



## Preston James Bush

January 9, 1948 - January 10, 2022

Preston's service is viewable at <https://vimeo.com/668973490>

The memorial service for Preston James "P.J." Bush, 74, Valley City, North Dakota, will be 10:30 am Saturday, January 22, 2022 at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. He died Monday, January 10, at CHI Mercy Health, Valley City.

Preston James Bush was born January 9, 1948 in Nebraska to James and Virginia Bush. He attended school in Hastings, Nebraska. He went on to attend college at MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts where he attained his Bachelor of Science degree. He went on and received his Masters of Science degree from Boston College and received his Ph.D. from Northeastern University, Boston. Preston was a mathematic professor at VCSU from 1994 to 2019.

He enjoyed table tennis, astronomy, GO and chess. Preston also loved music. Preston is survived by his daughter Naomi Bush (Jordan Brown), Toronto, Canada; step-mother Lucille Bush, step-sister Beverly Warden and step-brother Eddie (Sandra) Robertson all of Golfspport, Mississippi. He is also survived by his close friends and Valley City family – Troy and Alicia Rykowski, Ashley Rykowski, Jayden Rykowski, Jake Jacobson and Kaedyn Jacobson.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook and live streaming of the

service is available at [www.olivernathanchapel.com](http://www.olivernathanchapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S.  
Valley City, ND 58072

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry to hear of Preston's passing. May the ground of being sustain his dear ones.

Bill Dombrowski - March 03, 2022 at 11:41 PM

DH

“ We always enjoyed Preston when he came to our old movie nights. He always had something interesting to share. He especially liked to share his interest in Friesland. He had a great mind and a gentle heart.

Dale Hoskisson - January 22, 2022 at 11:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Preston James Bush.



January 21, 2022 at 03:52 PM

EA

“ Ellen Anderson lit a candle in memory of Preston James Bush



Ellen Anderson - January 18, 2022 at 08:43 PM

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*As a VCSU grad, I enjoyed all my math classes with him. He is the one who made me understand Algebra. I stayed after class to get help. He was the best. I was saddened to hear of him passing. Peace and comfort to his daughter and family. Deepest sympathies to you all. God Bless you all.*

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**Ellen Anderson** - January 18, 2022 at 08:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Preston James Bush.*



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January 17, 2022 at 12:20 PM

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“ *My first semester at VCSU, I took Intermediate Algebra at ten in the morning, Astronomy at 1 pm, and from 8 pm to 10 pm, astronomy lab. I used to joke and say that, "This is way too much time to spend with any professor." Though it was a joke, I always looked forward to Monday classes. Dr. Bush was so knowledgeable and so approachable, and he even asked if I could help out someone with Algebra - he gave me one of his textbooks so I could help them out.*

*He made a huge impact on me for that first semester. RIP to one of the best people I've ever had the honor to meet.*

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**Derek** - January 12, 2022 at 10:03 AM