



Thomas Grote

April 1, 1967 - December 23, 2025

Thomas Grote, 58, of Carroll, died on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 3, 2026 at St. Lawrence Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Merlin Schrad. Music will be by Kathy Halbur. Lector for the Funeral Mass will be Miranda Grote. Gift Bearers will be Mary Jo Parrino and Kristie Carlson. Eucharistic Minister will be Kristie Carlson. Honorary Casket Bearers will be his brothers: John, Don, Ken, Rick, Ron, Scott, and Bill Grote. Burial will be at 1 p.m. in St. Bernard's Cemetery in Breda.

A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, January 2, 2026 at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a rosary at 7 p.m. Additional visitation will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Saturday at the church prior to the Funeral Mass.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for Kuemper Catholic School Foundation or the St. Bernard's Cemetery Foundation.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for the Grote family at www.sharppfuneral.com.

Thomas Joseph Grote passed away on December 23, 2025. He was 58 years old. Born on April 1, 1967, in Carroll, Iowa, Tom was the third of ten children born to Joseph and Donna Grote. He grew up on the family farm in Arcadia. Tom graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School in 1985 and went on to earn his degree from Briar Cliff University in 1989.

Tom found his home in the heart of Des Moines. A long-time resident of the downtown area, he was a familiar face at the Des Moines Civic Center. As a long-time season ticket holder, Tom's love for musical theater was a defining part of his life.

When he wasn't at a show, Tom could often be found with a book in hand or gathered around a table for a game of cards. Card games were the heartbeat of family gatherings, and Tom cherished the hours spent competing and laughing with his family. He also spent many afternoons and evenings tuned into the radio, following the play-by-play of Iowa State Cyclones football and basketball games.

Tom is survived by his parents, Joseph and Donna Grote of Carroll; and his nine siblings: Mary Jo (Richard) Parrino of Washington, D.C.; John (Jeanette) Grote of Arcadia; Don Grote of Carroll; Kristie (Stein) Carlson of Spencer; Ken (Alexi) Grote of Monkton, Maryland; Rick Grote of Phoenix, Maryland; Ron Grote of Breda; Scott Grote of Carroll; and Bill (Jessica) Grote of Manning. He also leaves behind many beloved nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins who will miss his kindness and quick wit.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Walter and Martha Riesberg, and his paternal grandparents, Herman and Louise Grote.

Tribute Wall

AS

“ I'd like to send Tom's family and other loved ones my condolences. I knew Tom for a number of years. I was his lunch friend. We would try various restaurants in the downtown Des Moines area and we used to venture towards Ingersoll back in the days when both of us were in better shape to walk the distance. I will miss Tom so much!!!! I will miss his laugh. I will miss sharing and chatting with him frequently. Honestly I wasn't prepared to find out Tom was gone. It still feels like a bad dream. I guess the fact he no longer has to suffer is a blessing. This will take a long time to get over. Tom was a one of a kind friend who is irreplaceable!!

Andy Shoafstall - January 02 at 01:03 AM

TG

“ Uncle Joe and Aunt Donna,

We are thinking of you and sending you all our love.

Terry and Kim Grote

Cindy Treinen

Patty Trucke

Terrence Grote - December 31, 2025 at 11:54 AM

DB

“ Joe and Donna, our deepest sympathy. I have many memories of my babysitting days with your little ones. May God continue to wrap his loving arms around all of you at this time of Tommy's passing to his eternal life.

Doreen and Ken Berg - December 29, 2025 at 12:39 PM

DV

“ Our sympathy to the Grote family ❤️🕊️

Denny and Marilyn Vonnahme - December 29, 2025 at 04:47 AM

KP

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you. 🙏🙏🙏



Kristi & Marv Pudenz - December 27, 2025 at 10:56 PM



“ Donna & Joe, we are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers & sympathies to you all 🙏🙏

Linda Huegerich - December 27, 2025 at 09:54 AM

KB

“ My sympathy to the Grote family.



Kim Boeckman - December 26, 2025 at 11:25 PM

AE

“ Tom was a friend for decades. He was always quick to laugh, sharp-witted, and endlessly imaginative. I can say my world was brighter and more fun for having him in it. My thought and prayers are with you all.



Anita Engelmann - December 26, 2025 at 10:11 PM

JT

“ *Jan & Tom purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Thomas Grote.*



Jan & Tom - December 26, 2025 at 12:36 PM

JG

“ *I always enjoyed talking to him, he was light hearted, amusing, and interesting.
We would compare notes concerning the latest plays, or productions, that we had seen.*

Jan Grote-Knight - December 26, 2025 at 11:30 AM

JB

“ *Jane B lit a candle in memory of Thomas Grote*



Jane B - December 25, 2025 at 02:14 PM

BV

“ *So sorry to all the Joe ,Donna and all the little Jo.s. [brothers and sisters]. Our prayers for your family. Tommy Joe as we called him when we babysat will be missed. God Bless*

Bruce & Mae Vonnahme - December 25, 2025 at 01:58 PM

BV

“ So very sorry. Lots of memories babysitting him and the rest of the family. May he be at peace. Sending all of my love. You are all In my prayers. 🙏🙏🙏

Bev Vonnahme - December 24, 2025 at 03:57 PM

JF

“ Prayers to Tom's family and friends. Have fun memories of Tom from the Grote summer picnic's when we were kids. I will never forgot him laughing so hard when my mom threw the softball the wrong way at the Breda park.

Jay & Beth Bobenmoyer & Family - December 24, 2025 at 12:49 PM