



## Gregory L. "Greg" Rehm

July 21, 1951 - October 26, 2020

Gregory Lynn Rehm was born to Arthur & Darlene (Parde) Rehm on July 21, 1951 at Crete, Nebraska, and passed away October 26, 2020, at Bryan West Medical Center in Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 69 years, 3 months, and 5 days. He was one of two children in the family.

Greg grew up in DeWitt and graduated from Tri County High School with the class of 1969. He attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and graduated with a degree in music education. His first teaching job was at Hillside Elementary School, in Omaha, teaching music. He then returned to Tri County High School and taught vocal music. Greg was married to Marilyn Merlo of Oshkosh, Nebraska on August 18, 1979, and to them two children were born: Anna & Chelsey.

The opportunity came up to purchase the grocery store in DeWitt and Greg and Marilyn gave up teaching to operate Sam's Market. The grocery store in Fairmont then came up for sale in 1989, and Greg & Marilyn purchased that store and the family moved there to operate the store. In 1996, they sold the store and Greg took a position as a marketing sales specialist with Carlson Marketing. He finished out his working career with Spartannash as a private brands sales specialist. With his experience in the grocery business, Greg was a natural and he formed many lasting relationships in this role with his customers.

Greg was baptized at the Zion Lutheran Church at Clatonia, Nebraska. He received his confirmation at Trinity Lutheran Church in DeWitt, Nebraska. Greg joined the Catholic faith at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilber, Nebraska to continue to worship with his family. Greg explained that joining the Catholic faith was a compromise with Marilyn if she'd become a Democrat. After moving to Fairmont, Nebraska, the family joined St. Stephen Catholic Church in Exeter where Greg played the piano and sang for many years. He loved using his musical talent for the church, and Marilyn loved to hear him sing in church as her father did.

Family was most important to Greg. He cherished his time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. He also enjoyed keeping a well manicured lawn, and he loved a good cup of coffee. Greg will be remembered through music and laughter. He enjoyed telling jokes and seeing people smile. He loved to play, sing, teach, and share music with others: from classical, religious, jazz & blues to rock n' roll. He was a kind and generous person with an ornery side. Greg was always willing to forgive. And to Greg, forgiveness meant not bringing it up again.

Greg also enjoyed his golfing buddies and loved a good golf match. Greg took the game of golf serious and you knew right where you stood with Greg on the golf course. He always greeted new people at the course by saying, "my name's Greg Rehm, but my friends call me Sam." He could bring a certain levity to the game. For many years Greg served as the GHIN handicap coordinator at Hidden Hills Country Club, collecting GHIN dues and entering scores on the GHIN website. One of the defining moments of Greg's golf career was his hole-in-one.

Greg was also a proponent of Alcoholics Anonymous and was in his 28th year of recovery. He was willing to help sponsor AA participants or find a good fit

for someone working through the steps.

Greg was preceded in death by his daughter, Anna Rehm; father, Arthur Rehm; nephew Tony Shield; and parents-in-law Dominic & Anna (Ardissono) Merlo.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; daughter Chelsey Tyburski, husband Luke, and granddaughters Aidan and Abigail; mother, Darlene Rehm; brother Rodney Rehm and wife Vineta; sisters-in-law, Judy Schlobohm and husband Michael and Lois Keas and husband Galen; brother-in-law Donald Merlo and wife Ann; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A Memorial Mass for Greg was held on Monday, November 2, 2020 at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Exeter, Nebraska. Father Brendan Kelly officiated the Mass. Nancy Jo Galusha accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Let There Be Peace On Earth." She also accompanied Mariah Ruhl in the singing "The Gifts." The recorded selections "Agnus Dei" and "Europa" were played as the processional and recessional music.

Honorary pallbearers were Rodney Rehm, Luke Tyburski, Jon Rehm, Donald Merlo, John Glassburner, Scott Smith, Mitch Lahm, Jared Kerkman, Ben Halkyard, and Nate Johnson.

Inurnment will be held in the Fairmont Cemetery at a later date.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com)

In lieu of memorials and flowers, the family asks that you share a memory about Greg on the Farmer & Son Funeral Home website or with the family.



# Cemetery Details

## Fairmont Public Cemetery

Fairmont, NE

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass Of Christian Burial

NOV 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Saint Stephen Catholic Church  
207 N Union Ave  
Exeter, NE 68351  
(402) 266-5581

# Tribute Wall



“ 14 files added to the album Rehm Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - November 02, 2020 at 04:56 PM

DM

“ I always enjoyed being with Greg and hearing his take on life filtered through his keen sense of humor. One of my favorite memories happened in a Lincoln hotel that had live music in the lounge. As we entered the lounge area we stopped and scanned for a place large enough for our group to be seated. Greg spotted the band and said, with a little sarcasm in his voice, (you know what I'm talking about there) "Oh look, a band! I'll bet they play Proud Mary!". And sure enough, a few songs later we heard "Left a good job in the city....." I still laugh when I recall that night with Greg and Marilyn.  
Don Merlo

Donald Merlo - November 02, 2020 at 01:24 PM

SF

*Sam may have been the first person my husband, Willie, met when he was scouting out a larger house for our growing family. Sam & Willie became fast friends after that. They were certainly birds of a feather! Both taught, played, and sang music. Both loved to sing in their respective churches. Willie loved steak & other good meat, which Sam was willing to sell him regularly. When we both had daughters playing softball you could find them sitting on or standing behind the bleachers shooting the breeze and telling each other one liners or jokes. By the time he met Sam, Willie was not able to golf anymore due to his medical issues, but if they had met years before they would have been golfing buddies for sure. Sam was one of the bright points of us moving to Fairmont. He will certainly be remembered and missed as the character he was by our whole family! Love to his family!*

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**Susie Fairbanks** - November 02, 2020 at 07:04 PM

SE

“ *So sorry to read about Greg’s passing. I grew up with Greg being from DeWitt. Was a couple of years younger, but our parents were friends and we attended the same church. Passing along wonderful thoughts and memories for your family*

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**Stu Essman** - November 02, 2020 at 11:14 AM

DB

“ *Sorry to see that Greg lost his battle, but he's won the war against pain and suffering. May you be comforted by the many memories made together. And may he be rewarded in heaven for his life of sharing his musical talents for the glory of God.*

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**Deb Bixby** - October 31, 2020 at 03:51 PM

SS

“ Steve & Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of Gregory L. "Greg" Rehm



steve & barb sadd - October 30, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gregory L. "Greg" Rehm.



October 30, 2020 at 02:00 PM

LW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Greg's illness and passing, sending loving thoughts to the family. He was a great choir director at Trinity and he got a lot of good music out of us ordinary folks! Sam's Market was a great local grocery store and you could always get some good tips on how to prepare your meat purchases! Rest in peace with your beloved Anna!

Lois Wattjes - October 30, 2020 at 09:21 AM

LE

*Sending loving thoughts and prayers to the family. Remembering the great days of Sam's Market in DeWitt. Rest In Peace . God bless your family..*

Lowell &Delores Eisenhauer - October 30, 2020 at 06:42 PM

EF

“ I am so sorry to hear about this prayers coming your way



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**Ellen Frey** - October 30, 2020 at 12:19 AM

CR

“ Greg comforted so many by his beautiful voice. It will be the angels and saints in heaven that will now hear him. Good and faithful servant of God. My deepest sympathy to his family. Cherlyn Rasette

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**cherlyn rasette** - October 29, 2020 at 04:25 PM

CB

“ Greg and I were Tri County classmates from the Class of '69. We partnered on a couple class reunions together and occasionally spoke when he was servicing a local grocery store. Greg is respected for his lifelong candor, conviction & resilience. We extend our condolences and the grace of comfort and peace to Marilyn & Chelsey; and his mother Darlene as he joins in eternal peace with daughter Anna and father Art God Bless Greg's memory and all who knew & cared for Greg.  
Carol (Plucknett) Bartling ~ DeWitt, Nebraska

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**Carol Bartling** - October 29, 2020 at 03:51 PM

LM

“ As a classmate of Greg's at Tri-County for our senior year coming from Swanton didn't give us much time to grow as friends. The fifty years after graduation did! We all enjoyed class reunions, to catch up on news of children, grandchildren, home project, etc. Marilyn and Chelsey you are strong ladies, Greg is smiling on you. Prayers to you and your families.

*Lucy Essman Martin*

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**Lucy Essman Martin** - October 29, 2020 at 12:05 PM

CH

“ Greg was a Chi Phi fraternity brother of my husband's. He sang at our wedding 45 years ago. Our sympathy to his family.

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**Cindy Hilsabeck** - October 29, 2020 at 11:23 AM

VJ

“ Thoughts and prayers! 💕



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**Virginia Johnson** - October 29, 2020 at 09:26 AM

DS

“ I met Greg a few years ago in Fairmont and Geneva. He and I right away had a connection and became friends. Greg was about helping others and continued up to the last time we talked, a day before he passed away. Condolences to the family and to my friend Greg, I will miss our talks.

*Dennis Svoboda*

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**Dennis Svoboda** - October 29, 2020 at 08:36 AM

DS

“ At Tri County, Greg was Mr. Rehm in Music Class, Coach Rehm at Golf Practice, and on our Washington D.C. trip, the sponsor that allowed a few of us to take a wild Taxi ride for a night out at an Italian restaurant. Later he was our Music Director at Trinity where he always needed to "stomp" out the tempo for a bunch of part time singers. Condolences to Marilyn and family. RIP Coach.

Doug Stokebrand - October 29, 2020 at 07:54 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gregory L. "Greg" Rehm.



October 28, 2020 at 10:26 PM

CS

“ I remember staying at your house as a kid and I was so extremely picky. Greg made the best fried chicken. As an adult I tried to replicate but I've failed! He made so many wonder dishes with love and care for all of us to enjoy over the years for the Merlo/Keas/Rehm family celebrations. We love you Greg and miss you! Our holiday celebrations won't be the same without you.

crystal shield - October 28, 2020 at 09:45 PM

TH

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Marilyn and family. Greg and Marilyn were both my teachers and I worked for them when they had the grocery store in DeWitt, very good people, RIP

Tammy Husa - October 28, 2020 at 03:40 PM

LE

“ *Marilyn and Family,*

*We were so sorry to hear of Greg's passing. Please know our thoughts and prayers for strength are with you during this difficult time.*

*Larry and Barbara Eichelberger*

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**Larry Eichelberger** - October 28, 2020 at 02:47 PM

CM

“ *Greg and I were involved in many music events at Tri County. I accompanied on piano for his contest vocal solos. The Class of 1969 was able to spend a pleasant reunion together in 2019. May Greg RIP with daughter, Anna, and father, Art. Sincere sympathy and prayers to the entire family.*

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**Carol (Wollenburg) Meyer** - October 28, 2020 at 02:42 PM

SC

*We knew Greg from our AA zoom meeting. He was well respected and liked Jan & Seve C. Lincoln*

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**Steve Chleborad** - October 29, 2020 at 08:26 PM

DS

*We remember Greg, after moving to DeWitt in 1967 to teach at Tri-County. Greg was in my American History class my first Year & I recall a good student & someone who would laugh at my silly humor. When Greg returned to TC as a colleague he was respected & liked as someone who certainly had a talent for music. One thing stands out; that was his friendly and bright smile. These memories will always stay with us as Greg's generosity & kindness has made this world a better Place.*

*Don & Janice Schnier*

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**Don Schnier** - October 31, 2020 at 03:19 PM

GP

*Thoughts and prayers to Greg's family. I remember him with his musical talent. Accompanying him for solos at our Episcopal Church for funerals, he never needed practice and I felt insecure but he was very kind and was a pro. Memories at the grocery store in DeWitt. .*

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**Gerry L. Powers** - November 01, 2020 at 07:56 PM

LR

*I too was one of Greg's classmates at Tri County High School and we were confirmed together at Trinity Lutheran in DeWitt. I recall that he was a naturally good student and was a very gifted musician in High School. Greg had a somewhat sardonic wit and to this farm girl, seemed so sophisticated. My mother, Martha Ulrich, who attended Trinity Lutheran while Greg directed choir, exclaimed about when he evidently led worship with an electric keyboard and drums, and played some contemporary Christian music. This may have been a bit hard for my mother and some of the other older members of the congregation, but I'm certain that he did so with aplomb, grace and with a joyful smile and voice. Greg was a faithful servant to people in the community and a man of God. I know that his suffering has ended and that he is dwelling in the house of the Lord with his daughter and father. So sorry Marilyn, Darlene and Chelsea for your loss.*

*Laura Ulrich Ronning*

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**Laura Ronning** - November 07, 2020 at 04:55 PM