

To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go,
I have many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave to you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must;
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a time that we must part,
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart you will hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone....
I'll greet you with a smile and say
"WELCOME HOME"



Gettysburg, South Dakota
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In Loving Memory Of

John F. Bohnenkamp

September 20, 1922
Alexandria, South Dakota

November 25, 2011
Gettysburg, South Dakota

SCRIPTURAL WAKE SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Sunday, November 27, 2011
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: 1:00 p.m., Monday, November 28, 2011
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. Jerry Kopel

LECTOR: John Briscoe

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Rita Briscoe

ALTAR SERVERS: Colten and Alyson Hageman

OFFERTORY GIFTS: Jake, Jenna and Jayda Bohnenkamp

CASKETBEARERS:

John and Kelly Bohnenkamp,
Nathanael and Julie Williams,
Brock and Elizabeth (Williams) Schiferl,
Josh and Brooke (Bohnenkamp) Larson,
Anna Bohnenkamp Vanderbloemen,
Mitchell Bohnenkamp and Zachary Bohnenkamp

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

Nikolas Bohnenkamp and Joy Bohnenkamp

USHERS: Alfred Nagel and Bill Wuttke

MUSICIANS: Judy Robbennolt and the Sacred Heart Choir

HYMNS: "Amazing Grace" "Gift of Finest Wheat"
"How Great Thou Art"
"Song of Farewell" "Glory and Praise to Our God"

INTERMENT:

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

John Frederick Bohnenkamp, 89, respected businessman, beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, died from the effects of lung cancer at his apartment in Gettysburg, SD, Friday, November 25, 2011.

Known as "Johnny" to the family and "Grandpa Bo" to his grandchildren, Johnny was born to John H. and Elizabeth (Kramer) Bohnenkamp at home on the family farm near Alexandria, SD, on September 20, 1922. His beloved Aunt Ann Bohnenkamp joined the family in helping to raise him after his mother's death in 1924.

He joined his father on the farm when the local draft board refused his enlistment into the Army during WW II. Johnny's two older brothers were already serving in the Army and the board decided that the elderly father needed help farming and caring for a handicapped son.

John married Willa Margaret Wood in a Catholic ceremony at Mitchell, SD on the very cold morning of December 30, 1946. They lived all 50 years of their marriage in SD, beginning in Alexandria, with moves to Draper in 1950, Aberdeen in 1958, and Gettysburg in 1963.

John left farming in 1950. He then worked for the Farmers Union Central Exchange and managed Farmers Union Co-ops until 1973 when he and his son Mike bought the Ace Hardware Store in Gettysburg, SD.

John didn't believe in retirement and enjoyed spending his days greeting customers at Ace Hardware. He was never a hobby person, but he was known as a master popcorn popper. He and Willa loved camping at East Whitlock and they never passed up a good game of Bridge or Pinochle.

Surviving John are his children - Peggy (Bruce) Williams and Mike (Mary) Bohnenkamp both of Gettysburg, Scott (Kristie) Bohnenkamp of Keller, TX, Jeff (Susie) Bohnenkamp of Oro Valley, AZ; his grandchildren - John (Kelly) Bohnenkamp & children Jake, Jenna, & Jayda of Rapid City, SD, Nathanael (Julie) Williams of Gettysburg, Brooke (Josh) Larson of Pierre, SD, Elizabeth (Brock) Schiferl & children Elsa & Haydler of Aberdeen, SD, Nik (Ryan) Bohnenkamp of Acworth, GA, Anna (Mike) Vanderbloemen of Keller, TX, Joy Bohnenkamp of Dallas, TX, Zachary & Mitchell Bohnenkamp of Oro Valley, AZ; sisters - Mary Jo (Wayne) Bertrand of Scotland, SD, Barbara (Forrest) Conrad of Yankton, SD; step-siblings - Lucene Carsten of Lead, SD, Wayne (Kay) Kies, Pocatello, ID; in-laws - Florence Hesse and Leo King of Sioux Falls, Dottie Styles and Carol Wood of Mitchell, Herb & Dottie Wood of Wood River, NE, Fran Pell of Lincoln, CA, and Harlyn & Marie Wood of Horseshoe Bend, ID; beloved nieces and nephews; many devoted friends together with Vivian Luce, Neal Rausch, and Norma Harer.

He was predeceased by his parents, wife Willa in 1997, twin grand-children Christopher and Taylor Bohnenkamp; brothers - Don, Earl, Francis; sisters - Irene Jarding, Evelyn Rodriguez, Mildred Relyea; step-siblings - Lillian Synhorst, Donna Adkins, Francis Kies, Mary Arlene Kies, and stepmother, Hattie Hoeltzner.

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1922 ~ 2011