



Thomas T. Griess

August 11, 1936 - June 25, 2012

Former Sutton resident Thomas T. Griess, 75, died Monday, June 25, 2012, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, AZ.

Services will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 30, 2012, at Emmanuel Reformed Church in Sutton, NE with Pastor Joe Vusich officiating. Interment will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery in rural Glenvil, NE. Visitation will be Friday from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., with the family present from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel, in Sutton, NE and one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312 (www.diabetes.org/donate).

Tom was born August 11, 1936, to Theodore W. and Elsie (Hofmann) Griess at the family farm near Sutton, NE. He married Dorothey L. Theesen in Hastings, NE, on October 6th, 1961, and they had three children, Michael, Tina and Philip. Tom and his family lived in Nebraska, South Dakota, Alabama and Iowa during his career working for Cargill, Inc., with Tom and Dorothey spending time in Nebraska and Arizona in their retirement. Tom loved music and enjoyed traveling with Dorothey.

Tom is survived by his wife of 50 years, children Michael, Tina and Philip, and their spouses, Amy, MJ and Jackie, and his 6 grandchildren: Thomas, Christina, Tyler, Drew, Evan and Elly. Also surviving him is his sister Doris and her husband Hilmer Huber, his step-mother Luella Griess, step-brother Gary and his wife Angela Griess, and his step-sister Leona and her husband Lester Bangert, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Ben and Ewald Griess.

Tribute Wall

TG

“ We just heard of Toms passing this evening in church here in Loveland, CO. I am so glad I got to visit with Tom and Dorothey at Aunt Luella's 90th birthday party in Sutton. Our sincerest sympathies go out to you, Dorothey, your family and also to Doris and Hilmer. May the Lord bless you and keep you in His care as you suffer the loss of your loved one.

Love,
Tillie and Larry Nelson

Tilma (Tillie) Nelson nee: Griess - August 12, 2012 at 07:58 PM

SF

“ I'm in full agreement with Jody Watkins - He must have been an extraordinary man to have raised a wonderful daughter like Tina. All my loving thoughts to you, Tina, and to MJ and all your family.

Love, Sue French

Susan French - July 05, 2012 at 08:19 PM

JW

“ He must have been an incredible man to have raised such a fine daughter.

Jody watkins - July 05, 2012 at 04:39 PM

NM

“ Dorothey, we have been thinking of you all week and especially today. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Tom was the best neighbor anyone can have and we will miss him greatly.

Love, Nancy & Jim

Nancy and Jim Matheson - June 30, 2012 at 06:19 PM

LH

“ *"Always sitting on the chair" need I say more!!!*

Lavera & Larry Hoggatt - June 29, 2012 at 08:57 PM

AZ

“ *My deepest sympathy to Aunt Dorothey, Tina, Mike, Phil and the extended family. I will always remember Uncle Tom as happy and had such an enthusiasm in everything he did. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I'll see you all Friday night and Saturday.*

Angela Zuccaro-Gaughan - June 29, 2012 at 12:50 PM

KT

“ *Our sympathy goes out to Aunt Dorothey and cousins Mike, Phil, and Tina, and the rest of the extended family. I'll always remember Uncle Tom as the uncle who always seemed to be in a good mood, and always having something positive to say about any situation. So sad to hear of his passing.*

*We'll see you in Sutton on Saturday.
Love, Kim & Anita*

Kim Richard Theesen - June 28, 2012 at 07:09 PM