



## Bert Kunz

June 6, 1918 - April 21, 2016

Bert Kunz, 97, of Lincoln, formerly of Central City died April 21, 2016 at Bryan East Hospital in Lincoln, NE. Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 11:00 am at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Central City. Visitation will be Friday, April 22, 2016 at St. Michael's Catholic Church from 5-7 pm with a Vigil Service at 7 pm. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.soltwagnerfuneral.com](http://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com). Memorials are suggested to the Heartland Veteran's Memorial in Central City.

Bert was born on June 6, 1918, at the family home in Stuart, NE. He was the ninth child of ten born to Donatus and Emma (Pettinger) Kunz. Bert attended school at Saint Boniface School and Stuart High School. Bert began working as a young boy shining shoes at the barbershop, delivering the World Herald and as a farmhand. Before graduating from high school he signed up for the Civilian Conservation Corp. Bert returned to school and received his diploma in 1938. He then moved to California and worked on a fox ranch and worked construction. While in California he attended welding school in Los Angeles and then began working as a welder in an airplane plant.

Bert enlisted in the Navy after Pearl Harbor. He was stationed several places in the United States before being stationed at Shima Island. At the end of the war he returned to the US and was discharged in October of 1945. Bert returned to Stuart and ran the Wells Café and then bought Western Auto

Store. Bert was united in marriage to Edith Ann Jansen on June 12, 1946 in Atkinson, NE. They were blessed with four children; Richard, Michael, Terri and Gregg. In 1961 Bert and his family moved to Ord, NE and purchased the Ord Drive Inn. In 1977 Bert and Edith bought the Dairy Queen and made Central City their home until 2008 when they moved to Lincoln. In 2011 they moved to Grace Pointe-Tabitha in Lincoln.

Bert was a member of the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Central City, American Legion Post #6, Knights of Columbus, and The Elks Club. During his retirement, Bert enjoyed golfing and woodworking.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife; his children; Rick (Kazuko) Kunz of Central City, Mike (Linda) Kunz of Ord, Terri (Dick) Dworak of Lincoln, Gregg Kunz of Lincoln; brother in law; Charles (Carolyn) Jansen of Aurora; sisters in law; Irene (Larry) Cobb of Stuart, Maryann Jansen of Stuart; 8 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his siblings; Leo Kunz, Al Kunz, George Kunz, Calista Wichman, Marcella Bigalow, Florence Flanigan, Louise Preston and Bud Kunz; his sisters in law Evelyn (Lawrence) Skrdla, Mary Catherine (Ray) Estes; brother in law; Edward Jansen.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Michael's Catholic Church  
2004 24th St  
Central City, NE 68826

## Funeral Service

APR **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Michael's Catholic Church  
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Central City, NE 68826

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for the loss of Mr. Kunz. May the loving God of the Holy Bible give you comfort at this difficult time from Isaiah 25:8.

M.H. - May 09, 2016 at 05:31 PM

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“ Rick, Kazuko & family, I just wanted to let you know how sorry I was to hear about Bert's passing. I have fond memories of working for him at the Dairy Queen. That was the first job I had. He and Edie were wonderful to work for. I saw him a few years ago in the Dairy Queen and he looked just the same. I wish I could attend the funeral today but unfortunately we have another funeral to attend. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathies ,  
Angie Mustion

Angie Mustion - April 23, 2016 at 09:49 AM

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“ Many good memories of Bert and Edie from the Dairy Queen. Great, caring people to work for. They truly cared for their employees as their friends. Prayers for all the family.

Chris Harlow Korn - April 23, 2016 at 09:07 AM

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“ The Dworak Plumbing Families purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Bert Kunz.



The Dworak Plumbing Families - April 22, 2016 at 05:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Bert Kunz.



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April 22, 2016 at 02:18 PM