

Mark Douglas Huynh

August 14, 1985 ~ July 24, 2025

After battling years of depression, Mark Douglas Huynh passed away on July 24, 2025 in Sandy, Utah. He was born in Provo, Utah August 14, 1985 to Tuong and Lorene Crabtree Huynh. Eventually, his family moved to Washington State where he lived until he was 15. Mark loved the Pacific Northwest and being outside in nature. When his family moved back to Utah in 2000, he loved hiking in the nearby mountains.

Mark had a great desire to learn and excelled in school. After graduating from Copper Hills High School in West Jordan, Utah, in 2004. He attended The University of Utah, and Salt Lake Community College, then graduated with a bachelor's degree from Utah Valley University. Mark went on to get a Master's Degree from Brigham Young University in biology. He also completed two years of medical school at the University of Colorado. Mark had a natural talent for teaching and taught biology at Utah Valley University, where he was loved by his students and colleagues. He was awarded the university's Teacher Excellence Award in 2021. Eventually Mark left teaching to work in the medical tech field for the company bioMerieux.

Mark married Melanie Wilkes in October 2020 and became a stepfather to her daughter Maddi. They loved being outdoors, traveling, spending time with family and friends and taking care of their elderly dog Kona.

Mark was always athletic and besides hiking, did snowboarding and martial arts. He earned black belts in both Kung Fu and Tai Chi. Some of his hobbies were watching old movies, reading, writing poetry, playing drums, wood working and of course, building anything with Legos.

Like our Savior, Mark lived a life of service and did anything to help his friends, neighbors, and family. He held many callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including ward clerk, Elder's Quorum president, Sunday School teacher and Priesthood teacher.

Mark had a great way with people. He had a quick sense of humor, and people were naturally drawn to him. He took a sincere interest in others and made friends easily. Mark also had a great love for animals. His pets meant a lot to him, especially his and Melanie's dog Kona. He regularly donated items to the animal shelter.

Mark is survived by his wife Melanie Wilkes, stepdaughter Maddi Roden, his parents Lorene Crabtree Huynh Fullmer and Tuong Van Huynh, his stepfather David Fullmer, his stepmother Trang Pham, and his siblings Amber Huynh, Michael Huynh and Jonathan (Aeon) Huynh.

In lieu of flowers please donate to your local animal shelter in remembrance of Mark.

Services for Mark will be on Saturday August 2, 2025 at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. Dimple Dell Rd. Sandy, Utah 84092. Visiting with family from 10:00-10:45. Funeral service at 11:00.