



## Robert "Robbie" Grote

August 6, 1934 - November 29, 2016

A Funeral Mass for Robbie will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shickley. Father Scott Courtney will officiate the Mass.

Military Graveside Services will be held in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery following the Mass.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva. Visitation will also be held at the church 1 hour prior to Rosary. A Rosary will be prayed on Friday, December 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shickley.

Memorials are directed to the St. Mary's Catholic Church or the Shickley American Legion.

Robert William Grote was born to John and Mollie Grote on August 6, 1934 in rural Shickley. He passed away November 29, 2016 at Bryan East Hospital in Lincoln at the age of 82 years, 3 months and 23 days. He was the youngest of seven children and spent his entire life in the Shickley area.

Robbie grew up in Shickley, receiving the sacrament of Baptism on August 12, 1934 along with First Reconciliation, First Communion, and his Confirmation

on October 1, 1947 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. He attended country school in rural Shickley through the eighth grade, after which he stayed home to continue working on the family farm.

He served in the Army between 1958 and 1960. After the Army, Robbie returned to Shickley and began working at Alf's Well Drilling.

Robbie was married to Carol Ann Buell of Cordova on August 7, 1963 and their marriage was blessed with four children, Todd, Kent, Kelli and Kurt.

He worked at the grain elevator in Shickley for 39 years. In 1972, he partnered with his brother Gerald and the Biegert Family to purchase Shickley Grain Company. He had a tremendous work ethic, which he passed on to his children. He was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion Post #164 in Shickley. He enjoyed playing cards and taught all of his children, at a very young age, how to play so they could enjoy his favorite pastime, also. He enjoyed playing ball and could often be found at the center of a game in the backyard playing with his kids and grandkids. Robbie never missed many of his kid's events and continued to travel to watch all of his grandkid's activities as well. Family was very important to Robbie and you could tell that by how he spent much of his time. He especially loved being a grandpa.

Robbie is survived by his wife, Carol, sister, Margaret Everts of Seward, son, Todd and daughter-in-law Mary of Carmel, IN, son, Kent of Fox Lake, IL, daughter, Kelli and son-in-law Jim Ray of Blair, son, Kurt and daughter-in-law Kristen of Blair, 12 grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mollie Grote, by his brothers, Bernard, Don and Gerald, by his sisters, Eleanor Oates and Mary

Olson, and nephews, Fred, Jeff, and Charles Grote.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

DEC 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
703 Swartzendruber Dr  
Shickley, NE 68436

## Visitation

DEC 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
703 Swartzendruber Dr  
Shickley, NE 68436

# Tribute Wall



“ 55 files added to the album *Flower Pics*



**Farmer & Son Funeral Home** - December 05, 2016 at 08:36 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Robert "Robbie" Grote.



December 02, 2016 at 03:05 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Robert "Robbie" Grote.



December 02, 2016 at 01:39 PM

BA

“ Beth & Scott Johnson - Samuel & Alex purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Robert "Robbie" Grote.



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**Beth & Scott Johnson - Samuel & Alex** - December 02, 2016 at 12:13 AM

KK

“ Kay & Sam King Michelle, John, RJ, Tommy Kesselman purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert "Robbie" Grote.



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**Kay & Sam King Michelle, John, RJ, Tommy Kesselman** - December 01, 2016 at 09:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Robbie" Grote.



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December 01, 2016 at 07:16 PM


SN

“ Scott and Julie Hayes, Barb Vitek n Corey Neubauer purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert "Robbie" Grote.



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**Scott and Julie Hayes, Barb Vitek n Corey Neubauer** - December 01, 2016 at 04:59 PM

 Kristen  
Holzer

“ So sorry to hear of Robbie's passing, prayers for Carol and her family from the Holzer family.

Kristen Holzer - December 01, 2016 at 03:42 PM

AC

“ Sorry to here about Robbie I am sure glad I stopped Sunday night November 27th to see him at Fairmont Prayers and love to Carol and the Family  
Alicia C.

alicia casper - December 01, 2016 at 02:54 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Robert "Robbie" Grote.



December 01, 2016 at 02:05 PM

YC

“ Your friends at Bank of the West Omaha/Kansas City purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Robert "Robbie" Grote.



Your friends at Bank of the West Omaha/Kansas City -  
December 01, 2016 at 11:31 AM

MR

“ *My heartfelt condolences to your family. You have always been an important link in our extended family. And Robbie always seemed to have that voice of reason.  
I know that you will miss him dearly. But his spirit will remain with all of you  
Mike Richters*

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**Mike Richters** - December 01, 2016 at 07:03 AM

LR

“ *My Sympathy to Carol and the Grote family. Robbie was "one of a kind." I will miss the hugs he would always give me after seeing me after mass while visiting St. Mary's. His barbeque beans were the best. He told me the ingredient that made them special was "love." He will be missed by all who knew him. Prayers to the family.*

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**Laurie Reinsch** - November 30, 2016 at 05:00 PM

FP

*My deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your dear husband, father, and grandfather. Robbie was always so friendly and cheerful. Enjoyed his sense of humor. Carol you both have always been a special couple to me.  
love, thoughts, and prayers Faye Petersen*

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**faye petersen** - December 01, 2016 at 08:22 AM

BT

*The world will not be the same without Robbie. Robbie and Carol were great friends and neighbors. To walk with Robbie, most people had to run! If you ever needed anything, you never had to ask, Robbie was there and pitching in. Robbie and Carol were the couple to know, everyone that knew them, loved them. The world is a better place because of people like Robbie and Carol. Rest in peace our friend, your work is done, and you can rest, we will miss you dearly! Bill Trapp*

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**Bill Trapp** - December 01, 2016 at 12:48 PM

BS

*Kurt,*

*So sorry to hear about your loss. I'll keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Bruce Stacy*

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**Bruce Stacy** - December 02, 2016 at 11:57 AM

TB

*Please accept our condolences. Terry and Mary Buell*

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**Terry Buell** - December 02, 2016 at 02:24 PM

CS

*I just read in the paper about Robbie's passing. He and Carol were always so nice to me as their Postmaster for 23 years. He will certainly be missed in Shickley. My thoughts and prayers are with Carol and his family. He was truly "One of a kind."*

*Cris Smith*

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**Cris Smith** - December 04, 2016 at 12:05 PM