

# STEPHEN REX "VIRG" HEISHMAN

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He is survived by his mother Nancy Tebbenhoff (Carl) of Dupu, Ill.; his loving sisters, Susan Hopwood (Ken) of Montezuma, Lori Hiner (George) of Brooklyn, Brenda Mikel Hagedorn (Dan) of Grinnell, and Kristi Chedester (Willy) of Brooklyn; his nieces and nephews and their families; Nathan (Niki) Hopwood, and children Gracie Kelly-Hawkins, and Ryan Hopwood, all of Brooklyn, Andrea Long and children, Allison, Jake and Luke, all of West Des Moines, Tricia Allen (Eric Smith) and her children Autumn Waterbeck, Faith Allen and Paisley Smith of Bismark, ND, Derek Hiner (Stephanie Graham) of Johnston, IA, and children Hunter Hiner and Jayden Graham, Brandon Mikel, Ashley Mikel, Mariah Mikel, all of Grinnell, Dennis (Jacque) Hagedorn, and son Elijah of Kirksville, Mo., and Clint Hagedorn of Ames, Emily Chedester and son Brayden Good of Grinnell. Also surviving are many aunts and uncles, and cousins all over this grand nation. He is also survived by so many friends that were as close as family or even closer, too many to list, but remembered and appreciated by his family.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Mary Jane Goodrich Heishman, and a brother-in-law, Doug Mikel, and his grandparents.

Stephen Rex Heishman was born September 5, 1954, in Fort Smith, Ark., to Virgil Rex and Nancy Patten Heishman. In 1956, his sister Susan Jane was born and the family made their home in Brooklyn. Stephen's parents later divorced. His father remarried Mary Jane Goodrich-Butler and sisters Lori Lynn and Brenda Jo joined the family. In 1963, Kristi Lee was born. Stephen graduated from BGM High School in 1972. He went to work in Illinois, returning a few years later. He was employed with Manatt's for 30+ years, becoming superintendent of the seal coating crew. Steve had made his home at Holiday Lake for 20 years, and had recently purchased a home in Mercedes, Texas, so he could golf year round.

Steve loved and was loved by so many people. When he made a friend, he was your friend forever. He loved the Denver Broncos, fantasy football, his Sunday Ticket NFL package, the Iowa Hawkeyes, loud music and bongo drums. He enjoyed cruising around the lake on his golf cart and he loved playing golf. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever. Steve made daily trips to the farm this past spring to check on the planting, and he tried to make it to the Tap to see his friends, especially Jamie Manatt, a daughter he never had!

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