
Obituaries

Richard Vogt

Director of Greenwich Choral Society

Richard Vogt, director of the Greenwich Choral Society since 1973, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home on May 28. He was 65.

Mr. Vogt was born in East Orange, N.J., on April 10, 1930, the son of Walter and Olga Kelcey Sheppard Vogt. Mr. Vogt studied at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. He was also an army veteran, serving in Germany during the Korean War.

Mr. Vogt performed with New York Pro Musica, Bach Aria Group, the Robert Shaw Chorale, and the Schola Cantorum.

Mr. Vogt was director of music at the First Congregational Church of Greenwich in Old Greenwich since 1967 and was set to retire from this position on Aug. 31. He was also choral director of the American Opera Society, Caramoor Festival, and Choral Society of the Hamptons.

His recordings included the Robert Shaw Chorale, Camerata Singers, New York Pro Musica and the Orchestra of St. Luke's. He was the chorus master with the Orchestra of St. Luke's in its January 1995 Carnegie Hall concert.

Mr. Vogt's most recent special events included Joyful Noise III held at the First Congregational Church, Music for Good Friday night and Music Sunday 1995.

Mr. Vogt is survived by his brother, Howard Vogt of Bloomfield, N.J.

A memorial service will be held for Mr. Vogt on Saturday, June 3 at 4 p.m. with a reception following in Binney Parish House Auditorium. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Stiers, assisted by the Rev. Sally Colegrove, the Rev. Susan M. Craig, and Dr. John Stansell, all of the church staff, and the Reverend David T. Taylor, Associate Conference Minister of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ. Interment at the Evergreen Cemetery in Hillside, N.J., will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions should be made to any of the following: Covenant House, New York City; The New York Times 100 Neediest Cases; GMHC/NYC; Greenpeace; The Fresh Air Fund; any organization to prevent child abuse, or the ASPCA.