

Edward Glen Pratt

October 6, 1951 ~ October 23, 2023

Edward Glen Pratt, 72, passed away on Oct. 23, 2023, from heart failure, a condition he had been living with for fourteen years.

Ed was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on Oct. 6, 1951, to Glen Arthur and Lois Evans Pratt. He was the third of five children, and the first born son. Some of his childhood was spent in Portland, Oregon and San Jose, California before the family returned to Utah when Ed was in junior high school. He graduated from Olympus High School in 1970.

The son of two accomplished musicians, Ed loved and understood music. He began playing guitar as a young man and performed for many years as a guitarist/vocalist for live performances and on studio recordings. His musical training and his keen ear also made him an excellent sound engineer, first in the recording studio, and later in a sound reinforcement company that he founded and successfully operated for nearly 50 years. He was well known around concert venues in the Intermountain west and was widely admired by the promoters, managers and artists who worked with him.

Ed originally met his wife, Julie Roberts when she became one of his guitar students in September of 1974. They became reacquainted in July 1993 and were married on October 8, 1994. Julie was Ed’s wife, best friend, and caregiver. They created a wonderful life for 29 years before Ed’s passing. Ed loved her dearly and always introduced her as “my lovely wife, Julie.”

When he was in his 40s, Ed became reacquainted with his adult sons, who had been adopted as young children by their stepfather. Ed always knew they would find him.

By January of 2022, Ed’s heart failure had progressed to the point where he needed a heart transplant but was not a suitable candidate due to his age. Instead, he underwent a 13-hour open heart surgery to implant a left ventricular assist device (LVAD) to help circulate blood through his body. Ed was literally running on batteries.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Julianne (William) Shanks and Ruth Ann (Day) Clark. He is survived by his spouse Julie Pratt, sister Charmaine (David) Folland, brother, James E. (Debbie) Pratt, brother-in-law Steven (Rosalie) Roberts, sons Ryan (Emily) Miller and James Silver (Sabina Ulleryd), five grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The family expresses its gratitude to physicians, A. (Boudi) G. Kfoury, MD; Ramy Alharethi, MD; Ross Butschek, MD; Donya Mouebali, MD; the nurse practitioners and medical staff of Intermountain Medical Center Heart Failure Clinic for the excellent care given to Ed over the past 14 years; the nurses at the LVAD team who cared for Ed during the last 21 months of his life; William T. Caine, MD, who performed Ed’s quintuple bypass and the

implantation of his LVAD; and all the health care professionals at IHC who cared for him during the last month of his life.

According to Ed’s wishes, his remains were cremated and there will be no funeral service. A celebration of Ed’s life will be scheduled for friends and family sometime in the Spring.