

Jonathan Emil Kuehn was born on Easter, April 6, 1947, to Wilton Henry, Sr. and Anna Ovida (Bessette) Kuehn in Parshall where he was raised and attended school. After graduating from Parshall High School in 1965, he attended Dickinson State University and Minot State University. He studied biology and chemistry and graduated from MSU in 1969 with a BS in Education.

Jon taught physics and astronomy at Minot High School for two years. He became so interested in physics he went to ND State College of Science and received an Associate Degree in electronics 1973.

Jon married Melody Ann Harden on June 13, 1970, in Dickinson, ND. He started Kuehn's Aerial Spraying, Inc. in 1972. He had flown with his father in his J-3 Cub growing up and had received his flying license while still in college. He worked one summer as a ground man and then struck out on his own. He sprayed in the Parshall area but as he built up his fleet he took on more and more government contract work in surrounding states. Jon was a successful business man and only recently retired. Over the course of his flying career he was the airport manager in Parshall. He helped Parshall Airport receive over a million dollars in grants for improvements.

Always while having an aerial application business, Jon took the winter months to do a variety of things such as teach, take anatomy courses at MSU, invent, learn how the stock market worked, make wine, do science experiments with his daughter, Nancy Ann, who was born in 1979, and other interesting things.

Jon was employed by Prairie Public Television for two years and signed the Minot station into operation with his First Class FCC license. He taught digital electronics for five years at Bismarck State College in the early 1980's. In 1986, Jon helped set up an aerial applicator's curriculum at the university in Warrensburg, Missouri.

In the early 1990's Jon bought land and became a farmer. He had not farmed before but had custom combined with his father as a young man. He planted lots of trees and had great fun in his new endeavor.

Jon loved to travel and had visited every continent except Antarctica. He and his wife cruised to Venezuela. He made three trips to Australia, the first by himself to scuba dive on the Great Barrier Reef and travel across the country. The second trip included Nancy and they both dove the reef and toured. By the third time, Melody had retired and they spent the winter. He dove again and toured the east coast, Cairns to Sydney. They also toured China.

Melody took Minot High students to Europe and Jon joined the tours three times, seeing Greece, Italy, France, Spain, England, Germany, Netherlands and Monaco. They spent their 30th anniversary on a gondola in Venice. On another trip they visited London with friends. He was fascinated with wildlife, geology and people.

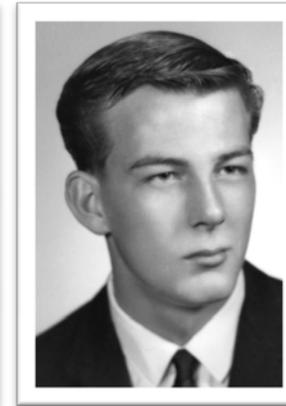
Jon also traveled coast-to-coast in the U.S. He loved the sun of Hawaii and the mountains of Alaska. No matter where, Jon could spend days in a museum. He loved every kind and learned from each. On a geology camping trip to Wyoming, he visited seven geology museums and two others.

Skiing was a sport that Jon and Nancy did together many times. Jon liked to golf, hunt and fish. He liked photography and queried Nancy many times about his camera. He enjoyed taking wildlife and bird pictures.

Jon was practical and broadminded. His interests were as varied as his talents. Jon was described by his classmates as: interesting and interested; knowledgeable, unconventional and determined; adventurous, funny and a jokester; wild and crazy and entertaining; friendly and a true friend. He had many friends and a family that loved him and knew that they were equally loved by him. Jon E. Kuehn, 64, Minot passed away Thursday, December 15, at his home of lung cancer.

Fly high!

Jon E. Kuehn



Memorial Service

Wednesday, December 21, 2011 – 11:00 a.m.
First Lutheran Church – Parshall, North Dakota
Officiant – Pastor Dan Dapelo

Music

Organist – Jan Boschee
Congregational Hymns

“Old Rugged Cross” and “Amazing Grace”
Soloist – JC Whitman “Jesus will be my Pilot”
Soloist – David Diffely “I’m Crying for Me”

Honorary Pallbearers

John Stewart
Dennis Steele
Tom Waldock

JC Whitman
Bob Blatherwick
Paul Kuehn

Paul Alexander
Larry Walsh
Wilton “Bill” Kuehn, III

Jon’s Loving Family

Wife – Melody of Minot

Daughter – Nancy of Minneapolis

Brother – Dr. Wilton “Bill” Kuehn (Judy) of Turtle Lake

Nephews – Paul Kuehn (Linnette) of Bismarck
Wilton “Bill” Kuehn, III (Laurie) of Turtle Lake

Great-nephews – Braiden and Michael
and many *cousins*

*Jon was preceded in death by his parents
and close friend, Kent Odermann.*

"I Still Love You"

*Whisper my name; for I can still hear you.
Reach out with your arms; and I will be near you.
Still tell me the things you need me to know.
And bring me the places you want me to go.
I see that you're hurt and know how it feels.
So I give you my strength and hope that it heals.
I'm no longer there I see how you've cried.
But always in spirit, I'm right by your side
I wish you could see the happiness you gave me.
Our own tiny world eternally saved me.*



Jon's family would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your many acts of kindness. Your compassion and friendship now and throughout the years is truly appreciated and will never be forgotten. Immediately following Jon's memorial service, all family and friends are cordially invited to remain at the church for a time of fellowship.

Arrangements with Langhans Funeral Home
Paul and Justina Langhans
Parshall, North Dakota

In Loving Memory



Jon E. Kuehn

April 6, 1947

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