



Doreen Grote

September 10, 1937 - August 15, 2025

Doreen Margaret Grote, 87 of Carroll, died Friday, August 15, 2025 at Regency Park Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Saturday, August 23, 2025 at St. Lawrence Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Patrick Behm. Music will be by Kathy Halbur. Lector for the Funeral Mass will be Jane Boes. Gift Bearers will be Stephanie Jones, Nicole Smith, Hannah Stephens, Haley Stoltz, and Chloe Grote. Casket Bearers will be Tim Pietig, Scott Pietig, Jeff Pietig, Marc Pietig, Benjamin Grote, and Ross Jones. The Carroll Catholic Daughters of the Americas will form an honor guard for the Funeral Mass. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a rosary at 7 p.m. by the Carroll Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Additional visitation will be from 9-9:45 a.m. on Saturday at the church. Memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for Animal Rescue of Carroll.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Doreen's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Doreen Margaret (Pietig) Grote was born September 10, 1937, in Carroll, IA. Doreen was the daughter of Leonard and Evelyn (Berning) Pietig, she grew up on the family dairy farm just north of Roselle. She was the eldest of four children. She attended St. Angela's Academy and graduated from Kuemper in 1956.

On September 8, 1956 she was united in marriage to her sweetheart John (Jack) Grote at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Roselle, IA. With this union they had three children, Rick, Mike and Joni.

Doreen and Jack moved to Fort Bragg, NC while Jack was enlisted in the U.S. Army. After returning home from North Carolina the couple resided on a farm north of Roselle and then made their final home in Carroll where Jack engaged in farming.

While caring for her family she also worked at Tony's Restaurant, Brown Derby and Carroll Elks Lodge. Which created several long-term friends and relationships.

Doreen and Jack loved their winters in Mesquite, NV, traveling to Europe and family vacations to New Smyrna Beach, FL.

She loved doing ceramics, macrame, crocheting, cooking, word games, collecting dolls, hummels and going to casinos. She also loved conversations with her grandchildren, learning about their accomplishments and adventures, especially when they sent pictures to her digital picture frame.

Doreen loved her cats (Thomas and Wilbur and any neighborhood feral) and spent most of her time caring for them. Later she was affectionately known as the "Cat Lady".

Doreen was an active member of St. Lawrence Parish and Catholic Daughters. She also volunteered at St. Anthony's Hospital Auxiliary.

During the last year Doreen resided at the Regency Park in Carroll where she was taken care of by the wonderful staff.

Left to celebrate Doreen's life is her children: Rick (Jill) Grote of Carroll, Mike of Carroll, Joni (Clare) O'Rourke of Slater, IA. Seven grandchildren, Patrick, Stephanie (Ross), Nichole, Hannah (Alex), Haley (Ethan), Benjamin and Chloe. Six great-grandchildren, Piper, Colby, Timber, Easton, Shea and Callum. Her sibling William (Judy) Pietig of Glidden. Her sibling in-laws; Joyce Grote of Minooka, IL., John (Jeanne) Rosener of South Sioux City, NE., James (Mary Ann) Grote of Cave Creek, AZ, Bill (Nancy) Grote of Withee, WI., Alice (John) Hamilton of Jefferson. Judy (Duane "Butch") Olberding of Iowa Falls., Ted (Peggy) Grote of Gibson City, IL. As well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and other extended friends and relatives.

Doreen was preceded in death by her husband, Jack in 2020, her parents Leonard and Evelyn, her parent in-laws Herman and Colette Grote, brother Ronald Pietig, sister Joleen Gerdes, Aunt Marie Campbell, brother in-laws Charles Gerdes, Paul Grote, Ralph Grote, Leonard Grote, Norbert Grote, Leonard Sailer, Lyle Vonnahme, sister in-laws Karma Pietig, Luella Grote, Marlita Grote, Irma Grote, Lorraine Vonnahme, and Mary Sailer.

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Sherry C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doreen Grote.

Sherry C. - September 03, 2025 at 11:25 AM

AS

“ Doreen was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, sister, niece and all the many hats she wore. I will always remember how classy she was. Had a beautiful home that I will never forget the smell of, was a wonderful cook, and she loved her family. I remember sitting outside my great grandma Marie's house in Omaha and would be excited to see her red car coming down the street. She loved my grandma, her Aunt very much. I will never forget the memories of a child, going to Carroll every year for memorial weekend with my family and Doreen always making us feel at home, made sure we ate good and had a good time! I will always remember all the fun times I had with everyone, especially with Hannah, Steph and Nicki. My condolences to everyone and I am sorry for not being able to join you all in her home going. But you all are in my thoughts and prayers. And may God comfort you during this time. I love you all.

Amber Lynn Stennis - August 23, 2025 at 11:27 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Doreen Grote.



August 21, 2025 at 05:21 PM

DO

“ *Darin, Annie and Ole purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Doreen Grote.*



Darin, Annie and Ole - August 21, 2025 at 01:01 PM

DS

“ *David and Bonnie Sprinkle purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Doreen Grote.*



David and Bonnie Sprinkle - August 21, 2025 at 12:57 PM



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



August 21, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Doreen Grote.*

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Doreen Grote.



August 19, 2025 at 10:32 AM



“ John Stennis

My deepest sympathies may his loving embrace comfort you in your time of sorrow. I will always remember her 🙏🙏🙏

John Stennis - August 18, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ Rick and the entire Grote family, accept my sincere sympathy on the death of Doreen. I am not able to attend Doreen's visitation or funeral as I will be out of town please know that I have your family in my thoughts and prayers. Blessings. Bruce Hauswirth

BRUCE HAUSWIRTH - August 17, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ Rick and family, sorry to hear about your Mom, Grama, Greatgrama and Cat Lady! Sounds like she had a great life.
Cuddy

Cuddy - August 17, 2025 at 02:24 PM

DT

“ Doreen and I were classmates in Roselle Iowa. We had such a small class at Holy Angels. When we were in 8th grade the girls got so tired of wearing long cotton stockings to school that the girls got together and all wore anklets one day to school!! It was anklets after that. I think maybe our class made history. Darlene Eich
Timmerman

Darlene Luella Timmerman - August 17, 2025 at 01:06 PM

PS

“ My sympathy to Doreen's family! We were friends and classmates! Lots of wonderful memories!

Pat Sanders - August 17, 2025 at 11:34 AM

AR

My sincere sympathy to Doreen's family and to the Grote family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Annette Ratigan - August 20, 2025 at 01:47 PM

BS

Joni and family, so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. We loved her dearly. My mom (Marie Campbell) always looked forward to seeing your mom. She especially enjoyed the packages your mom sent while she was in the nursing home. I don't think she ever forgot my mom's birthday. I am very thankful for the loving care she showed my mom. We are unable to come to the funeral due to David's back surgery last week. All our love, David and Bonnie Sprinkle, Green Cove Springs, FL

Bonnie J Sprinkle - August 21, 2025 at 01:12 PM

SC

Rick, Mike and Joni, My sympathy and love to all of you . We have so many special memories being neighbors for so many years. Lots of laughs and smiles and fun times with both your Mom and Dad. I cherish those memories and will miss my special friend.

Sherry Caventer - August 24, 2025 at 10:59 AM