



Michael Thomas Groenjes

October 1, 1960 - February 9, 2014

MICHAEL THOMAS GROENJES

1960 – 2014

Michael Thomas Groenjes, age 53, passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at his residence in Plattsmouth, NE.

Mike was born on October 1, 1960 to Gerhard Johann and Marie M. (Squire) Groenjes in Farmington, MN. He was raised and schooled in Lakeville, MN and Bellevue, NE. He attended Bellevue High School. After high school, Mike worked as a roofer and lived in Minnesota. In 1980 he began work as a concrete finisher and worked in Minnesota, Oklahoma, and Nebraska. He met the love of his life, Cheryl Aline Cihak in Omaha, NE in 1987 and they were later married on May 11, 1991 in Omaha, and had three children. Mike and family lived in Omaha until 2001, when they built their home in Plattsmouth. Mike loved camping with his family and reading all books.

Michael is survived by his wife: Cheryl Groenjes of Plattsmouth, NE, two sons: Sam Groenjes of Rapid City, SD, Mitchell Groenjes of Plattsmouth, NE, daughter: Alene Groenjes of Plattsmouth, NE, mother: Marie Groenjes of Ashland, NE, six brothers: Joe Groenjes and wife Nancy of MN, Greg Groenjes and wife Mary of MN, Dan Groenjes of NE, Tom Groenjes and wife Gwen of NE, Kurt Groenjes of NE, John Groenjes and wife Lorie of NE, five sisters: Jean Finke and husband Peter of WI, Kathleen Hanson and husband Ken of WI, Teresa Tullar and husband John of FL; Ann Craft and husband

Ron of NE, Mary Groenjes of NE, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father: Gerhard Groenjes and brother: James Groenjes.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at Roby Funeral Home in Plattsmouth, NE with Pastor Michael Lincoln officiating and Ricki Duffy as vocalist.

The family suggests memorials to the Plattsmouth Public Library.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Thomas Groenjes*

October 09, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Cheryl and family, I grieve for your loss and pray you find the strength to carry on.*

Charley Skill - June 12, 2018 at 11:34 AM



“ *Always in my thoughts and prayers. I just remember you were always smiling...which usually meant trouble...but always smiling Mike.*

Love Shel

Michele Schmit - June 12, 2018 at 11:34 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. It is such a tough time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Missy Holland - April 29, 2018 at 09:53 PM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you all, and Aunt Marie. We always remember Mike with a smile and so proud of his family. Uncle Jim and Aunt Shirley send their love and prayers.*

Mark and Cindy Squire - April 29, 2018 at 09:53 PM

JS

“ Dear Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May Mike rest in peace.

Julie Schmit-Albin - April 29, 2018 at 09:53 PM

BM

“ jCheryl, may God grant you, Sam, Mitchell, and Alene peace and love at this time of reflection.

Brenda Mattox - April 29, 2018 at 09:53 PM

DF

“ Praying for strength to carry you and your family through this time of great loss! You have our utmost sympathy!

Dropinski Family - April 29, 2018 at 09:53 PM

JK

“ So sorry to hear about your loss...my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jon Kragt - April 29, 2018 at 09:53 PM

SS

“ Dear Cheryl, Sam, Mitchell & Alene and Aunt Marie and Beloved Groenjes Cousins, I was greatly saddened by the news of Mike's passing. I will always remember Mike's smiley "Squire" eyes and good nature while we were growing up and humorously teasing his tomboy cousin when I tried to arm wrestle him once...an ill advised move on my part, think my arm was sore for a week:) Although we didn't get to see our Groenjes cousins as often as we would have liked, those memories are great ones. I particularly recall playing hide and seek with him in the corn fields, the barn and in and around all the hay bales during those raucous Groenjes visits to the farm. Between 13 Groenjes and 10 Schmit kids, there were just mobs and mobs of us chasing each other, lots of food and great times, although I'm sure it was misery for Mom and Aunt Marie trying to keep us all in line and half way clean:) I also recall playing the farm kids' version of dodge ball with Mike...lobbing ample supplies of dirt clods at each other from a freshly tilled field and scoring points if we hit our targets (gently, of course:) Dirt clods also served as potatoes which we "cooked up" in old beat up pots and pans in the chicken coop which served as our homestead when we "played house". Although I'm sure we tried to drag him into that, I don't think Mike was as big a fan of that game, being a far more action oriented type of guy at the tender age of 8:) Mike was well loved and though I know this is a difficult time, I believe he's at peace and in the loving arms of his Dad, his big brother, his Grandparents...and all the family who received his spirit. With cherished memories and love, I will gladly make a donation to the Plattsmouth Library in Mike's memory and share his love of books. I wish all the family much love and peace during this sad time and hold you in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Susan

Susan Schmit - April 29, 2018 at 09:53 PM

MS

“ Sam and Mitchell,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with
both of you.

Mrs. Stiller

Margaret Stiller - April 29, 2018 at 09:53 PM

JR

“ Cheryl and family, my heart and prayers goes out to you. I know he
will be missed.

Joyce Ridout - April 29, 2018 at 09:53 PM



“ Cheryl, so sorry to hear of your loss. Times like this can be so
trying, thinking of you and your family.

February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM