

October 17, 1947
Viborg
died: late January of 1993
Sioux Falls

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Memorial Services For Vaughan Ostroot

Memorial services for Vaughan Ostroot were held on Monday afternoon, February 1, 1993, at the Heritage Funeral Home Chapel in Sioux Falls. Pastor Gail Jereb of Augustana Lutheran Church officiated at the service. Soloist was Becky King, and organist was Barb Evans. Interment will be in Rosehill Cemetery in Viborg.

Vaughan Christian Ostroot was born to Norman and Carolina (Hansen) Ostroot on October 17, 1947, in Viborg. He grew up and attended school in Viborg and graduated from Viborg High School in 1965. He attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls and graduated from there in 1969 with a Bachelor's Degree in History. He taught in the Highmore and Faulkton High Schools and was the debate coach there in the early 1970's.

He lived and worked in Des Moines and Omaha and other cities in the midwest before returning to Sioux Falls.

Vaughan was an avid outdoorsman.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 1990.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Norman and Bertha Ostroot of Viborg; two sisters, Mrs. Paul (Anita) Kury of Eules, Texas, and Julie Ostroot of Sioux Falls; a brother-in-law and niece, Paul Kury and Jocelyn of Eules, Texas; a special friend, Sandra Myers of Sioux Falls; other relatives and friends.

My Brother, Vaughan . . .

The skyscrapers of downtown Dallas seem to light up the darkness of the night. It's 3 a.m. and I'm on the 14th floor of Baylor University Medical Center. My mind starts to think of all what has taken place in the last few days. My brother, Vaughan, was put on life support in South Dakota as if he were waiting for me to get checked out for his kidney. It happened four days ago and it still seems so unbelievable.

This was not the only good thing he ever did in his life, but perhaps the most loved gift he could ever give anyone. I remember Vaughan in grade and high school as a pheasant hunter, fisherman and loved history and government subjects. Dad and Vaughan would golf together and on vacation in Minnesota went midnight bass fishing - can't remember if they caught anything but it didn't matter. He pitched baseball on a league and was very good at Monopoly! His life took him down different roads than most of us will ever see - he would call and say, "This is Vaughan, your brother," as if I could ever forget I had a brother!!! One of our last talks was about how proud he was of Julie and Jocelyn and how much he missed hearing Mom's voice. As we talked about dialysis he said, "We'll dodge this bullet together."

Most of his organs were donated, giving some of us a second chance at life.

The sun is just coming up and I see a helicopter land down below and wonder if a miracle is in the making for someone else.

We love and miss you, Vaughan, but know you don't get the paper - you already know how I feel - cause it comes from my heart.

Your sister,
Nita

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone who remembered our family in their prayers. Thank you for the visits and food brought to the house; for the phone calls of sympathy for Vaughan, and concern for Nita during her surgery in Dallas, and also for us in Viborg and for Julie in Sioux Falls. Thank you for the messages of sympathy, for memorials, for the beautiful flowers at the services, and for the many acts of kindness and consideration shown us. All memorials not otherwise designated will go to the Nita Kury Kidney Fund.

-The Family of
Vaughan Ostroot