

Cameron Scott Nichols

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Our amazing father, husband, son, brother, and friend, Cameron Scott Nichols passed away on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, after a short but aggressive battle with cancer. He was 47 years old.

Cameron was born during the final hours of 1974 on December 31st, to the proud parents Marjorie and Duane Nichols in San Gabriel, California. Being a true middle child, Cameron was easy and amicable. He was dubbed at an early age by his parents as their “sunshine boy.” And that he was. He radiated warmth and light, and that sunny disposition stayed with him for the rest of his life. Cameron was independent, easy to please, and was the perfect bridge between two adventurous older brothers, and two younger sisters who looked up to and adored him. From an early age, Cameron was a “salesman.” He was known for trading toys and trinkets and striking deals with neighborhood kids. He was driven to make his own money. He sold sodas and golf balls from the backyard fence to eager golfers looking for a deal and a cool drink. Cameron took his first official job at the age of 14 working at the golf course as a range picker. His job allowed him to make money while enjoying the opportunity to golf for free and mess around in a golf cart or two.

From his early years on, Cameron was a doer, a maximizer, and an entrepreneur. Cameron was larger than life. God knew he needed a 6’5” frame to hold all that spirit and life. He was the fun behind every activity accompanied with boundless energy. His quick wit and hardy laugh made it easy for everyone to be around him. He was a natural leader–not because he sought it, but rather because he had that natural gift.

In High School, he played basketball, ran track and field, and played on the golf team. Although he was active in sports, work was his passion. At the age of 17, he took a job working at a local video game store. Within months he developed a marketing strategy, rearranged the entire store, and helped the owner, who was a new immigrant, understand the best strategies to sell to Americans. Sales soared.

At the age of 19, Cameron made the decision to serve a 2-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was called to the Louisville, Kentucky Mission. Cameron served in some challenging inner-city areas in Cincinnati, as well as the back mountain ‘hollers’ of eastern Kentucky where he connected easily with a variety of types of people. During this service, he developed a deep love for his Savoir and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Cameron's testimony of Christ was always something he held near and dear to him. He had a tenderness toward the teachings of the gospel and enjoyed sharing his beliefs with others.

Upon returning home from his mission, he attended Brigham Young University, where he graduated with a degree in Zoology/Human Biology. There he met Jeri Airmet and the two quickly became friends. They enjoyed doing things together and began spending a lot of time with each other. Inevitably, their friendship developed into something a little more. At one point, a friend asked Jeri what their “status” was, and she let them know they were

“good friends.” He said, “Well that’s too bad because Cameron’s going places.” It was then that Jeri thought, “You’re right! And I want to go with him!” Their natural friendship developed quickly into a deep and sincere love. They each married their best friend and eternal sweetheart on August 11th, 1998 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Much like his Dad, Cameron always had an interest and curiosity for the sciences. And with his instinctive skills for sales, coupled with his ease in creating relationships, it made sense for him to pursue several sales and leadership positions in the medical field. From pharmaceuticals to software, to capital equipment, Cameron spent the majority of his career in the Ophthalmology arena. True to his nature, he excelled in each position. A previous employer and friend was quoted saying, “He brought in scores of new accounts and set records that remain unrivaled even to this day. But his success wasn’t just an extraction of business. He literally loved the people he worked with.”
His jobs took him all over the country and he developed a wide and deep network of friends. He was a master at networking and loved to introduce and connect with his friends. He had a true and genuine desire to help others succeed.

Cameron’s greatest measurement of success came from loving, supporting, and playing with his family. His sweet Jeri is the love of his life. During his final month on this earth, he considered his time with her as “sacred.” His children Lauryn, Brinn, and Taylor are his absolute pride and joy–the reason behind all he did. Cameron’s sense of humor and drive for fun made him the ultimate Dad. He loved watching his kids grow and finding the things they loved. He attended all his kids’ soccer, basketball, and volleyball games that he could, even coaching some of their teams. He taught them invaluable life skills, like how to work hard, be kind, and how to notice the needs of others. He absolutely loved taking them to Disneyland, jeeping, fishing, and the beach where he shared his love of body surfing, boogie boarding, snorkeling, and scuba diving. His absolute favorite activity with his family was boating and wake surfing. Many of their happiest memories were created at Lake Powell on the boat with friends and family. He absolutely loved playing on the boat with his family and friends. He had a major sweet tooth and always had a well-stocked candy counter and soda fridge full of his favorite - Dr. Pepper. Cameron was the best at creating happy memories and traditions.

Throughout his life Cameron served in various capacities in the church and approached them all with the same way he approached all things in his life–with warmth, enthusiasm, and commitment to the people, and with the dedication that was required. He most recently served as 2nd Counselor in the Bishopric in his ward. He especially loved working with the youth and adults of the church. He was a wonderful example of Christlike love and service.

Cameron drew us in with his warmth and his broad knowledge on what seemed like everything. It was always easy to have a conversation with Cameron, sometimes too easy, as some interactions turned into hours-long conversations. He was engaging and told the absolute best stories because of these attributes. Cameron loved people, learning about them, and problem-solving with them. He was the kind of guy who showed up, rolled up his sleeves, and stood alongside us as we figured out a problem or worked together. He absolutely loved serving and helping others in any way he could. And while he’d work and talk and solve problems, he would undeniably make us laugh with his quick wit, hilarious stories, and childlike silliness–anything to make a situation more fun or less heavy.
Cameron was well-loved by many. He will be missed immensely. We love you Cameron/Dad and can’t wait to be with you again.

Cameron is preceded in death by his father, G. Duane Nichols, and is survived by his wife, Jeri Nichols; his children, Lauryn, Brinn, and Taylor Nichols; mother, Marjorie Nichols; brothers, Greg, and Ryan Nichols; sisters, Stephanie Gunstream and Elise Franklin; in-laws, Dave and Linda Airmet; and countless “best friends”.