



Steven Craig Harris

July 20, 1966 ~ September 26, 2016

Steven Craig Harris, cherished son, doting husband, loving father and brother passed away Monday, September 26, 2016 after a courageous battle with "the cancer." Steve was born July 20, 1966. He was 50 years old when he left this world.

How do you sum up a person's life into a succinct and short paragraph? Well, if you are reading this, then you will see that it's impossible.

Steve was born in Provo, Utah to Marilyn Prior Harris and David Sloan Harris the third of four children. Steve earned his high school diploma from Granger High and his Bachelor's Degree in Finance at Westminster College, although he did spend a couple of years at the University of Utah and was a Ute fan through and through, even though Linda tried to convert him to becoming a Cougar.

Steve's love of money was quickly diminished when that's what he had to deal with every day through his jobs. Steve's work history includes: First Security Bank, Zions Bank and the job that he held for over 13 years at American Express where he worked as a Risk Manager in Central Ratings and Underwriting.

Steve met and married the love of his life Linda Holm in May 1996. Steve and Linda are the best example of "what a marriage should look like." They go together like franks and beans, peanut butter and jelly, and like peas and carrots. They recently celebrated their 20 year wedding anniversary.

Steve and Linda had a special relationship, they truly loved each other. Linda's tender loving care saw Steven through the past couple of months. Her devotion and sweet tenderness was amazing to witness. She definitely has been his help meet and partner and will forever have our respect for the way that she cared for Steve as he battled for his life.

Steve and Linda were beyond blessed when they had their children Connor and Paige. It was a miracle to have Connor and Paige join the Harris family, and it only happened with the help of their birth mothers Shannon and Amy who were inspired to choose Steve and Linda as Connor and Paige's parents.

Steve is/was an exceptional father and he took the role of being a dad very seriously, he was his kids' greatest fan and their number one supporter. He enjoyed spending father and son time outdoors with Connor. He particularly enjoyed skiing, and spent many Saturdays with Connor at Brighton Resort skiing. Steve also enjoyed time taking Paige to dance lessons watching her performances in the Nutcracker and also spending time on daddy / daughter dates.

Steve was a character, and had a zest for life! His quick wit and banter and edgy comments may have been missed if you weren't paying close attention to what he was saying. It wasn't always what he said, but how he said it, he had very dramatic facial expressions.

Steven was definitely the life of the party. He was the first person to run over and greet a new face, welcome you and ask you if you needed a drink or a snack and offer a naughty joke if the timing was right. Steve definitely did not shy away from the spotlight. Sometimes he would even fight for the spotlight especially if it had anything to do with karaoke. Steve sure did love watching and participating in karaoke, many a family party would end with him singing/bringing down the house with his rendition of Shania Twain's "Man I feel like a woman."

Steve's career was full of numbers and statistics, but really, he missed his calling because he would have been a great teacher / social worker. He was super caring and compassionate. Steve also knew his way around a kitchen, he had a sweet tooth (or teeth) and he knew what to make to satisfy his sweet tooth, as he was an exceptional baker.

Around Christmas, Steve was in his element with baking interesting desserts and hosting parties. Steve (and Linda) are the best party hosts!! Not only did they have all the snacks and goodies you could want, but their home decor was on point! They also had the intangible things too. Like the feeling you would get when entering their peaceful, welcoming, warm home. I am pretty sure they have a hidden magic potion or scentsy somewhere in their living room sending out the juju, because they had the ability to make anyone walking through the door feel loved and accepted.

Steve had a very accepting spirit. He was not just tolerant of people of all kinds, but he was supportive and inclusive. It didn't matter who you were or where you came from, he cared. He cared and he LOVED. Steve LOVED hard and he was LOVED just as hard. The sweetness and love and caring that he showed all of us, is one of the main reasons we are going to miss him so much!

Steve is a follower of Jesus Christ and active member of the LDS Church and he spent much of his time showing that through his small acts of kindness, his faithful service to his church, neighbors, family, coworkers, friends and devotion to his wife and children. Steve's life was in order, both temporally and spiritually and so when he was diagnosed July 29, 2016 with Metastatic Melanoma ("the cancer") you can imagine the shock and surprise that raced through our family. Not through Steve though, he carried on and he stepped up and fought, even though the odds were stacked against him, it didn't stop his determination!

The strength and bravery that Steve showed while fighting "the cancer" was remarkable. He was strong but unfortunately, the cancer was too much. Steve spent a lot of time at the hospital (primarily IMC) and got to know the staff there quite well and we really appreciated the nurses on the 9th floor Oncology Unit. On the same day that he was going to be released from the hospital to return to his home for hospice care, he passed away... he looked as though he had just fallen asleep. The spirit in his hospital room was strong, peaceful, and calm. Just like Steve.

Steve is survived by his "beautiful bride" Linda, his children Connor and Paige, his mother Marilyn and his mother in law Deanne Holm, siblings Richard and Frankie Harris, Lynda (Harris) and Chris Lindsay, Ginny (Harris) Shutt and Susie Arnholz, Brenda (Holm) and Shawn Davis, and Greg Gebro. And many other family members (too many to mention). Steve is preceded in death by his grandparents, and his father David Harris and father in law Lee Holm.

As a testament to the way that Steve touched people's lives, his life and his family's life have been blessed especially over the past 2 months. Special messages of gratitude and thanks go to his wife Linda who went above and beyond the call of duty to care for him in his hour(s) of need. Additional thanks and gratitude go to Scott and Natalie Peterson, his mom Marilyn and mother in law Deanne, for generously giving their time, love, attention to attend to him while at the hospital (many days and sleepless nights). Steve was also blessed by many other visitors who brightened his day including his children, cousins, siblings, nieces and nephews, friends, coworkers, etc. Steve and his family are eternally grateful for the prayers and the tangible acts of kindness they have received from his work family, church family, friends/acquaintances, friends of friends, and friends of family. Thank you!!

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 30, 2016 at the Cobble Creek Stake Center, 8150 So. Grizzly Way (5200 West), West Jordan, UT. A viewing will be held on Thursday, September 29 from 6-8 p.m. and on Friday from 9:30, 10:30 a.m. both at the church. Interment at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. Dimple Dell Road (10600 S.), Sandy UT. In lieu of flowers, and to assist in the cost of the medical bills over the past 2 months, please make donations to in the Steven Harris trust at Zions bank.

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