

Michael Shawn Gunnarson

January 5, 1964 ~ December 22, 2021

Michael Shawn Gunnarson, age 57, passed away unexpectedly at his home on December 22, 2021. Mike was born on January 5, 1964, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Warren Lynn Gunnarson and Carol Ann Greer Gunnarson. He was one of four children. Mike attended Hillcrest High School and graduated in 1982. He was proud to be a Husky and represented the school in football, basketball and baseball. Mike set many school records, some of which still stand. He particularly loved football and that love followed him throughout his life as an avid Dallas Cowboys fan. Mike was a talented self-taught musician. He performed at many events and loved to sing and write music. Along with a group of friends, Mike created and played in a band called "Satin Steele". Mike had a gift for poetry, writing many poems throughout his life. Mike was involved in his community and touched the lives of many through his acts of service. He loved helping those in need. He was a mentor and often provided wise counsel to those that were close to him. He enjoyed being an impersonator and making people laugh. Mike was one of a kind.

Mike married Cindy Brown-Walker on August 27, 1993 – later divorced. During their marriage, he adopted Jenifer and Nichole and together had a son Colton Gunnarson. Michael was a loving father and a proud softball coach to both Jenifer and Nichole. Mike passed on his musical talent to his son Colton. He also passed on his example of selfless love. He enjoyed taking his children on vacation, to baseball games and to concerts.

Mike proudly worked for the United States Postal Service for 23 years. He enjoyed his job and the friendships he formed there. He held various positions and passed away while acting as the Supervisor of Transportation.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Jeffrey Gunnarson. Survived by his sisters Terri (Danny) Powell and Julie (James) Ewell, children Jenifer (Kirk) Sanders, Nichole (Brian) Lloyd, and Colton Gunnarson, grandchildren Kaylissa, Zariah, Madyson, Izaic and Braylin as well as nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his significant other, Jennifer Imes, “his sweetheart”.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, January 3, 2022 at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, UT. A viewing will be held from 9:00 to 10:30 am prior to the services.
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