Sergeant Cory Vernon Peterson

January 28, 1971 ~ November 3, 2018

Cory was a dedicated police officer, husband, father and grandfather. He spent 20 years of his life serving the Salt Lake Valley as a police officer in multiple departments including: Sandy, Draper, South Salt Lake, Wendover, the Sheriff's office and finally with Unified Police Department.

Serving the community in this capacity was his lifelong dream and passion. This can be seen in his actions, accomplishments, and the people he surrounded himself with. He lived and embodied the best qualities of an officer and servant of the community. Cory was well respected by both his superiors and officers under his command. He was the kind of guy who would provide direct unfiltered advice, unquestioning support, and a strong friendship that was completely unique.

Cory met his wife, Monica Adamson, in 2011. The day he met Monica, his direction changed. Together, they took on a hard road of blending a large family together, while fighting numerous obstacles that would help define both of them. His family watched as they forged a beautiful life together. In his last moments, he kissed his wife with a look of calm that showed the family that they were truly soul mates.

Cory had 9 children that he cared for deeply. His first 4 children Emmy, Whitney, Travis, and Taylor grew up watching their dad build businesses from the ground up and dedicating himself to becoming a police officer. He was a strong influence on each of his children and always showed them as much love as he could. His next 5 children arrived with his wife, Monica; Ethyn, Casey, Haley, Morgan, and Mya were a big influence on who he was. He developed a special bond with each of them and supported them in everything they did. Cory has 13 grandchildren who he loved deeply. Cory's eyes would light up every time they were in the room. The amount of love he gave to them was immeasurable.

Cory was the life of the party and loved to surround himself with people from all walks of life. He loved spending time outdoors, fishing, and with his close friends. If you ask anyone who Cory is, they would most likely reply with "He is kind of a big deal". He had an impact that resonated in all the people he met.

One of Cory's greatest accomplishments was his annual turkey dinner for UPD. Along with his family and friends, he would put together a sizable dinner to feed all Unified officers that were on duty on Thanksgiving. He would also leave an open invite for anyone he knew who didn't have somewhere to go for the holidays.

He is survived by his wife Monica, parents Vern Peterson and Larraine (Bob) Platt, children Emily (CJ) Butler), Whitney (Richard) Cabrera, Travis G. (Jacqueline) Peterson, Taylor (Kevin) Heng, Ethyn (Chrissy) Davis, Casey Moulton, Haley (Coltyn) Nelson, Diesel Morgan Carter and Mya Carter, grandchildren Tristin, Alexander, Lilyaunna, Gracie, Xane, Exzarrya, Trayvin, Braxton, Presley, Rominda, Kynleigh, Taya and Zayden, siblings Shane Peterson, Teresa (Nick) Renfro, Sara Peterson, Nicole Rich, Lorrie, Travis Peterson, Heidi Dodd, Cindy Peterson and many

nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his sister Traci Sanchez and niece Markell Frei.

"Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs; the ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile and love you no matter what".

The family would like to warmly thank all the members of the IMC Shock Trauma Unit. Especially to the nurses, specifically Marlene, Anna, Kamila, Brad, Dallas and Danny for providing unconditional care and immense expertise and compassion to Cory and his family. Thank you to the whole ICU team of doctors, fellows, residents, respiratory therapists and surgeon teams who helped treat and care for Cory.

Services will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, November 16, 2018 at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, UT. A viewing will be held Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. and on Friday morning from 10:30-11:30 a.m. prior to the services. Interment Larkin Sunset Gardens.

We ask that all who plan on attending please respect the last wishes of Cory and come to celebrate his life. We want to send him off the way he lived.