

Matthew Gregory Wittwer

May 22, 1974 ~ June 20, 2023

Matthew Gregory Wittwer, beloved husband, son, brother, uncle and friend, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully on June 20th, 2023 at his home in Salt Lake City, Utah. Matt was born May 22, 1974 in Salt Lake City, UT, to Karl Gregory and Julie Garrett Wittwer. His family, especially his sweetheart, Staci Garcia, whom he found after a very particular and patient search, and married in the Salt Lake Temple on August 19, 2008, will miss the loving care that he shared with them each and every day.

Growing up Matt had a happy childhood enjoying things like music, watching Saturday morning cartoons with his brother and sisters, and playing in the yard and riding bikes in the neighborhood. He especially loved having Sunday dinners with his family and visiting his grandparents who he loved very much. He knew how to tease his siblings but never out of meanness because he had a very tender heart. He loved going to the family cabin and didn’t mind the long drive especially if he was the one doing the driving.

He often shared memories of his childhood and he was grateful for the numerous people who touched his life in so many positive ways. As a teenager, he focused on the Boy Scout program and earned the Eagle Scout award. He enjoyed participating in outdoor activities and loved spending time with his cousins who became as close to him as brothers. His love of scouting led him to positions in camp staff leadership roles at multiple camps.

He served as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Birmingham, England mission, where he fell in love with the people and culture. Matt shared many of those English traditions with his family every year, especially around the holidays.

His college education helped him develop many skills which he used along with his natural gifts and talents to improve his surroundings and touch the lives of everyone around him. He used his training and experiences working in many different fields and in doing so he discovered and chose a successful career providing management and service in the senior living family.

His career path in senior living began as an Assistant Director in a small community and he loved his association with the residents. His dedication to serving them and their families and his passion for serving others, helped him to progress in his career to positions of significant responsibility and leadership. He was privileged to work with great people who became his mentors and trusted friends. His last professional position was serving as a Regional Director with Western States Lodging and Management where he will be greatly missed.

When Matt wasn't working, he enjoyed spending time with family and supporting his favorite teams which were the Utah Jazz, BYU Cougars, Colorado Rockies, and the San Francisco 49ers, with Staci cheering loudly at his side. Matt and Staci enjoyed spending time together and could often be found traveling near and far, visiting new

locations, finding, and eating at new restaurants, and making each other laugh. Matt enjoyed reading about history; especially about leaders who impacted the world for good whom he tried to emulate. He liked going boating, four wheeling, and maybe most of all, visiting the family cabin where he could relax and forget about things while enjoying some long naps which helped him recharge his energy. Many of these activities which he often shared with the love of his life, gave Matt and Staci an opportunity to make memories that will last a lifetime.

Matt was a lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and had a deep testimony of its truthfulness which led him to serve in multiple church callings. His relationship with and belief in the Savior Jesus Christ directed his choices in all aspects of life.

Matt has been and continues to be devoted to his family. He loved his wife dearly, taking the time to show her that love in a variety of ways. He took pride in being the “big brother,” taking care of his siblings, parents, nieces, and nephews. He always surprised us with thoughtful gifts, kind words, and true acts of service. He was charitable, generous, kind and loving in the purest way. The greatest gift he gave to his family was his understanding, unconditional, and unfeigned love. There will never be a way to fill the hole in our hearts at Matt’s departure, but we take solace in our knowledge that families are forever. We love you, Matthew.

Matt is survived by his wife, Staci, parents, Karl Gregory and Julie Wittwer, sister, Monica Crowe (Ben); William, Maddie, Emma; sister, Megan Fabert (Jason); Braxton, Bailee, Brielle; brother, Marcus Wittwer (Amy); Adeline, Chloe, Jack, Dean, mother-in-law, Marlene Garcia, brother-in-law, Judd Garcia; Bree, Mason, Quinton.

He is preceded in death by grandparents Karl and Mable Wittwer; Dean, Amy and Lucille Garrett, father-in-law, Celerino Garcia.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 pm on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at the Belvedere Ward Building, 607 East Downington Avenue, Salt Lake City, UT. There will be a visitation on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm also at the Belvedere Ward Building and on Thursday from 10:30 to 11:45 am prior to services at the church. Be mindful that parking is limited, but available on the neighborhood streets.

A recording of the service is available by clicking on the blue "Watch Services" tab above. It will remain for about 30 days.