



Scott De Jong was born on December 21st, 1967, in Sioux City, Iowa. He was raised on a farm near Carmel, Iowa. He graduated from Sioux Center High School in 1986. He then went on to Iowa State University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in agronomy (GO STATE!!). In 1996 he married Jennifer Koldenhoven, where they had their first home in Orange City, Iowa. There they had their first daughter, Chloe De Jong. In the next few years his family and him moved to Paullina, Iowa

where they had their second daughter, Sofie De Jong. Scott worked at CS Agrow for several years, and after that he went on to work at Nicholson & Edwards Grain, until he moved to Rock Valley, Iowa where he made his current home, working at Farmers Coop Society in Boyden, Iowa.

Scott was a member of Carmel Reformed Church, where he was very active and involved. His Christian beliefs were very important to him and used his gifts to serve the church. Besides his faith, the most important thing to him was his girls. For anyone who knew Scott, knew he wore his heart on his sleeve, putting others before himself. In his spare time, Scott enjoyed golfing and farming for the Edwards Family. He also enjoyed his annual camping trip with his sister Toni and fishing trip with the boys. Scott looked forward to his daily phone calls with Chloe, and his nights playing Xbox with Sofie or watching her basketball games. Family was very important to Scott and any time which they could spend together was invaluable to him. Scott passed away Monday, January 23, 2023, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 55.

Scott is survived by his wife, Jennifer; two daughters, Chloe De Jong (Stephen Alms) of Houston, Texas, and Sofie De Jong; parents, Pete and Ev De Jong; a special aunt, Jan De Jong; mother-in-law, Mary Koldenhoven; siblings, Tim (Maria) De Jong of Wisconsin, and Toni (Kelly) Shantz of Minnesota; brother and sisters-in-law; nieces; nephews; uncles and aunts.

He was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Tracy Vermeer and Wes Van Berkum; uncle, Butch De Jong; father-in-law, Ron Koldenhoven; and brother-in-law, Rick Koldenhoven.

*Celebrating the Life of*  
**Scott De Jong**  
*December 21, 1967 ~ January 23, 2023*

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

11:00 AM, Monday, January 30, 2023  
Carmel Reformed Church  
Carmel, Iowa

**OFFICIATING**

Mark Van Voorst

**REMEMBRANCES**

Scott's Family & Friends

**PROCESSIONAL**

*"Knockin' On Heaven's Door"*  
Recorded by: Guns N' Roses

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"How Beautiful Heaven Must Be"*  
Soloist: Dan Fedders

**MUSICAL SELECTIONS**

*"How You Love Me"*  
Recorded by: Patrick Mayberry  
*"Firm Foundation (He Won't)"*  
Recorded by: Cody Carnes

**RECESSIONAL**

*"November Rain"*  
Recorded by: Guns N' Roses

**PALLBEARERS**

Todd De Jong ~ Colin Shantz ~ Steven Houtkooper  
Jeff Koldenhoven ~ Craig Peterson ~ Mark Swets  
Jimmy Edwards ~ Brett De Jong ~ Ty Koldenhoven

**INTERMENT**

Carmel Cemetery  
Carmel, Iowa

*You can shed tears that he is gone,  
or you can smile because he has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,  
or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,  
or you can be full of the love you shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember him only that he is gone,  
or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind,  
be empty and turn your back,  
Or you can do what he'd want:  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*



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