



Rolland Keith Griess

January 2, 1956 - September 3, 2012

Former Sutton resident Rolland Keith Griess, 56, died Monday, September 3, 2012, at Mary Lanning HealthCare in Hastings, NE.

Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 7, 2012, at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE with Rev. Joe Vusich officiating. Graveside services will be 4:00 p.m., Friday at the Sutton Cemetery in Sutton, NE. Book signing will be Thursday, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the funeral chapel.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Emmanuel Reformed Church in Sutton, NE.

Rolland Keith Griess was born January 2, 1956, in Henderson, NE to Ruben and Viola (Rauscher) Griess. He was baptized April 8, 1956, at Emmanuel Reformed Church in Sutton, NE by Rev. Calvin Stuebbe and Confirmed March 22, 1970, at Emmanuel Reformed Church in Sutton, NE by Rev. George Bartell. He was raised in Sutton and attended Hope Training School. Later he moved to Hastings, NE and was associated with Mid Nebraska Individual Services until 2009, when he began residing at Good Samaritan in Hastings, NE.

Rolland was a member of Emmanuel Reformed Church in Sutton, NE. He was an avid Husker fan and enjoyed attending Sutton High School athletic events.

Rolland was also very involved with Special Olympics and competed on the state basketball team.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Marcella and Dennis Vitosh of Diller, NE; brother-in-law, Ralph Jay of Syracuse, NE; friend, Lisa Small of Hastings, NE; nieces, Karla Lamphere of Hooksett, NH and Brenda Stengel of Shickley, NE; nephews, Craig Vitosh of Rowlett, TX and Brian Jay of Omaha, NE.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Lola Jay.

Tribute Wall

KL

“ I have fond memories of our regular family get-togethers, watching football, sharing kuchen, and dancing at my wedding with Uncle Rolly. I take comfort that Uncle Rolly is with Grandma and Grandpa and mom. Aunt Marcie, you are in my thoughts and prayers! Love you!

Karla Lamphere - September 08, 2012 at 01:34 PM

DT

“ Matt and Rollie - WOW, those two had such a blessed friendship. Matt had lunch/dinner with Rollie once or twice a week, holidays and to a Sutton home game at least once a season. Rollie was the sweetest guy and quite the comedian who could make you laugh no matter what.

Rollie, you will be missed by those of us left behind BUT will get to see Matt & your mom and dad again and do all those things you used to dream of! Love you and will miss you a lot!

Deb Trobaugh (& the late Matt Trobaugh) - September 07, 2012 at 05:24 AM

RS

“ Praying for comfort & peace for the family left behind in this time of loss of Rolly.

We would always shake hands when we met & he would say "Hi Ronnie". He liked sports & deserts, usually having having more than one, I guess I was jealous.

Going to miss him.

Ronald Nuss Sr - September 05, 2012 at 07:01 PM

KK

“ My memories of Rolly are of a big ol' teddy bear, who loved hugging all of us. Who doesn't love getting hugged by a lovable teddy bear?! That was Rolly. Now he gets to share his great teddy bear hugs with an entire kingdom.

Marcie and Dennis, we are so sorry for your loss, and are holding you close in our hearts.

Karen Karshneski - September 05, 2012 at 12:12 PM

PS

“ Most of my memories of Rolly are of him giving me the biggest, most sincere "bear hugs"... he had a passion for life that few of us are lucky enough to experience or understand. May he rest in peace with our Lord and may Marcie and Dennis find comfort in knowing that Rolly is in a very good place. God bless.

Peggy Schulz - September 05, 2012 at 10:12 AM

DG

“ My memories of sitting together with Rolly on the swing in the summer at Grandma's and his tracing letters at her funeral are indelibly etched. He was a sweet, sweet soul.

Dennis Griess - September 05, 2012 at 07:39 AM

KG

“ Marcie & Dennis, you are in my prayers. Rolly's joy for life was contagious. He brought smiles to so many. We can all learn from him how to love people unconditionally.

Kathy Griess - September 05, 2012 at 04:14 AM

DH

“ *Rest in peace my dear cousin. I will always remember your happy smiling face.*

My prayers are for Marcie and Dennis that they will be comforted in this tough time on the loss of their brother. Peace be with you and God bless you.

Delores Hicks - September 04, 2012 at 07:05 PM