



## Robert E. Kottas

September 4, 1959 - October 29, 2018

Robert Edward Kottas was born on September 4, 1959 at York, Nebraska to Edward F. and Lorene E. (Elznic) Kottas. He passed away on October 29, 2018 at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 59 years, 1 month, and 25 days. He was one of four children born in the family.

Robert, affectionately known as “Colby” by his friends and family, attended Milligan Public Schools and graduated with the class of 1977. He was a member of the Sons Of The American Legion, Milligan, Nebraska and Milligan Rural Fire Department.

He was a farmer all his life, and he thoroughly enjoyed his occupation. He raised grain and cattle and enjoyed taking his cattle to the Fairbury Livestock Sale Barn. He was getting ready for corn and soybean harvest this fall when he became ill. Outside of farming, he enjoyed deer hunting and visiting with his friends at Elaine’s. Colby’s nieces and nephews were also very important to him.

Colby was united in marriage to Rose Marie Cassavaugh on February 9, 1984. Rose was the love of Robert’s life. She passed away on March 28, 1987 after battling lymphoma.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Kottas; wife Rose Kottas; and step-father Wes Buzek.

He is survived by his mother Lorene Buzek of Milligan, Nebraska; sisters Marilyn & Brian Srajhans of Tobias, Nebraska, and Bev Mohlman and Bob Thomsen of Fairmont, Nebraska; brother Richard Kottas of Exeter, Nebraska; nieces and nephews Jason & Ashley Srajhans and their children Trenton, Treygan, and Trevan of Milligan, Nebraska, Michelle Funk and friend Shawn Brooks of Davenport, Nebraska, Melissa & Troy Sieber and their children Taylor, Carson, and Tinley of Davenport, Nebraska, Joe & Christina Srajhans and their children Lilly and Riley of Geneva, Nebraska, Shawn & Lyndsey Kottas of Geneva, Nebraska, Sharlene & Justin Harre and their children Cohen and Braxton of Exeter, Nebraska, Dillon Steinacher & fiancé Haeli Temme of Exeter, Nebraska; and Aunt Sharon Elznic of Geneva, Nebraska.

A Funeral Service for Colby was held on Friday, November 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Milligan Auditorium in Milligan, Nebraska. PMA Jim Germer officiated the service. The recorded selections "Country Roads" and "Amazing Grace" were played during the service.

Pallbearers for the service included Jason Srajhans, Joe Srajhans, Shawn Kottas, Dillon Steinacher, Rich Kassik and Jake Kroll. Honorary bearers included Michelle Funk, Melissa Sieber, Sharlene Harre, Bruce Vejraska, Bob Kroll, and Zac Kroll. Interment was held in the Bohemian National Cemetery following the funeral service.

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.

# Tribute Wall

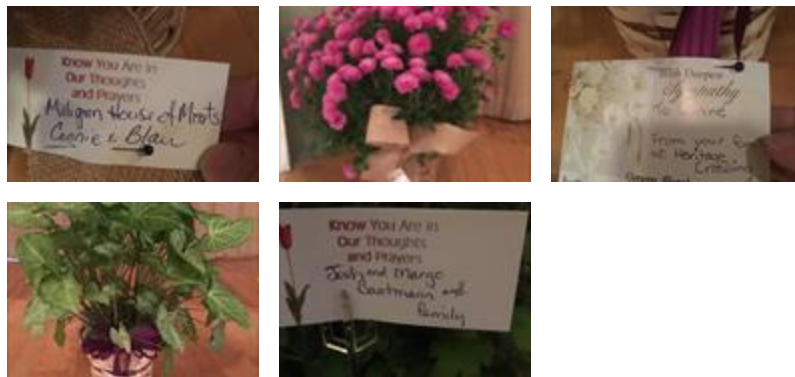


“ Robert was a very kind and thoughtful person. I think of him a lot.  
With Deepest Sympathy. Nancy Girmus

Nancy Girmus - December 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM



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Farmer & Son Funeral Home - November 02, 2018 at 11:44 AM



“ Terry Ann Brandt lit a candle in memory of  
Robert E. Kottas



Terry Ann Brandt - November 01, 2018 at 09:48 AM

CT

“ *Carol Bernasek, Jacque and James Taylor purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Robert E. Kottas.*



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**Carol Bernasek, Jacque and James Taylor** - November 01, 2018 at 12:36 AM

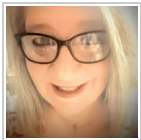
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“ *Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Kottas*



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**Holly Rippe** - October 31, 2018 at 11:47 AM



“ *Janine Uldrich lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Kottas*



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**Janine Uldrich** - October 31, 2018 at 03:23 AM

LD

“ *LISA DONDLINGER lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Kottas*



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**LISA DONDLINGER** - October 30, 2018 at 11:51 PM

RE

“ Our Deepest Sympathy, Robert was an amazing man and will be missed by all.... Cherish all the great memories💕  
L❤️VE, The Reinsch's  
Mark, Sarah, Brandon & Ethan

Reinsch - October 30, 2018 at 10:18 PM

GK

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family. Robert was a good friend and classmate. Everyone enjoyed Roberts company. A very kind, gentle man. I and everyone in the community will miss him. Galen Kuska

Galen Kuska - October 30, 2018 at 10:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert E. Kottas.



October 30, 2018 at 08:25 PM

TG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You have our deepest sympathy.

Tom & Kathy (Kassik) Gillmore

Tom & Kathy Gillmore - October 30, 2018 at 07:06 PM

MG

“ Our deepest sympathy for the families at this difficult time...may he forever rest in peace

Myron and Debbie Grant - October 30, 2018 at 06:55 PM

MG

“ *Myron And Debbie Grant lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Kottas*



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**Myron and Debbie Grant** - October 30, 2018 at 06:53 PM

JC

“ *I was so saddened to hear of Koby's passing. Spending 13 years in the same class with him I have many wonderful memories of him and considered him a good friend. Everytime I came back home & if we would run into each other he would always say "There's trouble" and I would reply "Right back at ya" My condolences to Lorene, Marilyn, Bev & Richard and all the extended family members. I know you will miss him dearly.*

*Jo Capek*

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**Jo Capek** - October 30, 2018 at 05:51 PM

LD

“ *For Robert's family: My sympathy and caring thoughts are sent your way. I have such fond memories of Robert when he helped my dad farm. He was such a hard worker and simply became a member of our family. My dad thought the world of him and was so appreciative of everything he did for us. My dad always said that he only had to explain or show something to Robert once and he had it! May he rest in peace and may all of you treasure his memory. I can only imagine what dad and Robert are talking and laughing about now! As we all know, they both had an ornery side!*

*Lana (Stych) Daws*

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**Lana Daws** - October 30, 2018 at 05:32 PM

NB

“ I'm soo sorry to hear about Robert. May your memories of the fun times you had together help you through your grief and you find comfort through your family and friends. Our deepest sympathies.

*Larry & Nancy (Nadherny) Barrow*

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**Nancy Barrow** - October 30, 2018 at 04:01 PM

HK

“ Hilary Kassik lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Kottas



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**Hilary Kassik** - October 30, 2018 at 02:53 PM

DF

“ Dean And Laura Kassik Family lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Kottas



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**dean and laura kassik family** - October 30, 2018 at 02:39 PM