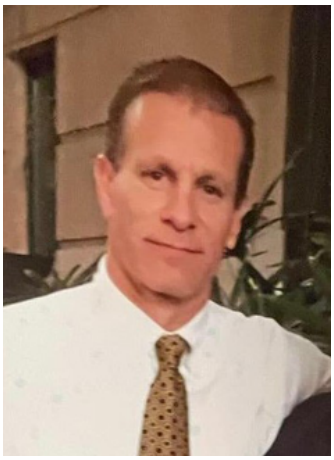

James Kent Phillips

May 23, 1968 ~ April 1, 2023

James Kent Phillips passed away peacefully on April 1, 2023, surrounded by family after a long battle with heart failure.

Born May 23, 1968, in Los Angeles, CA to Ray A. Phillips and Marilyn Lunt Phillips, the youngest of 5 children. He grew up in Salt Lake City and graduated from East High School in 1987 and attended Dixie College. He owned and operated his own landscaping company until 1998 and went on to work as Property Manager for the family business for many years.

In 2002 he met the love of his life, Marianne. They spent 22 beautiful years together until his passing. He was the father of five children whom he adored and enjoyed spending time with whether it be riding motorcycles or working on cars with his boys or having teddy bear tea parties with his girls. Kent had a fire and passion for life that was contagious. His personality was larger than life. He was the life of the party, always making everyone laugh with his jokes and impersonations. Kent had a passion for motorcycles and when he wasn't riding you could find him in the garage rebuilding an old bike or making a new one run faster. He had a natural talent for fixing things and was always "on call" helping friends and neighbors with emergency car or home repairs.

Kent was loved dearly by his family and friends and his passing has created a void that can never be filled. Our hearts are broken. He will be deeply missed. Kent is preceded in death by his father, Ray Phillips, and grandparents. He is survived by his sweetheart Marianne, his children Carter, Ben (Adriah), Tyler, Kaitlyn, and Maddie, and 7 grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother Marilyn Phillips, and siblings; Kathy Millet (Art), Cindy Haglund (John), Kendall Phillips, and Shauna Van Buren (Jim).

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 pm on Saturday, April 8th, 2023 at the Hilltop Ward House, 589 East 18th Avenue, Salt Lake City, UT with visitation one hour prior to services. Interment will be in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank the Heart Failure team at University Hospital. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the University of Utah cardiology department.