

## Obit: Elroy Vander Vorst

- Funeral services for Elroy Vander Vorst, 47, of Claremont will be 2:00pm, Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church, Claremont. Rev. Glenn Raynor will officiate. Burial will follow in Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.
- Visitation will be held at the chapel from 4-8pm Wednesday with a prayer service at 7:30. Visitation will continue two hours prior to services Thursday at the church.
- Elroy passed away October 3, 2006 at Marshall County Healthcare Center in Britton after a two year battle with can



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- Elroy Lee Vander Vorst was born June 10, 1959 to Billy and Corrine (Droog) Vander Vorst in Linton, North Dakota. He attended Langford High School and later worked for area farmers and Lenling Electric of Claremont. On February 20, 1982, he married Julie College and together they had two children, Ashley and Derek. In 2001, Elroy purchased Swedes Restaurant and Lounge.
- Elroy was a member of Zion Reformed Church, Amherst. He enjoyed tinkering and fixing everything on his farm. He was skilled in carpentry, plumbing and electrical work. Elroy also enjoyed his horses and riding his Harley-Davidson.
- He is survived by his children; Ashley (Jerry) Fawcett of West Fargo, ND, Derek Vander Vorst and friend Saddle Hill of Britton, his parents; Billy and Corrine Vander Vorst of Claremont, six siblings; Don (Virgie) Vander Vorst of Claremont, Wynella (Neal) Abeln of Groton, Charlene (Leslie) Erickson of Langford, Darrell (Lori) Vander Vorst of Amherst, Ricky (Bonnie) Vander Vorst of Claremont and Byron Vander Vorst, Lemon Grove, CA. Having also shared his life were sixteen nieces and nephews, six great-nieces and nephews, and life long companion and best friend, his dog, Brutus.
- Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Ed C. and Minnie Vander Vorst and Corrie and Angie Droog.
- Honorary Casketbearers will be Branden and Brock Abeln, Jamie Morris, Lucas Buresch and Tim Grabow.
- Casketbearers will be Jeremiah, Isaac, Zeb and Jacob Vander Vorst, Curtis Kuecker and Vance McInerney.
- The family prefers memorials in lieu of flowers.

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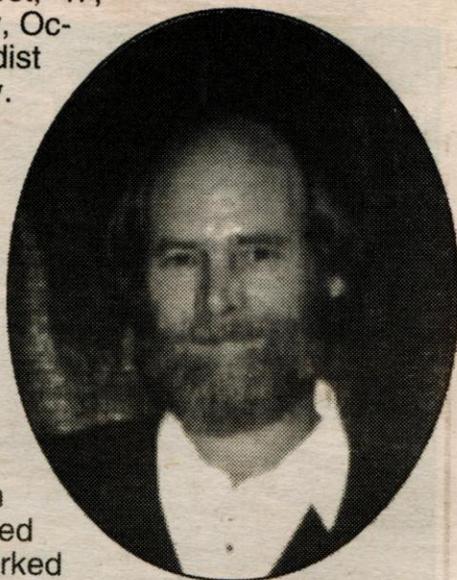
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## *Vander Vorst Family Thank You*

THE FAMILY OF Elroy Vander Vorst would like to thank all who sent cards, memorials, flowers, food and prayers during this difficult time.

Thanks to Pastor Raynor for his wonderful service, his words of comfort and his visits,

Thanks to the Amherst ladies for serving the lunch and all who helped in any way.

May God Bless You All

Derek Vander Vorst

Ashley and Jerry Fawcett

Billy and Corrine Vander Vorst and Family

### **Elroy**

You fought a battle that couldn't be won  
But still our hero, you have become

You did your best to hide the pain  
Our sympathy was not your gain

Your courage was beyond compare  
Until the Lord heard your last Prayer

"Take me Home," was what you said  
He took your hand, you followed, He led

We'll cherish these times we spent with you  
A smirk, a wink and a laugh or two

Talking Horses till 3:00 A.M.  
Boy, You truly did love them!

Watching Brutus lay by your feet  
Then lapping kisses across your check

And how about your servant bell  
I know my payback will be- swell!

We love you, We miss you, We pray this you know  
It's just not easy letting you go

But you've gone on to a much better place  
Filled with the Lord's Amazing grace.

You've been lifted up by Eagle's wings  
Where the heavens rejoice and the angel sings.

For you are now cancer free  
And with both eyes you're able to see

A silver lining, that shines just like Harley chrome  
Enjoy the ride, your almost home.

Good bye dear brother, father, son, and friend  
God Bless and Keep you, Till we're united once again.

Written by: Virgie (Don) Vander Vorst