



## Charles Fredrick Grothe

September 22, 1937 - October 20, 2018

A Funeral Service for Charlie was held on Friday, October 26, 2018, at 10:30 a.m., at the United Methodist Church in Geneva, Nebraska with Pastor Douglas Griger officiating.

Ben Kaye-Skinner accompanied Margaret and Raymond Nichols, as they sang "Amazing Grace", a song that Charlie admired. Sondra Myers then accompanied the congregation as they sang "The Old Rugged Cross".

Pallbearers included Tucker Griess, Cobie Griess, Charles Trucchi, Maximo Trucchi, Joseph Briggs and James Briggs.

Honorary Pallbearers were Michaela Carlson, Roseanna Briggs, Meghan Briggs, Charleigh Lynch and Rileigh Carlson.

Graveside Services were conducted following the funeral service at the Geneva Public Cemetery.

Memorials were directed to the Geneva Boy's Pond.

Charles Fredrick Grothe was born in Geneva, Nebraska in the old Geneva Hospital on September 22, 1937, to Charles Albert and Elsie Beryl (Chesnut) Grothe.

Along with his parents and his sister, Carol, he lived his childhood in Geneva and spent much of his time hunting, fishing, playing all sports and working at Geneva Milling Company. He attended UNL and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Ag Economics. While at UNL he was a member of Theta Xi Fraternity and served as President of the fraternity during his senior year at UNL.

During his senior year at UNL, he agreed to go on a blind date with Patricia Cunningham. She became the love of his life and they married on December 7, 1959, in Primrose, Nebraska two years after the blind date and spent the next 58 years together. After

graduating from UNL in 1959, Charles returned to Geneva to work in the family business, Geneva Milling Company (GEMCO). He purchased the business from his father, Charles A. in 1985 and spent a total of 50 years with the family business. After his son, Mike, purchased the business from him in 2002, Charles continued to work at the Mill until his retirement.

Charles and Pat were blessed with 4 children, Michael, Teresa, Mary and Susan. As a lifelong resident of Geneva, he was very committed to the community and served on various boards and associations throughout his lifetime. He was a lifelong member of the Geneva Methodist Church and belonged to the Masons. Charles enjoyed fishing, golf, traveling with Pat, playing cards, gardening and spending time with family. Charles went home to Heaven on October 20, 2018. His kind words and infectious smile will truly be missed by all those that knew him as a husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

He is survived by his wife, Pat; sister, Carol (Jim) Weiss of Elkhorn, Nebraska; son, Mike (Cindy) Grothe of Geneva, Nebraska; daughters, Teresa (Luigi) Trucchi of San Diego, California; Mary Briggs of Overland Park, Kansas; Susan (Jay) Lynch of Geneva, Nebraska; grandchildren, Michaela (Nate) Carlson, Charles Trucchi, Maximo Trucchi, Joseph (Briana) Briggs, Meghan Briggs, James Briggs, Roseanna Briggs, Tucker Griess, Cobie Griess and Charleigh Lynch; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Preceding his death are his parents, Charles Albert Grothe and Elsie Beryl (Chesnut) Grothe and his father and mother-in-law, Lawrence and Rosanna Cunningham.

# Cemetery Details

## Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

# Previous Events

## Family Present for Visitation

OCT **25**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home

242 N 10th Street

Geneva, NE 68361

(402) 759-3617

<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

TT

“ Miss you Dad -- wish you were still here. Love you forever and think of you every day. Much love Teri ("Bun")

Teresa Trucchi - November 08, 2018 at 10:41 AM

TT

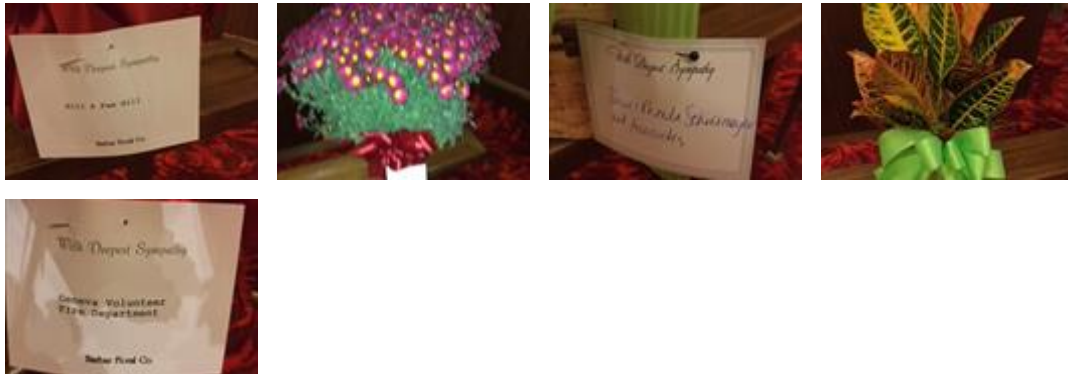
“ 2 files added to the album Dad



Teresa Trucchi - November 08, 2018 at 09:51 AM



“ 77 files added to the album Flower Arrangments



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - October 26, 2018 at 12:28 PM

LF

“ Lisa Witt (Rengler) & Family purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket for the family of Charles Fredrick Grothe.



Lisa Witt (Rengler) & Family - October 25, 2018 at 09:46 PM

Lisa  
Witt

“ Lisa Witt lit a candle in memory of Charles Fredrick Grothe



Lisa Witt - October 25, 2018 at 09:35 PM

DR

“ Dear Grothe Family ,  
I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Charles. I hope that all of the wonderful memories that you have will help you get through this difficult period of time. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow.  
Don Reinsch -



Don Reinsch - October 25, 2018 at 07:47 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Charles Fredrick Grothe.



October 25, 2018 at 04:38 PM

MS

“ Mark & Sarah lit a candle in memory of Charles Fredrick Grothe



Mark & Sarah - October 25, 2018 at 12:20 PM

MS

“ Marjean, The Tiwalds, The Hickeys & The Stormbergs purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Charles Fredrick Grothe.



Marjean, The Tiwalds, The Hickeys & The Stormbergs - October 24, 2018 at 10:22 PM

MH

“ Mike Haumont lit a candle in memory of Charles Fredrick Grothe



Mike Haumont - October 24, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ We have lost a friend. Charlie and I were fraternity brothers at THETA XI fraternity in the 1950's at the University of Nebraska and our friendship was deep and lasting. after graduation we went our separate ways----- Charlie to Geneva and my business journey in Iowa and Idaho----- what fun we had in college----- - I could tell a lot of stories, some may even be true. Loved him like a brother and he will be missed.

MARLEN LUFF

Marlen Luff - October 24, 2018 at 11:17 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Charles Fredrick Grothe.



October 24, 2018 at 10:39 AM

CR

“ Caleb Rippe lit a candle in memory of Charles Fredrick Grothe



Caleb Rippe - October 23, 2018 at 05:43 PM

RS

“ Ron Harris And Karla Sheffy lit a candle in memory of Charles Fredrick Grothe



Ron Harris and Karla Sheffy - October 23, 2018 at 12:13 PM

CB

“ Charles Brabec lit a candle in memory of Charles Fredrick Grothe



Charles Brabec - October 23, 2018 at 10:51 AM

FG

“ From Clint McDonald and the Kent Nutrition Group purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Charles Fredrick Grothe.



From Clint McDonald and the Kent Nutrition Group - October 22, 2018 at 04:44 PM

HF

“ Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of Charles Fredrick Grothe



Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer - October 22, 2018 at 07:57 AM

KT

“ Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Charles Fredrick Grothe



Kent & Rose Theobald - October 21, 2018 at 07:43 PM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Charles Fredrick Grothe



Virginia Johnson - October 21, 2018 at 08:52 AM

LD

“ *Lisa Dondlinger lit a candle in memory of Charles Fredrick Grothe*



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**Lisa Dondlinger** - October 21, 2018 at 08:27 AM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Charles Fredrick Grothe*



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**Kent & Rose Theobald** - October 20, 2018 at 05:17 PM

VY

“ *Dear Grothe family,  
We are so saddened to read of Charles passing. What a legacy he leaves for all of us to cherish!!!...He was a friend to all and always a smile and friendly hello. Our hearts are heavy and we send our sympathy and hugs to his family. May God give you all comfort at this time as you remember one so special.  
Lynn and Verlene Yates*

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**Verlene Yates** - October 20, 2018 at 11:42 AM