



Charles L. Grote

December 13, 1946 - October 15, 2016

Charles Lewis Grote was born to Bernard Charles Grote and Florence (Stanard) Grote on December 13, 1946, at Shickley, Nebraska, and passed away on October 15, 2016, at his home in Shickley at the age of 69 years, 10 months and 2 days. He was one of three children born in the family.

When Charles was a young child, the family moved to Missouri. They lived in several places including Independence, Balwin City, and Platte City, before settling in Lathrop. Charles graduated from Lathrop High School with the class of 1964. He then enrolled in the University of Missouri graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Education in 1968. After college, Charles moved to Shawnee, Kansas and taught at Shawnee High School for 8 years. In 1976 Charles moved to Lawton, Oklahoma and taught at Lawton College until 1990. He taught Commercial Horticulture while in Lawton. While teaching at Lawton, Charles obtained his Masters of Science and his Doctorate of Education Degrees in Agriculture Education. In 1990, he moved back to Shawnee, Kansas and taught at Johnson County Community College until 2004. As well as his teaching career, he did landscape design for a pool and patio company as well as for private clients. In 2011, Charles fully retired and moved to Shickley, Nebraska.

While in Shickley, Charles immersed himself in the community. He was a member of the Shickley Library Board, Genealogy Society of America, FFA, and Geneva Library Secret Garden, lending his horticulture expertise to this group. Charles was preceded in death by his parents Bernard & Florence; brother James Fredrick (Fred) Grote.

He is survived by his sister Kay (Grote) King and her husband Sam of Lone, California; niece Michelle Kesselman and her husband John of Stockton, California; great nephews RJ and Tommy Kesselman; 30 first cousins and many friends.

Memorial services for Charles were held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva. Kim Dunker officiated the service.

Memorials are directed to the Quilts of Honor Headquarters 6516 Stabulis Rd. Valley Springs, CA 95252 or The Secret Garden - Geneva Public Library 1043 G Street, Geneva, NE 68361. Online condolences may be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

PI

“ My sincere condolences to your family. It is with great regret that I did not connect with Mr. Grote before his passing. He was an amazing educator in horticulture and floraculture. He provided me with a love of gardening and brightening the world with flower arrangements. Through his cooperative program I was able to fund further education. He truly had the patience of a saint, building the first ever greenhouse (1973-75) at Shawnee Mission Northwest, with the help of a bunch of high school students(hooligans)! He had a beautiful smile and made the most elegant chocolate yeast bread. He earned his way into heaven just in the two years that I knew him. He touched so many lives through his teaching. All that he did, he did with his heart and soul.

Penny Hester Ingram - November 02, 2019 at 10:45 AM

KA

“ he was my teacher in high school for my horticulture class and made the class fun and interesting . He helped me make bows and flowers for my wedding. he will be greatly missed. So sorry for your loss.
Kathie 10/25/2018

KATHIE - October 25, 2018 at 10:10 AM

SK

“ Grote was my instructor on a few occasions at Johnson County Community College. He was always so enthusiastic about plants. His knowledge and passion resounded with me. Throughout the years I've wondered where he was and what he was doing. I am terribly sad that I didn't get to say good-bye. I'll never forget him bringing in huge pine cones from a coastal region for us to study, the trips to local cemeteries to see huge, old trees, and his genuine love for horticulture.

Skyla - March 14, 2017 at 10:18 AM



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Farmer & Son Funeral Home - October 25, 2016 at 11:14 AM

ME

“ Charles helped me in so many ways living next to him.
Luke loved him and he loved her.



Mallory and Luke Elting - October 23, 2016 at 09:33 AM

DB

“ I always enjoyed working with Mr. Grote at the Secret Garden clean-up days. He was so knowledgeable and very kind. He will be missed.

Debbie Bullock - October 22, 2016 at 09:09 PM

LR

“ Charles was dedicated to his family, and was always willing to help with activities and functions. He will be missed.



Laurie Reinsch - October 21, 2016 at 04:25 PM

PZ

“ Penny Zauha lit a candle in memory of Charles L. Grote



Penny Zauha - October 21, 2016 at 01:16 PM

PZ

So sorry for your family's loss, it is also Shickleys loss as in the short time he has lived there he has been an advocate for so many supports in town. Will miss his little kindnesses shown by homemade eats and support to so many emotionally and physically in their times of need. Bless you Charles

Penny Zauha - October 21, 2016 at 01:19 PM

MS

“ Mary Seggerman lit a candle in memory of Charles L. Grote



Mary Seggerman - October 21, 2016 at 01:06 PM