Leota Griess

November 29, 1958 - February 11, 2019

Sutton resident Leota Griess, 60, went to be with the Lord Monday, February 11, 2019, at her home in Sutton, where she no longer has pain or suffering.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 16, 2019, at Hope Reformed Church in Sutton with Pastor Scott Henry officiating. Interment will follow at the Sutton Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., with the family greeting friends from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Hope Reformed Church or the Sutton Community Home Foundation.

Leota (Hofmann) Griess was born on November 29, 1958, in Henderson, NE. She was born to Arthur and Louise (Griess) Hofmann and the youngest of 4 girls. Leota attended Sutton Public Schools and graduated in 1977. She went on to Central Community College in Hastings, NE and graduated with a degree in accounting. On January 17, 1987, she married Ronald S. Griess and to this union, 1 daughter was born Sophia Johanna Griess.

Leota worked for Chuck Spearman, Smith Brothers, and later started her own photography business. Ronald and Leota later managed the Sutton American Legion for 25 years until their retirement in 2016. In May 2017, Leota was

diagnosed with stage 4 inflammatory breast cancer. After many treatments, the cancer moved to her brain.

Leota was baptized and confirmed at the Free German Reformed Salem Church. Leota was a member of Hope Reformed Church.

Leota is survived by her husband, Ronald S. Griess; daughter, Sophie (Adam) Carlson; sisters, Elizabeth Carlson; Luella (Don C.) Griess; Esther (Don Rein) Griess; mother-in-law, Anna Griess; brother-in-law, Ted (Shirley) Griess; sisters-in-law, Ruth (Milton) Huber; Kathy (Harold) Douglas all of Sutton; brother-in-law, Kurt (Renae) Griess of Aurora, NE; family friends, Derek, Robin, Lily, Briley and Keaton Griess of Sutton, NE; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Leota was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Louise Hofmann; father-in-law, Simeon Griess; brother-in-law, Charles Carlson; nephews, Jeffery Griess and John Carlson.

Tribute Wall

PH

Dear Griess Family, I am sorry to have read of your loss; please accept my sincere condolences. Something that I have personally found to be of great comfort are the thoughts expressed at John 5:28&29. In these verses we find a wonderful hope for the future of being reunited with our loved ones upon the earth as God originally purposed (Gen 1:28; Psalms 37:11,29) free from pain, sickness and death. (Rev 21:4) Hold on to all your happy memories of your precious Leota and may these, along with all the promises of God, who cannot lie, bring you comfort and peace. (Titus 1:2). My deepest sympathies.

Patricia Hubbard - February 18, 2019 at 01:32 PM

BK

Ron and Sophia: So sad to learn of Leota's passing. Memories include Leota working for us at the Dairy Drive; many meals at Sutton Legion; and the wonderful 50th anniversary party for us. Rest in peace, Leota!

Bill and Carolyn Kssebaum - February 17, 2019 at 03:02 PM

MH

Hi Ron and family, my mom is Cindy Ochsner-Hull, and my dad is Dave Hull. I'm so very sorry to hear of your loss. I remember you Ron, and sweet Leota as a young girl, and also in my adult years. Your daughter Sophie was such a gem to our family at the Community Home in Grandma Ochsner's last weeks. May the Lord comfort you all during this difficult time.
-Melissa

Melissa Hull-Jeffrey - February 14, 2019 at 06:52 PM

KP

My deepest sympathy is sent to Ron and Sophie and all their loved ones. I will never forget the joy and support Leotta gave me while working at the Legion! Sending lots of love to everyone who knew Leotta.

Katelynn Piper - February 14, 2019 at 04:37 PM

DB

Love to all who are now missing this loving lady , What faith she lived by . Heaven has a special angel now. I know Ron , Sophia and all her family and friends are missing her terribly but there is no pain for her now.

Dixie and Marshal Burgmaier - February 14, 2019 at 04:01 PM

CF

Ron and Sophie, we are so sorry for your loss.Leota was so caring and thoughtful and had a wonderful since of humor. Even though this is such a difficult time, just remember the great memories. Our prayers are with you.N

Cronin family - February 13, 2019 at 06:19 PM

PA

So sorry Leota is gone. So happy she is at rest uHeNh

Pat Anderson - February 13, 2019 at 04:41 PM

D(

My thoughts and prayers go out to Leota's family and friends. She was a wonderful person. She will be greatly missed.

Diana (Buerer)Skrdla - February 13, 2019 at 07:38 AM

LS

Leota was on loan To Us by God to teach us all what she could. Strength, kindness, caring, love, compassion and how to give life 110%, she did this and more. The Lord didn't want her in pain any longer so he called her back by his side. My heart goes out to all the family especially Ron and Sophie. She'll always be in your heart and you will meet again someday, she was truly an amazing woman.

Lisa Smith - February 12, 2019 at 10:27 PM

MB

We are so very sorry to hear of Leota's passing.
We know she will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.
May God Bless you all at this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Marvin & Bridgette Brummer

Marvin & Bridgette Brummer - February 12, 2019 at 09:39 PM

BE

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ron, Sophie and the rest of the family. Leota was an amazing person and will be greatly missed. Rest in peace Leota.

Bob and Marci Earll - February 12, 2019 at 05:34 PM

SS

Thoughts and prayers to Ron and family. She was a wonderful caring lady and will be missed.

Sandra Schafer-Nagy - February 12, 2019 at 08:38 AM

MJ

Our deepest thoughts and prayers! Leota was a special lady and will be greatly missed! RIP, my friend!

Mike and Virginia Johnson - February 12, 2019 at 08:38 AM

BB

Leota you were one of the most positive and brave people we knew. Enjoyed your wit and knowledge. To the family, you have many wonderful memories.

Bill Bottorf - February 12, 2019 at 08:00 AM

BF

We've been thinking about u for some time! We were sad to hear the sad news! We know our loved ones are no longer suffering, but we miss them just the same! Leota always had a smile on her face! We wish u comfort and strength during this time! 🌹🙏🙏

Brad and Kathleen Freking and family - February 11, 2019 at 09:18 PM

VD

My thoughts and prayers go to Leota's family. She was an amazing person to work with and all around be around. She will be missed.

Virginia Dennis - February 11, 2019 at 06:35 PM

DH

So very sorry for this family's loss. She was the a wonderful woman-kind, caring, a good neighbor and friend. I'm sure she will be sorely missed by many people!! My deepest sympathies. So heartbreaking that she didn't get to meet her own granddaughter.

Dianne Horst - February 11, 2019 at 06:28 PM

CE

Thoughts and prayers going out to Leota's family.

Curt and Maxine Epp - February 11, 2019 at 05:20 PM

LJ

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ron and family. She was such a hard working women that always smiled. Leota will be missed by so many people. Rick and Laurie jarzynka

Laurie jarzynka - February 11, 2019 at 04:56 PM

SA

Rest in peace dear Leota...our Lord has called you home to be without pain, sorrow and hardships now...you will be sadly missed by many. May the Lord wrap His loving, caring arms around your family as they say goodbye to you...May He grant you all peace and understanding and hold you in His loving embrace to help you through this time of sorrow and loss.

Sue Akset - February 11, 2019 at 03:41 PM

GP

My thoughts and prayers go out to Leota's family and friends. She was the strongest woman I have ever met. Nothing ever got her down. Soar in Heaven now pain free.
Steve. Ginny, and Ali

Ginny Pearson - February 11, 2019 at 03:04 PM

TK

My heart goes out to you all! She was truly one of the best people a person could ever have in their life. She will be greatly missed.

Tish Kohler - February 11, 2019 at 02:50 PM