John Mark Diamond

December 8, 1958 ~ January 29, 2024

John Mark Diamond, age 65, sadly left us on January 29th, 2024, following a health failure in his home in Orem, Utah. John is survived by his wife Pamela Diamond, as well as his former wife, Donna, and their children, Beau, Sam, Josh, Devan, and Trevor.

John was born December 8th, 1958 to Susan and John Diamond in San Antonio, Texas. From there, his family lived all across the United States and even overseas in Japan. The spirit of adventure remained strong in John and led him to the wild places of the world, like Alaska, Montana, and Wyoming, where he spent many years honing his passions as chef and fisherman.

John was most known by family and friends for his food. There was never a hungry moment with John. He'd whip up a delicious dish on demand. From a young age as line cook in Hawaii, he grew to eventually become a BBQ king. He ran and created restaurants around the US, and eventually created the BBQ sauce known as "Nasty Sauce," which was always on hand whenever John was around. In such high demand, it wasn't uncommon to find him stirring five-gallon buckets of the sauce to be delivered to his friends. Many would say he had some of the finest BBQ to be found. The world will miss the flavor of his cuisine as much as it'll miss the flavor of his unique character.

John Diamond was also a stalwart man of God, Country, and Family. With a strong love for God, John was an ardent defender of his faith, his moral convictions held proudly on his shirt sleeve. A patriot and a veteran, John spent time in the army as a mounted military police officer, and he remained a symbol to many of what it meant to be a strong man today.

He was often compared to the stars in Western movies, and was said to have the looks of Tom Selleck, the mannerisms of Clint Eastwood, and the stride of John Wayne—for those that knew him, all those would be wildly accurate. He was a big man with a big personality and a big heart, and sometimes, but not often, a big cowboy mustache.

John Diamond will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at the LDS Church Meetinghouse located at 663 West 400 North, Saratoga Springs, with the viewing prior to services beginning at 9:30. Interment

will follow at the Utah Veteran's Memorial Park and Cemetery in Bluffdale, Utah with Military Funeral Honors.

Funeral services will be streamed via Zoom for those wishing to attend virtually. To watch the services, please click the "Watch Services" above.

To help John’s family in this time of need, you can contribute to the memorial fund at https://gofund.me/16e1c686