



## Paul J. "PJ" O'Connor Jr.

November 13, 1967 - November 10, 2022

Paul James "P.J." O'Connor Jr., was born to Paul James O'Connor Sr. and Eileen Frances (Brown) O'Connor on November 13, 1967 at the Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva, Nebraska and passed away on November 10, 2022 at the Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva, Nebraska at the age of 54 years, 11 months and 28 days. He was the youngest of 5 children in the family.

P.J. was a graduate of Fairmont high school's Class of 1986. Upon graduation he returned to be the 4th generation on the family farm. On August 15, 1992, he was united in marriage to Nancy Teaford of rural McCool Junction, Nebraska at St. Helena's Catholic Church in Grafton, Nebraska. To this union, 2 sons were born, Derek and Tyler. P.J.'s father, Paul, would always say that his son got his "heir and a spare."

In our house, it was said that P.J. was a cattleman and a farmer, and in that order. His cattle were his passion. He thoroughly enjoyed the beginning of each calving season. Watching newborn baby calves and seeing them finish in the feed yard was one of his greatest pleasures in life. As a farmer, he enjoyed the seasons, but harvest and driving the combine was his favorite. He respected the land and the hard-work it took for the generations that came before him. He took much pride and joy in building his legacy.

P.J. had many endeavors outside of the farm. He was a longtime youth football coach, where he impacted the lives of many youths across the local area. In addition to football, he spent the summers coaching baseball and the winters coaching basketball. He served on the Board of Education for Fillmore Central Public Schools for 8 years, 3 of them as president. P.J. was also instrumental in the creation of the FC Beef Boosters program. His efforts helped bring locally raised and high-quality beef to the students of the district.

P.J. was preceded in death by his parents Paul & Eileen (Brown) O'Connor of Fairmont, Nebraska; and parents-in-law Kenneth & DeAnna (Ronne) Teaford of McCool Junction, Nebraska.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Nancy, and sons, Derek and Tyler O'Connor all of Fairmont, Nebraska; his sisters and brothers-in-law Nancy and Warren Whitted of Omaha, Nebraska, Lindy O'Connor of Lincoln, Nebraska, Peggy and Bill Swanson of Omaha, Nebraska, and Patsy and Tom Rohrig of Friend, Nebraska.

A Funeral Mass for P.J was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Helena Catholic Church. Father Doug Daro presided over the Mass. Deb Hoarty accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Faith Of Our Fathers," "Here I Am Lord," "One Bread, One Body," and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers included Tom Hoarty, Dan Hastings, Dustin Clark, Warren R. Whitted III, Brad Gloystein, Phil Swartz, and Ken Real.

A private family Graveside Service was held in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, York, Nebraska.

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

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

East Nobes Road & Road N  
York, NE 68467

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **15**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

NOV **15**. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Helena Catholic Church  
172 Jackson Avenue  
Grafton, NE 68365

## Funeral Mass

NOV **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Helena Catholic Church  
172 Jackson Avenue  
Grafton, NE 68365

# Tribute Wall

AH

“ *Aumber hynes lit a candle in memory of Paul O'Connor*



Aumber hynes - May 23, 2023 at 11:41 AM



“ *90 files added to the album Flower Pictures*



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - November 16, 2022 at 05:08 PM

VJ

“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Paul O'Connor*



Virginia Johnson - November 16, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul J. "PJ" O'Connor Jr..*



November 16, 2022 at 06:46 AM

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I graduated from high school with Lindy and would like to extend my condolences to the entire O'Connor family. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers!!  
Janice (Stevens) McMinn

Janice McMinn - November 15, 2022 at 05:38 PM

LM

“ Linda Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Paul O'Connor



Linda Mitchell - November 15, 2022 at 02:21 PM

MM

“ Mike Brenda Motis lit a candle in memory of Paul O'Connor



Mike and Brenda Motis - November 15, 2022 at 12:32 PM

LD

“ Lee J & Jolene Dittmer, Tad & Roxanne Dittmer, Doe Dee Dittmer purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Paul J. "PJ" O'Connor Jr..



Lee J & Jolene Dittmer, Tad & Roxanne Dittmer, Doe Dee Dittmer -  
November 15, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Paul J. "PJ" O'Connor Jr..



November 15, 2022 at 09:40 AM

DD

“ Seems like yesterday, I coached you in little league baseball. Rest in peace.

Dean r. Dosch - November 15, 2022 at 06:48 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul J. "PJ" O'Connor Jr..



November 15, 2022 at 02:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul J. "PJ" O'Connor Jr..



November 14, 2022 at 05:56 PM

PD

“ It saddened me to hear this news. My memories of PJ go way back. I remember my best friend's (Patsy's) excitement when she got a baby brother! Such joy was expressed by all 4 big sisters!! I remember babysitting for PJ when he was still eating baby food & having to plead with him to take a couple bites. When the family returned home, all 4 sisters wanted to know if he ate for me. When I said, "um...a few bites," they replied he never would eat for them. Silly memory. May God comfort PJ's family during this sad time.  
Pam (Adams) Davis

Pam (Adams) Davis - November 14, 2022 at 03:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul J. "PJ" O'Connor Jr..



November 14, 2022 at 02:57 PM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Paul O'Connor



Virginia Johnson - November 14, 2022 at 12:05 PM

MM

“ Mike Motis purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Paul J. "PJ" O'Connor Jr..



Mike Motis - November 14, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul J. "PJ" O'Connor Jr..



November 14, 2022 at 11:10 AM

HF

“ Holly & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of Paul O'Connor



Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer - November 14, 2022 at 08:27 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul J. "PJ" O'Connor Jr..



November 13, 2022 at 06:52 PM

LG

“ Love Marie, Kathy, Laurel, Paul C. & Gary purchased the Fairst of All for the family of Paul J. "PJ" O'Connor Jr..



Love Marie, Kathy, Laurel, Paul C. & Gary - November 13, 2022 at 01:29 PM

J(

“ Lots of good childhood memories of and with PJ at FHS and St Helena's...eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. Prayers for peace and comfort to Nancy, the boys and the O'Connor family.

Jane (Lowe) - November 12, 2022 at 10:24 PM

TJ

“ Nancy, Derek, Tyler, and the O'Connor family our thoughts and prayers are with you in this trial of life that God has given to you all. PJ has shared so many memories with so many people over the years including us Lowe's, who lived down the road and went to church with the family.

Eternal rest grant unto PJ, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

Kim and Teresa (Lowe) Johnson, York NE

Teresa Johnson - November 12, 2022 at 09:36 PM

TJ

“ Teresa Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul O'Connor



Teresa Johnson - November 12, 2022 at 09:05 PM

JW

“ Jeff barb Whitley lit a candle in memory of Paul O'Connor



Jeff & barb Whitley - November 12, 2022 at 02:56 PM

KT

“ *Kent Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Paul O'Connor*



**Kent & Rose Theobald** - November 12, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Nancy, thoughts and prayers for you and your family at this difficult time. Take care and God bless. Merle Swartz*

**Merle Swartz** - November 12, 2022 at 01:40 PM



“ *PJ was a great classmate. He was a loyal friend to all and will be forever remembered for his kindness. We learned as much about cows as other subjects in school thanks to PJ. May he rest in peace with our Eternal Shepherd. Chris Cichon (Schepers)*

**Chris Cichon** - November 12, 2022 at 01:13 PM

LO

“ *P. J. has always been a special friend to us and we will remember him forever. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him. John & Lyn Lowe*

**Lowe** - November 12, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul J. "PJ" O'Connor Jr..*



November 12, 2022 at 10:41 AM

TL

“ *Nancy, Derek, and Tyler you have deepest sympathy. A lot of great memories of and PJ.*

*Eternal rest grant unto PJ, O Lord, May perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. 🙏*

**Tim Lowe** - November 12, 2022 at 10:35 AM

VA

“ Sending strength through this difficult time.



Vicki Allgood - November 12, 2022 at 07:54 AM

DR

“ Nancy, Derek and Ty our hearts go out to you. P J was an amazing husband, father and a great friend. He was an incredible man so, full of strength and love. We have so many amazing memories from all of our years of you and Don coaching baseball and midget football. May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead.



Don, Wanda, Alex and Riley - November 11, 2022 at 08:37 PM



“ Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Paul J. "PJ" O'Connor Jr..



November 11, 2022 at 08:05 PM

BB

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the O'Connor family. Bob & Sandy Bettger

Bob Bettger - November 11, 2022 at 07:12 PM