

Michael Bruce Coles

October 25, 1955 ~ May 16, 2023

Michael Bruce Coles passed away unexpectedly at home on May 16 in Layton, Utah. He was loved by family and friends and left a lasting mark on all who knew him. He will be sorely missed, but remembered by all as a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend.

Mike was born on October 25, 1955, in Salt Lake City, Utah to Laurie Bruce “Mike” Coles and Mary Lou Hansen Coles. He grew up in Salt Lake City on the Avenues as the oldest of four children. As a young man, Mike served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Stockholm, Sweden from 1974 to 1976.

Upon returning from his missionary service, Mike met the love of his life, Marn Senior. They were married on June 16th, 1978 in the Salt Lake Temple. They raised four children with one eternal child, Kristen, who passed away at birth. Family meant everything to Mike. As a father, he was regularly attending or coaching his children’s sports teams. He always made himself available to support them. As a grandfather, he continued his dedicated support by attending games, concerts, plays, and many other events of his 14 grandchildren. He made time for each one of them individually, and they knew he loved them dearly.

Mike had a love for the outdoors. He enjoyed camping with family and backpacking trips with his sons and grandsons. He passed on his love for the outdoors by sharing his skills learned through scouting. He served many years in the Boy Scout program influencing many. In recognition for his lifetime of achievement in scouting, Mike was awarded the Silver Beaver in 2015. Mike was the definition of a true Scout and lived the principles of scouting in his daily life. Besides camping, Mike was most happy with Marn by his side doing just about anything, including biking, hiking, kayaking, and traveling the world together.

Mike will always be remembered for his willingness to serve others. He spent countless hours helping his children, neighbors, and friends. He would drop anything to spend time helping them. He also loved to serve in the Church. Throughout his life, he held numerous callings and leadership positions. Most recently Mike had been serving as a counselor in his Stake Presidency and previously as Bishop in a Young Single Adult ward. The Young Single Adults impacted Mike and Marn tremendously and will forever hold a special place in their hearts. Mike and Marn also enjoyed serving in the temple helping others come closer to the Savior. They always worked together no matter the responsibility. Together, they could accomplish anything.

Mike is survived by his wife, Marn, of 44 years, his children Katie (Jason), Kyle (Erin), Kris (Jacee), and Karlie (Scott); his mother Mary Lou Coles, his brother Scott and two sisters Laurie and Michelle, and his 14 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his daughter Kristen and his father Mike Coles.

Funeral services will be held in his honor at 11:00 am on Monday, May 22, 2023 at the Holmes Creek Stake Building, 125 Chapel Street Layton, UT 84041. Viewings will be held the preceding night Sunday, May 21 from 6:00

- 8:00 pm at the same location and prior to the Monday funeral service from 9:30 - 10:30 am. Interment at Wasatch Lawn.