

Larry Vaughn Spendlove II

November 9, 1968 ~ September 5, 2020

Larry Vaughn Spendlove II peacefully passed away early in the morning on September 5, 2020, following a brief battle with virulent melanoma. He was surrounded by his eternal companion, Holly, and seven of his eight adoring children. His daughter, Rachel, is serving a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Omaha, Nebraska. He was born in Alexandria Virginia on November 9, 1968, to Larry Vaughn Spendlove and Venise Robison Spendlove. Vaughn was a gentle, kind, loving, God-fearing man of great faith. He was steadfast and immovable in his testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was a dearly beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and son.

Vaughn was raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. He graduated from East High School.

He attended the University of Utah and graduated with a B.S. Degree in Information Technology from the University of Phoenix. He served a full-time mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to the Paris France Mission. He subsequently was transferred to the newly created Bordeaux France Mission, where he served under Mission President Neil L. Andersen, now a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. He married Holly Jean Kearl in the Salt Lake Temple on July 18, 1990. They recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary at Mt. Rushmore, South Dakota.

Vaughn and Holly were blessed with six wonderful daughters and two fine sons, who have been the joy of their lives. Due to Vaughn’s employment requirements as an Information Technology Specialist, the family, at various times, has lived in Salt Lake City, Utah, Fallon, Nevada, Lehi, Utah, East Petersburg, Pennsylvania, and for the past 9 years they have resided in Sandy, Utah. They have loved to vacation together as a family at Bear Lake, and annually with their extended family at such places as Baja, Mexico, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Sun Valley, Idaho, San Diego and Oceanside, California, Aspen, Colorado, and, this summer, at Island Park, Idaho.

Vaughn was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He served in many capacities in the Church including High Priests Group Leader, Elders Quorum President and Teacher, Sunday School President and Counselor, Primary Teacher, and as a home teacher and ministering brother. He and Holly loved attending the temple together.

Vaughn loved books, and for an inexpensive date, he and Holly enjoyed going to bookstores and perusing the books.

Vaughn loved his Heavenly Father and his family with all his heart. These are a few words written by his beloved Holly about Vaughn’s place in the family:

“In our home, Vaughn has been the glue that held us all together. He has taken very good care of us. He has solved our problems. He has been our support and our source of unconditional love and encouragement. He has

led out in calling us to family prayer and scripture study. When I didn't know the answer to one of the kids' struggles, I would always say, 'Ask Dad,' and then I knew that their problem was on its way to being solved. Our lives have revolved around Vaughn's life, and now he's not here. It's hard to fathom. Even our three-year-old grandson recognizes that things are seriously wrong, because Grandpa is the first person he wants to say 'Hello' to when he comes to visit. Even though our home is still full of people, it feels so empty without Vaughn! Even when Vaughn was working away (out of state), very often he was interacting with someone in the family via technology. He still joined us daily (on line) for family prayer and scripture reading. It's going to be really hard to figure out how to make it through this trial without Vaughn. The Gospel message of Jesus Christ and eternal families is really our only source of hope and comfort."

Vaughn and Holly are the parents of eight children - Ashley, Camille (Matt) Dawson, Joshua (Breana), Noelle, Rachel, Rebekah, Enoch, and Faith. All these have survived him, as well as his beloved Holly. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Everett Dawson, Aiden Spendlove, and Russell Dawson, with one more grandson on the way, and by his parents.

A visitation will be held Friday, September 11, from 6 pm to 8 pm at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, UT and Saturday, September 12, from 9:30 am to 10:30 am at the Eastridge 2nd Ward Chapel, 1187 East Draper Parkway (12300 South), Draper, UT. A funeral will be held at 11 am at the chapel. Burial will be at Larkin Sunset Lawn, 2350 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City, UT. We ask that due to the Covid-19 pandemic you please observe social distancing and wear masks during the visitation, funeral, and burial.