

Frederick McKay Smith

January 14, 1949 ~ August 22, 2024

Frederick McKay Smith was born January 14, 1949 in Shelley Idaho to F. McKay Smith and Jeannine T. Smith. He died August 22, 2024 in Midvale Utah at the age of 75 due to a return of Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) which he previously successfully battled in 2014.

Fred is survived by his eternal companion Merilyn T. Smith, their seven children, Frederick (Almudena), Monika (Harold), Robert (Meridee), Parker (Teryl), Michael (Megan), Barton (Mitzi), Weston (Nicole) thirty three grandchildren and one great grandchild. He is also survived by his eleven siblings, he being the oldest son of twelve sons and daughters.

Fred was known by the community for his kindness, his humor and his commitment to his Heavenly Father. He was a friend to all, and tireless when it came to helping others. He was a man who was not afraid of beginning an impossible task and somehow making the impossible possible. His native intelligence and pure determination and courage served him all through his life.

As a young man he worked on ranches and farms, he was good with horses and fully embodied the ethos of a hard working western man. From before the sun rose to long after it set he did whatever was needed to provide for those he loved. He dreamed of being a medical doctor and excelled in his studies, but as his family grew and finances made continuing his education impossible, he set aside his dreams and forged new ones. He built successful businesses and provided good jobs for many families in diverse fields. He was a true renaissance man in that he never gave up on his love for science and technology of which his knowledge and understanding was impressive. But above all was his love for his family and his fellow passengers through mortality. As his cancer returned, and did so with cruel vengeance, his only concerns were for those he would leave behind. He worked to communicate his endless love for them and desires for their well being.

Fred is deeply loved and will be greatly missed. Services will be held in his honor on September 7, 2024 at 11:00 AM at 7155 S. 540 E. Midvale, UT 84047 with a visitation prior from 9:00 - 10:45 AM. There will be a visitation on Friday night September 6, 2024 from 6:30-8:30 at the same address.

Those wishing to view the service via Zoom can click "Watch Service" or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87864496089