



ERICK JAMES ABNET

June 26, 1971 - November 18, 2025

A pillar of strength with a heart of gold.

Erick James Abnet, 54, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 18th on his farm, doing what he loved.

He was born June 26, 1971 to Greg and Josephine (Wieser) Abnet. Born with a deep respect for the land, Erick spent his life working the fields and tending to the animals he loved, building not only a thriving farm, but carrying on a legacy of hard work, humility, and generosity that he learned from working alongside his dad for many years. On May 28, 1994, Erick married the first and only love of his life, Julie Von Arx. Together they raised three wonderful children, who are the center of their world. His dedication to his faith and family were unwavering, and his greatest joy came from teaching and watching his family grow, learn and thrive. At home, his laughter filled every room, and his gentle, steady presence made us all feel whole.

To know Erick was to love him. He was the nicest guy you could meet – genuine, humble and always thinking of others. He was a “top notch” guy who would lend a hand to any neighbor in need. His memory will continue to live on each and every day on the farm, and in the lives of all who were touched by his kindness.

Erick is survived by his wife Julie of 31 years; his children, Aaron (fiancé Abby

Jackson), Olivia (Aaron) Scafe, and Braden (girlfriend Grace Hill); his siblings, Mary Jo (Scott) Wickus, Debbie (Curt) Crane, Ellen, John (Vicki), Cheryl (Pete) Boma, Maureen (Curt) Wagner, Paula (Kevin) Rosendahl, and Dan; his Aunts Mary Wieser and Penny Abnet as well as Uncle David (Linda) Abnet and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Erick was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law Paul and Betty Von Arx; his brother Mike; his brothers-in-law, Stuart Reedy and Matt Von Arx; his unborn son, Joseph Gregory and many beloved aunts and uncles.

Erick's family would like to express their gratitude to the first responders, medical personnel, Houston County Sherriff's Office, and the La Crescent Police Department, as well as our generous friends and neighbors for the gracious and loving care of our family during this difficult time.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 23rd from 3 - 6 p.m. and again on Monday morning at 11 a.m. until the time of service. Funeral will be held at noon on Monday, November 24th. All services will be held at Crucifixion Catholic Church in La Crescent, MN.

The family requests that memorials be given to the Future Farmers of America in Erick's name.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Crucifixion Church
407 S 2nd St.
LaCrescent, MN 55947

Visitation

NOV **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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LaCrescent, MN 55947

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **24**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TG

“ *Julie and family,
We are so sorry to hear of Erick’s passing. We are praying for your
comfort and peace during this difficult time.
Toni and Aaron Gunderson*

Toni Gunderson - November 24, 2025 at 05:31 PM

SA

“ *Julie and family, I’m so sorry for the loss of Erick. May you
experience peace and comfort in your memories. Prayers for your
healing. Susan Cozad Amann*

susan amann - November 22, 2025 at 08:33 PM

KA

“ *Eric and i graduated together in 1990. He was
a great football player!!! Eric was always there
if u needed a friend to talk to. You will be
missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are
with julie and there children. The angels are
with him now.*



kari - November 22, 2025 at 04:20 PM

KA

*Steve steffes wanted to send his thoughts and prayers to julie and her
children*

kari - November 22, 2025 at 04:35 PM

CK

“ A Memorial has been sent to the Future Farmers of America in honor of Erick Janes Abnet. Know you are all in my prayers.
Sincerely, Grandma Knebes

Chris Knebes - November 21, 2025 at 11:07 PM

YF

“ Your St. Patrick School Friends purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of ERICK JAMES ABNET.



Your St. Patrick School Friends - November 21, 2025 at 04:28 PM

TB

“ Julie and family,
So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers of strength to you in this difficult time.
Tracy Miller Brown

Tracy Brown - November 21, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ Always by Your Side - Glassware was purchased for the family of ERICK JAMES ABNET.



November 21, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ Dear Julie and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I pray that The Lord grants you strength and comfort. Sending my sincere condolences to all of you.

Joanne Schuldt - November 21, 2025 at 11:30 AM

WS

“ Our hearts are in pain for Olivia and family. Our prayers are with you all. Grandpa and Grandma Scafe

Wayne & Eva Scafe - November 21, 2025 at 11:21 AM

RS

“ Rushford State Bank Staff purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of ERICK JAMES ABNET.



Rushford State Bank Staff - November 21, 2025 at 11:18 AM

CS

“ Chris and Denise Schaffer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of ERICK JAMES ABNET.



Chris and Denise Schaffer - November 21, 2025 at 11:01 AM

CS

“ Chris and Denise Schaffer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of ERICK JAMES ABNET.

Chris and Denise Schaffer - November 21, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of ERICK JAMES ABNET.*



November 21, 2025 at 09:51 AM



“ *Your friends at Allied Cooperative planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of ERICK JAMES ABNET.*

Your friends at Allied Cooperative - November 21, 2025 at 09:51 AM



“ *Wyffels Hybrids purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of ERICK JAMES ABNET.*



Wyffels Hybrids - November 21, 2025 at 08:40 AM



“ *Julie, Aaron, Olivia, and Braden, our hearts go out to you during this difficult time. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy.
Bruce, Katrina, Lukas, and Elliott Bauer*

Katrina Bauer - November 21, 2025 at 08:40 AM

SB

“ Spencer, Emily & Brian purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of ERICK JAMES ABNET.



Spencer, Emily & Brian - November 20, 2025 at 08:31 PM

AW

“ Andrea Wickus purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of ERICK JAMES ABNET.



Andrea Wickus - November 20, 2025 at 02:53 PM

AW

“ Andrea Wickus planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of ERICK JAMES ABNET.

Andrea Wickus - November 20, 2025 at 02:53 PM

LL

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to Erik's Family, Erik will be missed by many, I grew up knowing Erik from childhood on he always was a strong hard-working persons and dedicated family man, condolences to his family. God Bless
Laura (Kramer) DeLaney and Family

Laura (kramer) De Laney - November 20, 2025 at 11:17 AM

LM

“ Love: Dave, Becky, Andrew and Maddie purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of ERICK JAMES ABNET.



Love: Dave, Becky, Andrew and Maddie - November 20, 2025
at 08:55 AM

LM

“ Love: Dave, Becky, Andrew and Maddie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of ERICK JAMES ABNET.

Love: Dave, Becky, Andrew and Maddie - November 20, 2025 at 08:55 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of ERICK JAMES ABNET.



November 20, 2025 at 08:19 AM

CF

“ Chavin Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of ERICK JAMES ABNET.

Chavin Family - November 20, 2025 at 08:19 AM

FL

“ From Jeff and Betty Landercasper purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of ERICK JAMES ABNET.



From Jeff and Betty Landercasper - November 20, 2025 at 08:07 AM



“ David and I are heart broken that Erik is gone. Our prayers are with his family, you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Linda Keim Abnet - November 20, 2025 at 07:50 AM

CS

“ Julie, Chris and I are so very sorry to hear this. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts, prayers and hearts during this difficult time.

Chris and Denise Schaffer - November 20, 2025 at 07:14 AM

CK

Please know you are all in my prayers. My heart goes out to all of you. Sincerely, Chris Knebes

Chris Knebes - November 21, 2025 at 10:44 PM

JM

Your family is in our prayers. I had the privilege of selling cattle feed and you could not deal with such a kind and caring person. He was a very special cattle farmer. Jim Mickow

jim mickow - November 22, 2025 at 05:48 PM

RM

Dear Family and Friends,

We were so sorry to hear about Erick's passing. When I noticed Erick was born the year I graduated from HS, I realized the difference in our ages. Erick and I never had a relationship, but our families did for many years. We grew up in the same valley and continued to live there with the fields, creek, and hills. We have the same affinity for the land. Brother, Will, rests with the soil of his field, and our father took a handful of it with him.

One distinct memory of Erick as a boy is etched in my brain. It was incredibly adorable. Softball was our family's game, and we wore a diamond in the grass along the side of our house. Gretchen dreamed as a child of a career in baseball. One day I was standing in our kitchen and heard a knock on the old screen door. We still had the antique door from the past with the divider halfway up. There were two boys, Erick and Dan, holding baseball equipment, looking at me. One was so small he stood on his tiptoes to see over the divider. A shy, earnest voice said, "Can Gretchen come out to play ball?" The beautiful memory of two boys in that screen door has been held in my brain for almost fifty years.

Our families have had a rough life over the past years. We said goodbye to so many people, especially with them leaving so close together. I am somewhat sad and jealous when I think of them being together. No worries, only friendship and glad times. We will all go forward with our lives and look forward to our happy reunion. Our best days were probably as children at our screen doors looking inside, and our parents young and vital.

Take care of each other and hold onto memories. Love from a distance. They have the advantage because they have both sides. We can hear and feel them if we listen.

*Love and best always,
Rebecca Mormann-Krieger*

Rebecca Mormann-Krieger - November 23, 2025 at 08:37 AM