ELGIN** Sunrise Service, 7:30 am; Easter Worship, 9:30 am  
**ST. GERTRUDE, RALEIGH** Easter Sunday Mass, 8:30 am CT  
**ST. LAWRENCE, FLASHER** Easter Sunday Mass, 10 am CT  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC, NEW LEIPZIG** Easter Sunday Mass, 10:30 am MT  
**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN, NEW LEIPZIG** Sunrise Worship, 7 am; Easter Communion Worship 9 am  
**NEW LEIPZIG BAPTIST** Easter Service, 10:30 am  
**EBENEZER UCC** Easter Service 8 am

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

He is Risen!



"...JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, WE TOO MIGHT WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE."  
(ROMANS 6:4)

*Wishing our friends and neighbors a blessed Easter season*



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