

Bradley Leonard Goertzen

November 1, 1961 ~ September 4, 2021

Bradley Leonard Goertzen was born November 1st, 1961 to loving and devoted parents Leonard and Nadine Goertzen in Pocatello, Idaho. He considered himself lucky to grow up not only with his two siblings, but also with all of his cousins. In his early years he developed a love for anything to do with cars, football, and the ladies; while making his best and lifelong friends at Highland High - Go Rams!

After graduating high school in 1980, at 19 Dad served a full time mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Montevideo, Uruguay. It was here he learned and fell in love with the Spanish language, which he spoke fluently for the rest of his life. He made many wonderful friends there and always longed for the day he could return.

Upon returning from Uruguay, he started dating and married Tracy Stoddard in 1985. Over the next 14 years they welcomed 5 beautiful children into this world- and he always said we were his biggest pride and joy. Our family moved to Utah in 1991, which became home-base. However, after working for the Salt Lake Olympic Organizing Committee in 2002 (one of his proudest career achievements), it opened the door for a move to Florida in 2003. This provided him an opportunity to attend and work many professional sporting and musical events- including a few Tampa Bay Buccaneer games and NY Yankee Spring Training games with the family. No matter where Brad worked or travelled, he would strike up a conversation and make friends along the way.

Upon returning to Utah, Brad and Tracy parted ways while maintaining a friendly and amicable relationship for the family. He made every effort to remain present in his children’s lives. He was at every little league sporting event, choir concert, theatre performance we participated in - cheering and whistling the loudest. Brad also enjoyed participating in local choirs, and musical theatre productions with his family, gravitating to the comedic roles where he could make people laugh. Laughter was his favorite. His love of music was passed down through all of us kids, instilling a love for classic rock and 70s Funk.

Dad met Lynette Cartwright in 2013- and over the years their friendship grew into a beautiful relationship. They shared a love of grilling, motorcycles, concerts, and spending time with friends. They were married in October, 2020 at a close-knit ceremony & celebration with their families and closest friends, which included a rousing round of karaoke for all! Brad loved Lynette’s family as his own, and was grateful to have bonus kids and grandkids to spoil. They also added their fur-baby, Abby (a goldendoodle) to the bunch this year.

He was taken from us too soon- but we are grateful that Dad was spending time with one of his dearest friends, doing something he loved greatly. We were super blessed to have him in our lives- and he leaves behind a memory of good food, good music, good times, and lots of laughter.

Brad was preceded in death by his daughter, Sara Goertzen. He is survived by his wife, Lynette Cartwright; parents, Leonard & Nadine Goertzen; sister, Kathie Jo Rounds (Rod); brother, Darin Goertzen; and children, Meg Geertsen (John), Nick Goertzen, Melissa Davidson (Brandon), and Porter Goertzen. He is also survived by his step-children and grandchildren.

A visitation will be held Friday, September 10 at the Sego Lilly Ward from 8 am to 9:45 am at 9824 Flint Drive in Sandy, UT. Funeral services will follow at the same location at 10 am. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Pocatello, ID. A motorcycle escort with lead the procession to the cemetery.
Services were previously recorded and can be viewed here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Ghak5-HbOfy0dWVIVYn2qLSu1HleRqqMi873aNwu4Aa9D_ykIQjaV2KqxW6M4DIy.wc
In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the family to help with expenses: https://gofund.me/7939d15a.