



Lorence O Griess, 81

May 14, 1944 - April 11, 2026

Hastings, NE, resident Lorence O. Griess, 81, passed away Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Perkins Pavilion, Good Samaritan Society, Hastings Village.

Memorial services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at Hope Reformed Church in Sutton, NE, with Pastor Scott Henry officiating. Private graveside services will be held at the Sutton Cemetery in Sutton, NE. Visitation will be Tuesday, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., with the family present from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated later.

Lorence O. Griess was born May 14, 1944, in Hastings, NE, to Oscar and Katherina (Griess) Griess. He received his education in Sutton and graduated from Sutton High School. He grew up going to the same school and church as Suzann. They dated each other since high school. On August 23, 1962, he married Suzann Huber in Grafton, NE, and they had three children. He worked at Jack and Jill as a butcher for his mom and dad. He also helped his aunts and uncles on the farm, working on their tractors; this is where his love for tinkering and working on cars came from. During this time, he became a Volunteer Fireman. He opened the meat locker in Sutton in 1974; Lorence and

Suzann had to fix the walls and the floors before they could open the locker. He sold the locker 14 years later. During this time, he also restored old cars and entered them into car shows. His fun time with family included camping on the weekends. Lorence took an old school bus and transformed it into a camper. He bought a boat and took his family skiing. It was a great time with fishing poles and campfires down at Lake Lovewell. He admitted later in life that he didn't like to fish; he just did it to hang out with his friends. After he sold the locker, he took a job doing maintenance with the Sutton Community Home until his retirement. After retiring, Lorence and Suzann made their home in Hastings, and they redid the interior and added some landscaping. Lorence continued tinkering on lawnmowers as a hobby. They also enjoyed going to garage sales on the weekends. Lorence really enjoyed his family and didn't miss a holiday with them.

He is survived by his wife, Suzann of Hastings, NE; brother, Rolland (Joan) Griess of Sutton, NE; three children, Deann (Steve) Walton; Darrell (Renae) Griess; Douglas (Skye) Griess; and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his aunts and uncles.

Cemetery Details

Sutton Cemetery

1202 N. Saunders Ave
Sutton, NE 68979

Previous Events

Family Greeting Friends

APR 14. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sutton Memorial Chapel
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Memorial Service

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Hope Reformed Church
311 E Hickory St
Sutton, NE 68979

Tribute Wall



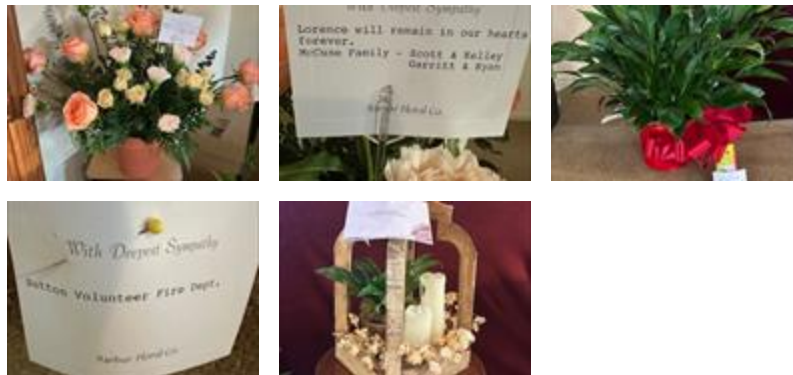
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Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - April 15 at 02:01 PM



“ 28 files added to the album *Floral Tributes*



Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - April 15 at 08:55 AM



“ *Larry Joyce Klein lit a candle in memory of
Lorence O Griess, 81*



Larry Joyce Klein - April 14 at 06:56 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lorence O Griess, 81.*



April 14 at 12:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lorence O Griess, 81.

April 14 at 12:40 PM



“ *Patrick Markle purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lorence O Griess, 81.*



Patrick Markle - April 14 at 12:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences!*



Virginia Johnson - April 13 at 08:08 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Lorence O Griess, 81.*



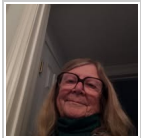
April 13 at 07:40 PM



“ *Ava Roush*



Ava Roush - April 13 at 06:24 PM



“ *Lorence "Yorncey" was my first friend (aside from my brother Bill) at the age of four/five. He lived across the street from my babysitter, Olive Houts. We weren't allowed to cross the street so he sat in one ditch, I in the other-he talking in German and I English-yes, he learned English and I never learned German. Years later after moving back to Sutton for a time we were able to renew that friendship. Considered myself lucky for the opportunity. Sincere condolences to Suz and family.*



Kathy Johnson - April 12 at 08:40 PM

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“ Scott & Kelley , Garritt & Ryan purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Lorence O Griess, 81.



Scott & Kelley , Garritt & Ryan - April 12 at 07:21 PM

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“ Larry Joyce Klein lit a candle in memory of Lorence O Griess, 81



Larry Joyce Klein - April 11 at 05:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lorence O Griess, 81.



April 11 at 03:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lorence O Griess, 81.

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“ So many memories of Lorence and I growing up together, even though 30 miles apart, we spent a lot of time together. We shared unique experiences of attending church services, speaking a common German dialect, hanging around Oscar and Kate’s—his parent’s—grocery store, spending the night at their house after Saturday confirmation classes, accompanying me bicycling my paper route, driving our first cars, and so much more. I’m thankful that we ran into each other occasionally and texted and called each other more recently. Remembering Lorence with great fondness and sending heartfelt sympathy to his family. Gary Griess.

Gary Griess - April 11 at 02:58 PM