



Richard Bernard Grote

November 24, 1940 - January 22, 2023

Richard Bernard Grote, age 82, of Bowling Green MO went home to Jesus on January 22, 2023 at Maple Grove Lodge surrounded by his wife, children, and their spouses. He was born November 24, 1940, son of Max H. and Irene (Wendel) Grote. He married Joan T. Ratermann on November 14, 1959 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Millwood MO, she survives.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 am Thursday, January 26, 2023 at St. Clement Catholic Church with Fr. Henry Usher and Fr. Danny Merz officiating. Burial will be held at St. Clement Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4:00 - 8:00 pm Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at the church.

Richard was born and raised on the family farm in St. Clement. He attended St. Clement Catholic School from grades 1-8. After eighth grade, Richard went to work for his Uncle C.T. (Slick) Wendel as a painter and builder, building numerous houses throughout Pike County. Richard always packed a lunch, his favorite being a cold pork chop which earned him the nickname of "Pork Chops".

Richard and his brother Kenny farmed together from 1958-1965 in the Farmer area. In 1965, Richard and Joan moved to their present home in St. Clement, which was originally owned by Clem and Regina Grote. Richard farmed and worked full-time for Wendel Construction from 1965-1972. He then became a

full-time farmer. He started Grote Painting in 1997, then in 2000, his grandson Corey joined him in the paint business renaming it Grote Biggs Painting. They continued their painting business until 2010. Richard continued farming for the remainder of his life.

Richard enjoyed taking hunting trips with his sons, grandsons, and friends. He loved to spend time surrounded by his family, especially enjoying the pitter-patter of the great grandkids. He loved to spend Saturday nights playing cards and games with family and friends. Richard and Joan were known for their dancing ability (cutting a rug) with many friends including many late night and early morning breakfasts. He enjoyed life to the fullest especially being with his family and friends.

Richard was devoted to St. Clement Parish, St. Clement School, and the Knights of Columbus. He was actively involved with many different parish committees including Parish Council, School Board, and many building committees. He helped to build and maintain many different projects for both St. Clement Parish and the Knights of Columbus. He also served as Grand Knight and was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He considered it a great honor to serve in these capacities. Richard was actively involved in the Quincy Cursillo where he made many lifelong friends. He was well-liked and respected throughout the community.

Richard is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Joan, and their 5 children, Joseph H. (Shari) Grote of Eolia, Tony (Amy) Grote and Karen (Richard) Biggs of Bowling Green, Gary F. (Sandy) Grote of Silex, and Terri (Robbie) Bird of Middletown. His grandchildren are Bethany (Kevin) Ponton of Texas, Corey (Amy) Biggs of Bowling Green, Joey (Audra) Grote of Silex, Bridgett (Bill) Hanks of O'Fallon, MO, Timmy (Meaghan) Grote of Bowling Green, Randi Biggs (Angi) Spinzig of O'Fallon MO, Max (Brittany) Grote of Middletown, Michelle (Michael) Mehler of Silex, Whitney (Nick) Rehmeier of New Melle

MO, Russell (Ally) Bird of Bowling Green, Ally Grote of Stillwater OK, Andrew Biggs (Sara Akers) of Bowling Green, Tommy Grote of Bowling Green, Raymond Bird (Kacy Mudd) of Troy. In addition, he has 5 step-grandsons Brett (Rachel) Biggs, Alek (Autumn) Eivins of Jefferson City, Zakk, Cash and Kain Eivins all of Eolia and 18 great-grandchildren with 4 more due in the spring.

Survivors also include his siblings Evie Hopke of New Hartford, Maxine (Carroll) Grote of Bowling Green and sisters-in-law Wanda Grote of New Hartford, Alice Schuckenbrock of Texas, Judy Ratermann Murphy of Silex and brother-in-law John Ratermann (Tina) of Silex. He was preceded in death by his parents, Max and Irene, his in-laws Tony and Florence Ratermann, brother Kenny Grote, brothers-in-law John Hopke, Frank Schuckenbrock and Steve Murphy.

Pallbearers are Corey Biggs, Joey Grote, Timmy Grote, Max Grote, Russell Bird, Andrew Biggs, Tommy Grote and Raymond Bird. Honorary pallbearers are Bethany Ponton, Bridgett Hanks, Randi Spinzig, Michelle Mehler, Whitney Rehmeier, and Ally Grote.

Richard was an important part of the local community and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Memorials can be made to St. Clement School, Anne's Anchor, or Promedica (Heartland) Hospice.

Cemetery Details

St. Clement Cemetery

St. Clement, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Clement Catholic Church
21509 Hwy 161
Bowling Green, MO 63334
<http://www.stclementmo.org>

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

JAN **26** (CT)

St. Clement Cemetery
St. Clement, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Bernard Grote.*



January 25, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *When someone you love truly NEEDS to go home, it is almost a relief to have him surrender. Almost. Because joyful as the journey is for him, it does hurt us. I am so happy Dick accepted his release.. and i pray with all my heart and being that his eternal happiness outweighs our earthly grief. That, my loves, is no small prayer.. i sincerely believe all the angels helped guide Dick into paradise...
..and um, angels, please eternally forgive Dicks one liners, this i pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.*

Judy Ratermann Murphy - January 25, 2023 at 01:27 AM



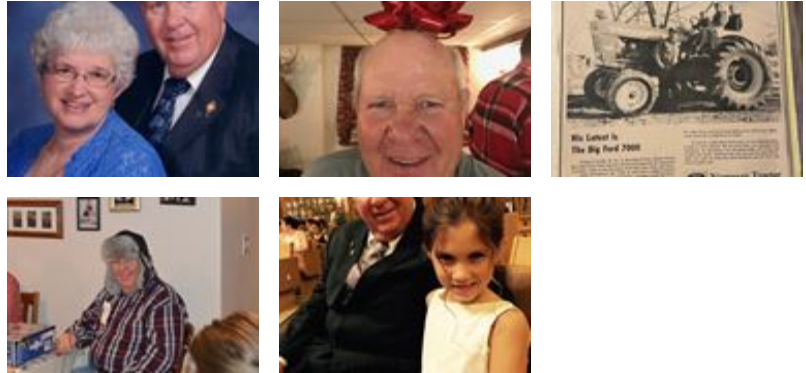
“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Bernard Grote.*



January 24, 2023 at 08:08 PM



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“ *Heavenly and Harmony* was purchased for the family of Richard Bernard Grote.



January 24, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Richard Bernard Grote.



January 24, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Bernard Grote.*



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“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard Bernard Grote.*



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