

Vincent Anthony Hafner

Vincent Anthony Hafner was born April 25, 1961, in Rapid City, SD, the youngest of nine children born to Vernon and Marjorie (Thomson) Hafner. He grew up in Newell, SD, and graduated from Newell High School in 1979. While in school, Vince was active in many activities, but especially excelled in football and track. He was Homecoming King and was given the Newell HS Outstanding Senior Athlete award.

Over the course of his life, Vince worked in many diverse settings. For several years, he worked for Wharf Mines before returning to school and graduating with a degree in special education from Black Hills State University. Vince was committed to helping children with special needs and was employed in several educational environments. These included Black Hills Children's Home in Custer, Black Hills Special Services in Belle Fourche, and the Takini and Rapid City school districts. Vince then became a stay-at-home father for several years until his youngest two children reached school age. Most recently, he was employed with the Spearfish School system. Vince also worked summers for the Spearfish Canyon Country Club, where he enjoyed his time in the outdoors and being associated with his favorite sport – golf. Both at school and on the golf course, Vincent appreciated and cherished his relationship with his supervisors and fellow employees and the kindness they extended to him in so many different ways.

Vince was a committed and loving father and was the primary care provider for his four children, Joshua born in 1982, Cody in 1988, Matthias in 2005, and Magdalene in 2006. He especially wanted to thank all those who assisted him during his illness and those who stepped up to help with his younger children.

Vincent, age 53, of Spearfish, SD, died February 21, 2015, in Rochester, MN, as a result of cancer.

Vincent is survived by his mother, Marjorie Hafner, Newell, SD; his four beloved children, Joshua Hafner, Spearfish, SD, Cody Hafner, Bismarck, ND, Matthias Hafner and Magdalene Hafner, both at home; and four grandchildren, Payton Hafner, Brynlie Hafner, Jaelynn Hafner, and Destin Hafner. He is also survived by two brothers, Daniel (Becki) Hafner of Rapid City, SD, and Edwin (Alanson) Hafner of Littleton, CO; four sisters, JoAnn (Ken) Michniewicz, South Elgin, IL, Gail (Stephen) Goheen, Hamilton, MT, Beverly (Ken) Eide, Nisland, SD, and Valerie (Steven) Thomas, Tetonia, ID; and one brother-in-law, Thomas Dalsaso of Colorado Springs, CO. He also leaves many nieces and nephews and their children.

Vincent was preceded in death by his father, Vern Hafner, in 1974; an infant brother, Edward, in 1941; his oldest sister, Rosemary, in 2012; and nephew, Matt Phifer, in 2008.

A memorial has been established for the education of his younger children at the First National Bank in Newell, SD.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

In Loving Memory Of



Vincent Hafner

1961 ~ 2015



*God saw he was getting tired
and a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around him
And whispered "come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
And saw him fade away
Although we loved him dearly
We could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hardworking hands to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He takes the very best.*

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Born

April 25, 1961
Rapid City, South Dakota

Died

February 21, 2015
Rochester, Minnesota

Vigil

Thursday, February 26, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Spearfish, South Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial

Friday, February 27, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Spearfish, South Dakota

Celebrant

Msgr. Michael Woster

Pianist ~ Janet Higbee

Cantor ~ Patti Schladweiler

Soloist ~ Casey Hafner

Musical Selections

"I Can Only Imagine" "Eye Has Not Seen"
"Ave Maria" "On Eagle's Wings" "Song Of Farewell"

Inurnment

Hope Cemetery
Newell, South Dakota

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
in the church hall immediately following the memorial service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*