



## Jeff J. Grote

July 13, 1960 - January 6, 2016

Funeral services for Jeff will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the United Methodist Church in Shickley, NE with Pastor Scharleen Cross and Pastor John Abbott officiating.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 8, 2016 at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, NE from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

Graveside services will be conducted in the Shickley Public Cemetery.

In Lieu of Flowers the memorials are to be directed to the family for a later designation.

Jeffrey James Grote was born to Gerald Grote and Janet (Becker) Grote on July 13, 1960 in Hebron, NE, and passed away January 6, 2016, with his family at home in Martell at the age of 55 years and 6 months. He was one of three children.

Jeff grew up in Shickley, graduating from Shickley High School in 1978. He received a degree in Construction Science from Southeast Community College-Milford in 1980. With thoughts of being a dentist, Jeff attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, but after graduating in 1985 he decided to return to the construction industry. He worked for a few years in Lincoln with

some friends from Shickley before joining Sampson Construction in 1987.

Jeff spent his entire career at Sampson, rising from laborer to Site Superintendent. He was proud to work for a company that treated him like family and trusted him to lead notable projects like the UNL West Stadium expansion, Lincoln Southwest High School and several other significant UNL projects. He also enjoyed building a new hospital in Geneva a few years ago, as it allowed him to spend time with old Fillmore County friends and his dad and brother's family in Shickley.

On November 25, 1987, Jeff married Janice Taft, and together they had three children – Micah, Marc, and Stephanie. After living in Lincoln and Kramer for a few years, in 1990 Jeff built their family home on an acreage near Martell. He built the home with his own hands and the help of a few friends and family. Jeff took great pride in their homestead, spending countless hours maintaining an immaculate yard and planting hundreds of trees.

Jeff adored his children and spent a great deal of time with them. While the kids were little he made it to every sporting event or musical concert or church activity. As they grew older time outdoors became a favorite pastime for the whole family – hunting, fishing, boating and camping together provided many treasured memories. A 2001 family trip to Oregon was one of many vacations that was a highlight. Jeff also cherished time with his brothers, nieces and nephews and in-laws, taking extra special care of Janice's mother in Missouri.

To say Jeff enjoyed spending time outdoors is an understatement. He spent many hours hunting pheasants in the fields around Shickley with his sons and best friend Terry. During the summers, every free moment found Jeff fishing. Whether it be on farm ponds around Shickley or Lake McConnaughey or Milford Lake in Kansas, Jeff found great peace being on the water. One of his most treasured moments was a fishing trip to Canada a few years ago – he talked about that experience on many occasions.

In addition to family time and being outdoors, Jeff loved sports. In his younger days he played baseball and then fastpitch softball with Shickley and Lincoln Softball Club. He was a huge fan of the KC Royals and the Huskers, taking in many games with family and friends.

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n May of 2014, Jeff was diagnosed with Stage 4 liver and colon cancer. He didn't need to cram in a bunch of life experiences or time with family, as he had already done that along the way. He probably enjoyed those last few family gatherings and fishing outings just a little more, but otherwise he bravely fought the disease while continuing to work and care for his family with a positive outlook.

Jeff was a big guy with a big smile and a big heart. He was a devoted husband of 28 years and loving father to his cherished children, terrific brother, trusted friend, and loyal and valued employee.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Gerald and Janet Grote, and infant nephews Brandon Grote and Dillon Grote.

He is survived by his wife Janice and daughter Stephanie, of Martell; son Micah of Lincoln; son Marc, of Kearney; brother Bill and sister-in-law Melissa, niece Megan, nephews Jackson and Tyler, all of Shickley; brother Gary and sister-in-law Shelly; nieces Mallory and Jenna, all of Omaha.

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Janice and Family,  
We are sorry for your loss and pray God will provide you with all the comfort and strength you need in the months ahead. Know that we are thinking and praying for you.  
-Kenny and Jessica Scharffenberg.*

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**Jessica Scharffenberg** - January 10, 2016 at 11:42 PM

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“ *Sorry to hear about Jeff. He was a very kind and caring person.....With Our Deepest Sympathy, The Reinsch's  
Mark, Sarah, Brandon & Ethan*



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**Reinsch** - January 09, 2016 at 08:21 PM

TW

“ *My deepest sympathies go out the Jeff's family he will be missed my many. T. Wooten*

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**tom wooten** - January 09, 2016 at 06:51 PM

CA

“ *There are not enough words to describe the person Jeff was. I always enjoyed going to Jeff's job sites. He always had plenty of great things to say about his kids and with that he always had a huge smile to go with his stories. I will miss Jeff as a customer and also a friend. He will be missed by his friends at Total Tool Supply.  
Clint Amos-Outside Sales Total Tool Supply.*

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**Clint Amos** - January 08, 2016 at 08:36 PM



“ We had 2 fun and exciting years together on the Lincoln Southwest New High School project. Jeff always had a great attitude and worked his tail off for Sampson and his family. Will always cherish those times including a few hunting and fishing trips!

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**Jeff Siedlik** - January 08, 2016 at 05:21 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Jeff at the 1st Addition to Memorial Stadium and at Southwest High School. It really was fun to go to work with him as the head man. He was knowledgeable, fair, and as long as you did your job there were no issues. He kept an even keel among all the chaos that goes with two massive projects. Worked for many supervisors while at Sampsons and he ranks in the top three.

*My condolences to the family.*

*David "Hurricane" Foster*

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**david foster** - January 08, 2016 at 04:30 PM



“ Jeff was always great to see and talk too about fishing. Will always remember some of the good times we had back in the day. He will be missed.

*Dick Howe*

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**Richard Howe** - January 08, 2016 at 01:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeff J. Grote.*



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January 08, 2016 at 11:23 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeff J. Grote.*



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January 08, 2016 at 10:33 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy on the passing of Jeff. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family. - Joey and Rebecca Hausmann & Family*

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**Joey Hausmann** - January 08, 2016 at 10:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeff J. Grote.*



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January 08, 2016 at 10:25 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jeff J. Grote.*



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January 08, 2016 at 09:46 AM



“ *Craig Christensen and Hector Hernandez, MPSS purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeff J. Grote.*



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**Craig Christensen and Hector Hernandez, MPSS** - January 08, 2016 at 09:44 AM



“ *We have all worked with Jeff on several projects at UNL. If you wanted it done right, you wanted Jeff on the project. He was a great job superintendent and friend. He will be missed by many, Our prayers go out to the family.*  
*The UNL Inspectors, Rich Firebaugh, John Ballue, Mike Huerta, Bruce Neemann, and Cory Kammerer.*

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**John Ballue** - January 08, 2016 at 09:03 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeff J. Grote.*



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January 08, 2016 at 07:32 AM

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“ *Brian & Jeannie Unruh purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jeff J. Grote.*



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**Brian & Jeannie Unruh** - January 07, 2016 at 08:58 PM

DR

“ *We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Jeff. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, and we hope all of the good memories with Jeff will help you get through this difficult period of time.*  
*Don and Carvel Reinsch -*

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**Donald G. Reinsch** - January 07, 2016 at 07:40 PM



“ *Janice and family. I wanted you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. Wishing you peace and happy memories of Jeff.*  
*Kay Duncan*

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**Kay Duncan** - January 07, 2016 at 06:23 PM

TG

“ *Tom Hansen ,Bill Greco, Dan Greco, Tom Greco purchased the Tropical Tribute Spray for the family of Jeff J. Grote.*



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**Tom Hansen ,Bill Greco, Dan Greco, Tom Greco** - January 07, 2016 at 06:22 PM

RD

“ RDG Planning & Design purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeff J. Grote.



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**RDG Planning & Design** - January 07, 2016 at 04:22 PM

SS

“ Our sympathy to the Grote family. Sandra Schafer-Nagy & family

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**Sandra Schafer-Nagy** - January 07, 2016 at 03:21 PM

NS

“ I truly enjoyed working with Jeff recently and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family for this sudden loss.

*Nick Schulz  
RDG Planning & Design*

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**Nick Schulz** - January 07, 2016 at 03:17 PM

MM

“ Our prayers and love are going to you, Janice, and your children. May God wrap his arms around all of you and give you love, strength and peace.

*With love,  
Marcia and Steve Malone*

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**Marcia Malone** - January 07, 2016 at 02:02 PM

DT

“ Very sorry for your loss. I worked with Jeff back in the day at K-West Construction.

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**David Thibault** - January 07, 2016 at 01:45 PM

SS

“ *Scott, Jackie, Michael and Matthew Simpson purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Jeff J. Grote.*



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**Scott, Jackie, Michael and Matthew Simpson** - January 07, 2016 at 12:30 PM

CM

“ *I never had the opportunity to meet Jeff. I worked with Janice at Hill Elementary and am honored to call her a friend. My sincere sympathies to Janice, their children and extended families. Death is never easy, but I do pray that the memories you made together sustain you in the weeks and months ahead until you are able to think of Jeff with a smile and laughter! Peace be with you all!*

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**Cyndi Miller** - January 07, 2016 at 11:50 AM

BC

*I worked with Jeff at Sampson Construction for 23 years and he will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

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**Brenda Chambers** - January 08, 2016 at 08:23 AM