

Curtis Mark Turner

May 25, 1951 ~ January 12, 2025

Curtis Mark Turner reunited with the universe on January 12, 2025, after a long, valiant battle with illness. Curt was born on May 25,1951 in Kansas City, Missouri to Ruby Jewell Turner and Clarence Turner. He was one of five children: Charles Turner, Craig Turner, Charlene Arno (Turner) and Sister Cindy Turner.

Curt grew up in Santa Clara, CA and received his college education at San Jose State University and the University of San Francisco, after which he pursued a successful career in Computer Programming and later in IT Project Management where he spent much of his professional career.

Curt married his wife and fiercest ally, Connie Lee Turner (Bass), in 1984. Together they raised three children in Fremont, CA: Kevin Schlauch, Marc Schlauch, and Lisa Beck (Schlauch). He was known as “Dad” to many of his children’s dearest friends through the years. Curt and Connie moved to Truckee, CA where they built a house on a hill and enjoyed the quaint and picturesque mountain town life for several years. They moved to Herriman, Utah in 2005 where they reunited with their children to enjoy their two beautiful grandchildren, Ava Elise Beck and Gavin Kelly Beck who are and will forever be his guiding light. There was never a dull moment spending time together and he could not help but endlessly brag about them.

Curt always had a kind word and a warm hug for friends and family and even strangers. He had a boundless, natural curiosity that was inspiring. Curt was a voracious reader on a variety of topics that rivaled the Library of Congress. He enjoyed golf, travel, blogging about politics, comedy, slot machines, flyfishing and hiking (especially in the majestic Sierras).

He enjoyed music, playing classic rock and folk on his guitar. Curt was fascinated with aviation, sailing, and astronomy—even building an observatory with a large telescope to explore the night sky from his backyard in the Bay Area. He lived simply but had impeccable taste. He taught those around him to appreciate that extravagance was not required. Whether it be a delicious meal, a great bottle of wine, a rich cup of coffee, a fine cigar, or a nice cocktail, Curt really knew how to enjoy these simple things. Curt will be best known for being a stellar cook. He had many exquisite dishes that he often prepared and proudly presented to friends and family.

Curt will be deeply missed.

In lieu of a funeral, a small memorial and celebration of life will be held for close family and friends. At the request of the family, please do not send flowers. Donations may be made in Curt’s honor to several charities important to him such as the **American Red Cross**, the **Utah Food Bank** or your local **Humane Society**.