



Ervin Frank Grote

April 21, 2015

Ervin Frank Grote, age 68, returned to his heavenly home on April 21, 2015. Surrounded by his family, Erv peacefully transitioned into the arms of Jesus after courageously battling multiple illnesses for several years.

Ervin Frank Grote was born on the family farm in St. Clement, Mo., on July 10, 1946, to Clement Joseph Grote and Regina Ann Eckelkamp Grote. Erv attended St. Clement Catholic School and graduated in 1965 from Bowling Green High School. He was a lifelong member of the St. Clement Catholic Church. His two main priorities in life were his faith and his family.

On June 19, 1970, Erv married Judith Kay Gollaher at St. Clement Catholic Church. They would have celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary this year. Erv and Judy are the proud parents of five children: Julie Lynn Grote Huber, Bowling Green; Tyson Lee Grote (deceased); Kara Beth Grote Picker (Chris), Wentzville; Brandon Clement Grote (Tera), Bowling Green; and Jared James Grote (Neha), O'Fallon. Bringing abundant joy to the family was the addition of grandchildren: Kaitlyn Marie Huber and fiancé Shawn Pezold, Allyson Rose Huber and Seth Michael Huber; Addison Jane Picker, Ella Annagrace Picker and Lilah Judith Picker; Caleb Clement Grote, Dillon Joseph Grote and Elise Marie Grote; and Annabelle Claire Grote and Logan James Grote.

Erv's strong work ethic began as a young boy helping on the family farm. He

always loved farming and the hard work that went with it. Erv was a skilled and driven basketball player all four years at BGHS. After he and Judy were married, they lived in Bowling Green for three years before moving to the family farm.

Erv was a very hard worker and known to be extremely particular. He always said, "There's a right way and a wrong way, do it the right way." After marriage, he worked in the brick and masonry business for over ten years as a hod carrier in Quincy, Il. Then, always enjoying carpentry and working with his hands, Erv spent his remaining working years, in his own words, as a "carpenter by trade and a weekend farmer". Erv took great pride in his work and there wasn't anything he wouldn't try. He loved helping bring someone else's vision to life. Everyone knew they would get his best.

Like everyone else, life rolled along very quickly. Erv was a loving husband, dad and grandpa, sharing his many words of wisdom and talents with his kids and grandkids. He was known as Paw Paw Erv, Swervin' Ervin, and the Colonel to many of his kids' and grandkids' friends, which he was very proud of.

Erv was kind, witty, hard-working, fun-loving, and honest – a true good, family man. He was truly humbled by the love, support and care given him since his illness. He will be greatly missed.

Erv is also survived by two sisters, Jean Ann Mechlin (Curt), Mexico; and Doris Ann Moss (Junior), New Hartford; a brother, David Clement Grote (Mona), Bowling Green; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by their infant son, Tyson, and his mother and father.

Serving as pallbearers will be nephews: Terry Sells, Danny Sells, Kenny Burgeson, Roger Moss, Kenneth Turpin, Scott Bair, Jeremy Grote, Grant

Gollaher, Justin Tepen and Ryan Tepen.

Memorials may be made to the St. Clement Cemetery Association, Pike County Home Health and Hospice or to the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ Hello Judy...I want to send you my sincere sympathy in your loss of Erv. I know what a difficult time this is and a prayer has been said for strength for you and your family. May God's grace and blessings be with you. Linda Straubinger

Linda Straubinger - June 23, 2015 at 12:32 PM

KS

“ I am sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Kyle Smith - June 23, 2015 at 12:32 PM

RW

“ So sorry to hear about Ervin. You have our deepest sympathy. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Richard & Janis Worsham - June 23, 2015 at 12:32 PM

KW

“ Judy and family you are in my thoughts and prayers, Erv was a great man, loved by many, love and hugs to all

Kaye Feldmann Williams - June 23, 2015 at 12:32 PM

D6

“ When I think of Erv, the first thing that comes to mind is kind and gentle, My thoughts prayers go out to the Grote family at this time, and days ahead.

Donna Jones Sheets (Class of 65) - June 23, 2015 at 12:31 PM

RS

“ Judy thinking of you and your family. Erv will be sadly missed, your family was such good friends to Todd and he enjoyed spending time with you guys. Always lots of laughter.

Reta Schachtsiek - June 23, 2015 at 12:31 PM

KO

“ Judy & family You are in my prayers at this difficult time.

Kathy & Les Orf - June 23, 2015 at 12:31 PM

BC

“ We have such wonderful memories of Swervin' Ervin and he is greatly missed. We are keeping the Grote family in our thoughts and prayers!

Ben & Lauren Campbell - June 23, 2015 at 12:31 PM

RF

“ Our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Paw Paw Erv. Love and prayers to all of you during this difficult time.

Renee Pezold and family - June 23, 2015 at 12:30 PM

C1

“ Judy and family, please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your husband, father, and grandfather. I remember Erv as being a very kind and good person. He will always be with you in your memories and in your heart.

Candy Reading Thornton (Class of 1966) - June 23, 2015 at 12:30 PM

GL

“ So sorry for your loss you are in our prayers

Greg and Joyce Luebrecht - June 23, 2015 at 12:30 PM

PB

“ *Judy and family. You are in our thoughts and prayers and may God give you extra strength in the days ahead.*

Paul and Linda Bange - June 23, 2015 at 12:29 PM

AL

“ *Judy and family,
So very sorry for your loss of Erv, sending prayers and hugs your way.*

Alan & Lynda Luebbers - June 23, 2015 at 12:29 PM

CB

“ *Judy and family. You have my deepest and heartfelt sympathy. I am so sorry I can't be there in person. I am praying for all of your family.*

Carl Buntten - June 23, 2015 at 12:29 PM

MC

“ *What a great guy with a kind heart. So sorry for your loss. Prayers to your family.*

Mike and Donna Colbert - June 23, 2015 at 12:29 PM

DT

“ *Judy, we don't know each other but Erv and I spent 8 years together in grade school. I also saw him at Church whenever I visited St Clement. He was always gentle and respectful. I am happy to read that he had a loving family and many friends, also that he had hospice care during the final days of his earthly journey. I'm sure that was a blessing to all the family as well as to Erv. God be with you in a special way in the days to come.*

Dorothy Twellman - June 23, 2015 at 12:29 PM

CT

“ *Judy and all of Erv's family,
Our hearts and prayers are with you at this difficult time*

Clay and Marilyn Taliaferro - June 23, 2015 at 12:28 PM

MB

“ *Sorry for your loss are prayers are with you as is out hearts .*

Mike and Sherry Boyer - June 23, 2015 at 12:28 PM

J1

“ *Ervin was a great guy. I got to know him in basketball, even though I was older. Judy, God bless you and your family at this time. My the Lord be close and with you in your loss.*

John C. Parcell, BGHS 1963 - June 23, 2015 at 12:28 PM

MJ

“ *Judy and family, Erv was a great and talented guy. He will be soooo missed by a great many people. I'm sorry for both your loss and ours. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Margie Jamieson - June 23, 2015 at 12:27 PM