



Robert L. Vidal

January 16, 1949 - September 25, 2023

Robert Vidal, 74, of Bradford, passed away at his residence. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory of Iowa Falls is caring for Robert and his family.

Robert Vidal was born on January 16, 1949 in Hampton, Iowa. He was the son of Lewis and Dagmar Vidal (Lund). He graduated from Hampton High School in 1967. He then enlisted into the United States Air Force in 1969. He was most proud to have served those in need during Hurricane Camille in 1969, as well as performing duties as a radio systems operator in Europe during the Vietnam Conflict, before being honorably discharged in 1972.

Robert received his undergraduate degrees from Ellsworth Community College in 1974 and from the University of Iowa in 1977. He then lived in Colorado and various parts of Iowa before finally returning to the Hampton area where he mainly remained for the majority of his life. He performed various work throughout the years from working as a writer, a greenskeeper, a photographer for the Hampton Chronicle and paralegal work.

Robert had many talents and interests. He had a passion for golf, one that he shared with many of his friends and family. He followed in his father's footsteps becoming club champion at Hampton Country Club in 1985, and helped win many white envelopes in various tournaments across northern Iowa using his patented 7 iron bump and run. He was a gifted writer and a

true wordsmith, and he never missed his daily newspaper. He loved watching sports, especially Hawkeye Football and the Denver Broncos. Above all, he loved his family and time with his children and grandchildren.

Robert was an extremely proud military service veteran. He would often try to connect with other veterans in daily life and thank them for their service. He could be commonly found at his “second home”, the VA Hospital campus in Des Moines, walking the halls commiserating with his brothers and sisters in arms and playing reveille on the lobby piano.

Robert Vidal is survived by his children, Sean (Laura), Jade (Doug) Stull and Logan (Audrey); his grandchildren: Dylan, Paige, Sienna, Oliver and Mia; sister, Kathy and brothers, Peter and Leonard as well as several nieces and nephews.

Those left to mourn Robert will remember his kind and sensitive spirit, his dry wit and wonderful sense of humor, and his ability to slow down and appreciate the tiny moments every day that make life beautiful and interesting. He will be greatly missed.

A memorial service for Robert will be held on Saturday, October 28th at 10:30 AM at St John’s Lutheran Church in Hampton. He will be buried at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery at a later date. Lunch will be served at the church following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at support.woundedwarriorproject.org or any charity of your choice benefiting armed forces veterans.

Tribute Wall



“ Adam And Deb Akers lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Vidal



Adam and Deb Akers - October 28, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss, may God be with you during this difficult time. I remember talking to Robert at a class reunion several years ago. He shared stories from high school but he also liked it that many of our confirmation class were together. Many memories were shared from our confirmation class at St. Johns. May he have eternal peace and joy.
Geraldine Paulsen Cyr

Geraldine Paulsen Cyr - October 22, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert L. Vidal.



October 17, 2023 at 03:52 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Beebe lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Vidal*



Sandra Beebe - October 10, 2023 at 10:18 PM

JD

“ *Robert and I (John Davies) called each other about every-other week the last number of years and often talked about the good times we had in our life times -- from golfing in high school and later in life to partying off and on and just talking on the phone about what we were doing! I will miss our phone calls about what he was doing and what was happening in Hampton!*

John Davies - October 07, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert L. Vidal.*



October 06, 2023 at 10:38 AM

DB

“ Thinking of your family during this time. I know Robert was my dad’s best friend for many years. I heard many stories of them growing up together and both being passionate about golf.
Robert was always so kind to our family.
Sending prayers.
Darci Bontrager (Penaluna)



Darci Bontrager - October 05, 2023 at 09:47 AM

PS

“ Such a special guy. You will be missed

Pat Sackville - October 03, 2023 at 03:31 PM

SB

“ Sandra Beebe lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Vidal



Sandra Beebe - October 02, 2023 at 03:28 PM

SB

RIP dear long time friend from Hampton, and my condolences to your family at this time.

Sandra Beebe - October 10, 2023 at 10:21 PM

SM

I am so saddened to learn of your father's death. Neither you nor your sister know me and I am pretty certain that Sean will not remember me. When I was in high school my best friend was Marlene. I remember when your Dad went to the service, when he came back and then went to Italy. When he got out we all lived in Des Moines and spent a lot of great times together. Your father was a great man and one whom I greatly respected even though we had lost touch over the years. May he RIP.

Susan McKinnis - October 21, 2023 at 03:08 PM