

Michael Sean Lancaster

April 30, 1976 ~ April 11, 2023

Michael Sean Lancaster, a most beautiful and precious soul, has passed away. One light that was never thought to have the capacity to burn out, unfortunately has taken its leave but will never dim. Mike was born in Sacramento, California to loving parents Maren Jefferies and Charles William Lancaster in 1976. (The world will never be the same.)

Coming to Utah around the age of 3, Michael would fall in love with the outdoors soon after. As a kid, Mike was glued to the hip of his father Charles. Everything that was of interest to his dad, Mike would take a fond attachment to as well. This included aviation and an amazing connection to nature that he would then hold onto for the rest of his life. The following years would be filled with normal occurrences including teenage fun and mischief with his 'boys', but never was the sense of love and companionship lost. Many loved the company he would bring, keeping the room on the lighter side with laughter and love; this would be proven time again and again.

Mike founded a collector's club -Tobacco Pipe Collectors (TPC) - known globally for the empathetic views towards its viewers, patrons, clients, and their respected level. An excerpt from the 2014 "Pipes and Tobacco" magazine catalog reads that, "It's impressive that gravity alone is able to keep him stuck to the planet. You could launch a Saturn V rocket with this guy's energy", a remarkable quote for a remarkable man. He would keep that energy with him wherever he went.

Mike was not just great to be around but was also an amazing worker. He started working for Murray City when he was 16 and worked there until 2014. He took off to do what he loved, including visiting with others in the pipe community and spending time with his Aunt Denise and Uncle Mitch in Mendicino, CA. He then moved onto West Valley City from 2015 until the time of his death.

Mike, along with his two much loved children, Sophia Emma and Michael Chase, would spend as much time together as they could and whenever they could, enjoying anything from hiking to downtown adventures, and simple family time. There were also two bonus children that Mike would help raise and treat as his own, Quincy and Blake. Michael loved and was loved, immensely.

Towards the end of his priceless journey that was his life, he would meet the love of his life, Hope. Every minute of every hour was spent and endured together. When one was near, the other was not too far away.

Mike was never known to complain about his situation, no matter how hard the time he was going through was. Despite all the best efforts of everyone, including Dr. Gill, the hospital staff (the best nurses and doctors), Mike would be taken from us far too soon on April 11th, 2023, from Melanoma cancer. He would fight until his last breath surrounded by the ones he held dearest in this world.

Mike is survived by his wife Hope, his beautiful children, parents Charles and Maren Lancaster, brother Neal (Judi) Lancaster and sister Jill (Andy) Markus. Preceded in death by his grandparents Charles and Mildred Lancaster, William Martin, and Lucile Jeffries.

The family thanks everyone who loved and cared for Mike and is extending a warm welcome to anyone who would love to join Mike in his ceremony of life services. The viewing and funeral will take place at the Larkin Mortuary in Riverton (3688 West 12600 South Riverton, Utah). The viewing will be held prior to the funeral services beginning at 10:30 a.m. The funeral ceremony will commence at 12:00 p.m. with burial following at the Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery (1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South) Sandy, Utah).

Funeral services will be streamed via Zoom for those wishing to attend virtually. To watch the previously streamed services, please click the “Watch Services” link above.

To our friend, husband, son, father, brother, angel, and greatest confidant Michael Sean Lancaster - You will be forever missed and eternally loved.