



David Ernest Anderson

April 14, 1960 ~ May 20, 2025

David Ernest Anderson peacefully passed from this mortal life on May 20, 2025, due to complications related to frontotemporal dementia, which he battled courageously for five years. He was surrounded by his family at his passing.

David was born on April 14, 1960, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He was the beloved son of Gloria Martinez and the late Virgil Anderson. He is survived by his siblings: Lynn (Stan) Richins, Dean (Sasi) Anderson, Dan (Kim) Anderson, Corey (Pam) Anderson, and Sherri (Ty) Kehoe.

As a young man, his family moved from Calgary, Alberta, to the small farming community of Priddis. The family built fond memories working, living, and playing on their ranch. Family and friends enjoyed bonfires on the frozen creek, barn dances, horseback riding, and hosting unforgettable campouts and family reunions.

David lived a life of adventure, dedication, and love. Known for his boundless energy and compassionate heart, he poured his time into his family, friends, and many passions. He was a devoted husband to Marlyse, with whom he built a beautiful life and family.

He is lovingly remembered by his children: Levi (Sonnett) Anderson, Robynn (Josh) Soriano, Rose (Kevin) Fullmer, and Aaron (Madelaine) Anderson. His legacy continues through his 13 cherished grandchildren, each of whose lives was deeply enriched by his wisdom and warmth.

As a young adult, he started and successfully ran his own graphic design firm. Due to his experience and skills in art and marketing, he was recruited by a company in the United States, at which point he chose to sell his firm and move with his family to Utah. David brought the same dedication to his work that he brought to every aspect of his life.

An avid endurance athlete, he competed in numerous marathons and triathlons. He had a deep love for hockey—whether playing, cheering from the stands, or managing teams. He was also passionate about motorcycles and could often be found riding his Harley Davidson or carefully rebuilding them with precision and pride.

His faith and service were central to his life. At 19 years old, he served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bristol, England. He later served a three-year mission with Marlyse in the Addiction Recovery

Program. He also spent many years serving as a Scoutmaster in the Young Men organization. Prior to his diagnosis, he found joy in serving as an ordinance worker in the Draper Utah Temple.

Despite his challenges with dementia, he remained positive, kind, loving, and to those who knew him well, a complete goofball. He had a childlike innocence and maintained his strong love for Jesus Christ. He loved to sing Primary songs, read the scriptures, and pray daily. Through everything, his love for his family endured—with his final words being, “I love you.”

He leaves behind a profound example of resilience, service, and devotion to family. Through life’s most difficult challenges, he remained a loving father and a devoted disciple of Jesus Christ. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A memorial service will be held in his honor on May 24, 2025 (also his 29th wedding anniversary to his beloved “sweetheart”), at 11:00 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stake center located at 13366 S 1300 E, Draper, UT 84020. There will be no viewing or graveside service at this time. The family has chosen to donate his body to the University of Utah Body Donor Program to further the research on dementia.

The funeral will be livestreamed via Zoom and can be accessed by clicking the "Watch Services" button above.