

Mark Vernon Parmley

September 5, 1981 ~ November 9, 2020

Mark Vernon Parmley passed away in his home in Murray, Utah, on November 9, 2020 at the age of 39.

He was born September 5, 1981 in Washington D.C. to Kirsti and Vernon Parmley. He was the third of four children. Being an Army brat, he lived with his family in many different locations, including San Francisco, CA; Waterville, Maine; Toole, Utah; Nuremberg, Germany; Edmond, Oklahoma; and Puyallup, WA. It was in Puyallup that he grew from a precocious third grader to an athletic, adventurous, studious young man. He graduated from Gov. John R. Rogers High School, where he enjoyed playing water polo. Mark was an Eagle Scout and learned to love the outdoors at an early age, thanks in large part to great scout leaders and friends. He learned to play viola, but his real passion was for the guitar. He could play the most complicated riffs and songs. He also loved attending live concerts. Mark served an LDS mission in Portland, OR and Kennewick, WA. He graduated from BYU-Idaho in 2008 with a B.S. in biochemistry. The last twelve years, he has worked mostly as a chemist with pharmaceutical companies here in the Salt Lake Valley, which he enjoyed very much. When he wasn't working, he could be found in the canyons and other mountains, exploring, hiking, climbing, and adventuring. He was able to summit Mt. Rainier, Grand Teton, and King's Peak, among many other local peaks.

Mark was loved by his family and is survived by his Parents as well as his sisters Sonja Ames (Jeremy) and Erica Thompson (Nicholas), and his brother Michael Parmley (Tayler) as well as 12 nieces and nephews who adored him.

Having exposure to multiple cultures from multiple family moves growing up and having gone through some tough times himself, Mark was always comfortable with people regardless of their backgrounds. He could become anyone's friend without prejudice. He was generous and liked to help those in need. Mark was a gentle, kind soul and will be dearly missed by those lucky enough to know and love him.

An informal open house will be held for those to pay their respects in honor of Mark on Monday, November 16th from 1:00pm - 2:00 p.m. at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. Dimple Dell Rd., Sandy, UT. An in-person invitation memorial service will follow at 2pm. All other guests are invited to attend via broadcast: https://youtu.be/K5_fVlAuYOo

Mark's ashes will be buried in the mountains that he loved in a private family service on Tuesday, November 17th.