



## Patricia A. Grothe

December 11, 1938 - June 6, 2025

A Funeral Service for Patricia will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva, Nebraska with Pastor Karissa Miller presiding.

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 9, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska.

Graveside Services will be held following the funeral service at the Geneva Public Cemetery in Geneva, Nebraska.

Memorials are to be directed to the Geneva Boy's Pond.

Patricia Ann Cunningham Grothe, age 86, passed away peacefully on June 6, 2025, at Fairview Manor in Fairmont, Nebraska.

Patricia was born on December 11, 1938, in Albion, Nebraska, to Lawrence and Rosanna Cunningham. Along with her older sister, Darlene, she grew up on a farm near Primrose, Nebraska, where she developed a strong work ethic and a lifelong love of learning. She was active in 4-H throughout her youth, proudly participating in local and state events and earning the title of Miss Cornhusker. In her senior year, her family moved to Cedar Rapids, Nebraska, where she graduated from high school.

She went on to attend the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, where she lived in Love Hall. It was there that a friend invited her on a double blind date—with a Theta XI boy from Geneva—an encounter that would lead to a lifelong love. She later married that young man, Charles F. Grothe, and together they built a life rich in love, laughter, and devotion.

Patricia and Charles raised four children: Michael, Teresa, Mary and Susan.

Charles and Patricia fiercely loved each other for over 50 years—a love that was made tangible through the many handwritten cards and notes they exchanged, treasured keepsakes tucked away in drawers and closets throughout their home. Their marriage was a shining example of enduring partnership, filled with kindness, respect, and deep affection. Charles and Patricia never turned down an opportunity to dance whether it be on a dance floor, next to a pool table at the bar or on a bricked main street, if the music played – they danced.

Charles often described Patricia as having more talent in her pinky finger than most people have in a lifetime. Those talents were displayed in all facets of her life including her skills as a seamstress. Patricia would spend most summers sewing all the new school clothes for her children and later designing and sewing wedding dresses for her daughters. The rehab and life that Patricia gave to the beloved M Street house is a lasting memory for all the family and friends that gathered there over the 20 years Patricia and Charles made that their home.

An exceptionally talented artist, Patricia expressed her creativity through both painting and quilting. She shared that talent with the Geneva community for over two decades as co-owner of The Studio, a cherished frame shop she operated alongside her dear friend and business partner, Peggy Oliva. Her

artistry and eye for beauty touched many lives and homes.

In 2008, Patricia faced one of the greatest challenges of her life when she survived a ruptured aneurysm. Defying the odds, she fought with the strength and determination that had always defined her, inspiring all who knew her with her courage and resilience.

Fiercely competitive and full of life, Patricia brought her energy and sharp spirit to the golf course, tennis court, and any card or board game that crossed her path. She loved a challenge—and she rarely backed down from one.

Patricia is survived by her children and spouses: Micheal and Cindy Grothe, Geneva; Luigi and Teresa Grothe Trucchi, San Diego, CA; Pat and Mary Grothe McCabe, Naples, FL; and Jay and Susan Grothe Lynch, Geneva. She was a proud and devoted grandmother to Joseph and Breana Briggs, Nate and Michaela (Grothe) Carlson, Meghan Briggs, Charlie Trucchi, Max and Claire Trucchi, Tucker and Lollie Griess, Cobie and Emilie Griess, James and Keegan Briggs, Rosie Briggs, and Charleigh Lynch. Her joy extended to her great-grandchildren: Cora, Lucy, and Cali Briggs; Rileigh, Paityn, and Carter Carlson; KB and Sutton Griess; and James Trucchi.

# Cemetery Details

## Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 9. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JUN 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Geneva United Methodist Church  
942 H St  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3034

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ I am so deeply sorry for the loss of your mom. There is no better legacy than a life well lived and she most definitely lived it to the fullest, especially a truly admirable Second Act after the aneurysm. Mom and dad are going to have some competition now out on the Celestial Ballroom floor. My most sincere sympathy to the Grothe family.

Don Prater - June 10, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ 54 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - June 10, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Grothe.

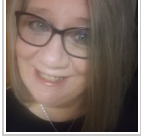


June 10, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia A. Grothe.

June 10, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ Janine Uldrich lit a candle in memory of Patricia Grothe



Janine Uldrich - June 09, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ Tanner, Mariah Hedden and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patricia A. Grothe.



Tanner, Mariah Hedden and family - June 09, 2025 at 01:44 PM



“ Mark and Rhonda McFarland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia A. Grothe.

Mark and Rhonda McFarland - June 09, 2025 at 12:59 PM

MM

“ Mark and Rhonda McFarland purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Patricia A. Grothe.



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**Mark and Rhonda McFarland** - June 09, 2025 at 12:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia A. Grothe.

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June 09, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Grothe.



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June 09, 2025 at 12:18 PM

HF

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



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**Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer** - June 09, 2025 at 08:41 AM

BP

“ Ben&Nancy Pekar lit a candle in memory of Patricia Grothe



Ben&Nancy Pekar - June 09, 2025 at 08:06 AM

KT

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



Kent & Rose Theobald - June 07, 2025 at 04:43 PM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Patricia Grothe



Virginia Johnson - June 07, 2025 at 01:00 PM

LD

“ Lisa Dondlinger lit a candle in memory of Patricia Grothe



Lisa Dondlinger - June 07, 2025 at 10:25 AM

CR

“ *Caleb Rippe lit a candle in memory of Patricia Grothe*



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**Caleb Rippe** - June 07, 2025 at 08:40 AM

LH

“ *Linda Heinisch lit a candle in memory of Patricia Grothe*



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**Linda Heinisch** - June 07, 2025 at 07:54 AM

JG

“ *Jason george lit a candle in memory of Patricia Grothe*



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**Jason george** - June 07, 2025 at 01:20 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Patricia A. Grothe.*



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June 07, 2025 at 12:12 AM

SR

“ *Sandi Renken lit a candle in memory of Pat,  
with sympathy to the family.*



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**Sandi Renken** - June 06, 2025 at 06:37 PM