

Bradley K. Worthen

April 17, 1950 ~ January 10, 2022

The kind, loving, beautiful blue-eyed heart of our family passed away from complications following lung surgery on January 10th, 2022 - lovingly held by his three children and his wife, Wendie. We sent him to the other side softly singing “Here Comes the Sun”, knowing that although our hearts are broken, the love and kindness he shared throughout his life will continue forever.

Bradley K. Worthen was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on April 17th, 1950 to Keith J. and Lorraine Worthen. Brad spent his childhood exploring the foothills near Millcreek Canyon, which contributed to his lifelong love and appreciation of nature. Brad graduated from Skyline High in 1968, but more importantly during his teen years he developed his love of music. Brad was lucky enough to see many concerts - Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin at Lagoon, Neil Young at ParkWest and The Rolling Stones in New York City. We remember all the good tunes being played on the console stereo and attending many concerts with our dad, showing us how important music is for the soul.

Brad married his “sweet” Wendie Ferguson on October 11, 1973. They created a beautiful family together. They traveled around the west in a VW bus exploring Native American ruins and collecting beautiful pottery. They also loved traveling the Pacific Coast and enjoyed a trip to Alaska. Later they made many return trips to the beach with the family where Brad enjoyed the warm sun and watching his grandkids play in the ocean.

Brad is survived by his beautiful wife Wendie, sister Kim Beck (Jared), brother Jon Worthen (Susan), many nieces and nephews who thought of him as their favorite uncle, children Codi Schreck (Blake), Coleman Worthen (Calah), Caitlin Newland (Brinton) grandson Graham Bradley Schreck and granddaughter Holden Dawn Newland. Papa will be welcomed by his “little darlin’”, best friend and granddaughter Lucy Cate Schreck who passed away in 2019.

Brad loved the simple things - a hot cup of coffee, a sunny day, some loud tunes with the windows down, but mostly he loved spending time with family. He was genuinely so excited to see people - his eyes lighting up, telling you he loves you and giving you his full attention. He made everyone feel special and never said a bad thing about anyone. He was so positive (“when I win the lottery…”) and always told us things will work out. We will take these gifts with us and always try to be as kind, optimistic and appreciative of life as he was. To honor our dad, he would want you to “shower the people you love with love.” We love you so much, dad. Thank you for being who we all needed.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday January 22, 2022 at 10:00 AM at Red Butte Garden - in the Orangerie, 300 S. Wakara Way Salt Lake City. Masks are required.