



## Vance Paul Hilbers

December 3, 1954 - February 1, 2012

Vance Paul Hilbers was born December 3, 1954 in Fremont, Nebraska to Dean and Lois (Lewerenz) Hilbers. Vance grew up in both Omaha and Beatrice, Nebraska. He attended grade school at Westgate in Omaha, and went on to graduate from Beatrice High School in 1973. Following high school, Vance attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, graduating in 1977 with a degree in Architecture. As a young boy, Vance enjoyed fishing with his Grandpa Lewerenz, and caring for his many pets, which included fish, snakes, and his turtle, Herman.

Vance married Kim Davis at the United Methodist Church in Nebraska City, Nebraska on May 26, 1979, and to this union, two children were born: Zachary Dean and Johanna Helen. The family's home was always Omaha.

Vance's career in sales and facilities management has included employment with Sheppard's Business Interiors, Con Agra, Commercial Federal, and Christensen Lumber Co. In addition to his career, Vance was involved in numerous professional groups and volunteer organizations. He established the Midland Chapter of the International Facilities Management Association (IFMA), serving as its 1st President. He was also an International Board member, serving as Chairman in 2000. Vance was involved with the Henry Doorly Zoo membership drive as a chairman, Junior Achievement of the Midlands as an advisor, and coached many of his children's YMCA youth

sports teams.

Vance was a happy, loving, self-confident, goofy, yet detail oriented man. He was proudest of his two children, and cherished spending time with them, and attending their many sporting events. He loved camping, hiking, bicycling, and traveling. Vance saw his life not just as a glass half full, his glass was overflowing! His family will remember him as a very giving and happy person.

Vance passed away on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at home with his loving family, at the age of 57 years, 1 month, and 28 days. Vance is survived by his wife Kim of Omaha, son Zach of Omaha, and daughter Johanna of Campbell, California; his mother Lois Hilbers of Omaha, father Dean Hilbers of Burwell, Nebraska; sisters: Sheryl and husband Bill Koile of Valley, Nebraska, Robyn Hilbers of Plains, Kansas, and Candace and husband Dennis Klingemann of Omaha; nieces and nephews: Jodie and husband, Caleb Morgenson, Bill and wife Amanda Koile, Brenton, Tyler, and Kaitlin Klingemann; and great nieces and great nephew: Xiola Koile, Adeline Morgenson, Claire Koile, and Davis Koile.

The family would like to sincerely thank everyone for their kindness and thoughtful expressions of love and comfort at a time when it is deeply needed and appreciated.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Vance Paul Hilbers*

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Patsy, Andrea and I are so very sorry to hear of your tremendous loss. I know he suffered so much and all of you did also right along with him. He must have been about 20 years old when we moved in across the street and he was always coming and going. He was so nice to all of us and so darling without a hair ever out of place! I know you will cherish the memories and the pictures of him. Wishing you lots of comforting dreams of him. You are in my prayers.*

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**Mary Brendis** - February 05, 2012 at 11:25 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Vance's passing. We cherish our memories of the times spent with him and you on the sidelines over the years, and our thoughts and prayers are with you in these difficult days.*

*Randy, Dianne, Nathan and Addison*

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**the Wallace family** - February 04, 2012 at 01:07 PM

MC

“ Please accept our sincerest condolences on your loss. No words or acts replace the loss of a dear family member, and the battle with cancer is one that our family understands well. Please know that our prayers are with you and your entire family. May the Spirit guide you and the heart of Christ bring you peace.

God Bless,  
Mark and Melissa Cornell

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**Mark and Melissa Cornell** - February 03, 2012 at 07:21 PM

AA

“ Kim and family,  
Please know that I am thinking of and praying for you. I want to extend my deepest sympathies during this difficult time.  
-Ami Carper Adler

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**Ami Carper Adler** - February 03, 2012 at 02:11 PM

DO

“ We were so sorry to hear of Vance's passing. He is no longer in pain now and may you all be comforted in knowing He is safe with his Heavenly Father. God bless you all.

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**David & Betty Klingemann, Norman, Oklahoma** - February 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Kim and family, I was so sorry to hear of Vance's passing. It's been a long hard fight for the whole family. It's hard to know what to say at a time like this but just know that your family is in my prayers to help you find comfort in this difficult time. Loey

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**Loey Minske** - February 02, 2012 at 08:27 PM

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“ To the Hilber family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss of Vance, please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. I can remember some wonderful times our families would get together, either out at the farm hunting or going to Omaha. we had fun as kids, I can remember going to the Sidney Iowa Rodeo, then stopping by to see you, and we had muddy shoes, oh what a mess. We had some great times thru the years. again, my deepest sympathy to you all. Love, Carol

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**Carol Grasz (Gustafson)** - February 02, 2012 at 05:50 PM

HF

“ Hilbers Family,

Mark, Jeff and I are so sorry for the dear loss of your son and brother. Our family carries so may good memories of growing up together with you all. Our hearts and prayers are with you now. All our love,  
Heckerson Family

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**Heckerson Family** - February 02, 2012 at 05:11 PM

MB

“ Robyn and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss of Vance. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I hope memories of Vance bring you comfort as you remember the fun times you all shared together. Sending you a hug.  
LYLAS,  
Michele

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**Michele Boehmer** - February 02, 2012 at 03:45 PM

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“ *Kim and family,  
I was so sorry. I know Vance fought this battle hard- and so have  
you. Please know I am thinking of and praying for you.  
Love,  
Anne*

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**Anne Kalkowski** - February 02, 2012 at 12:10 PM