

Preston Fairbanks Kirk

January 4, 1958 ~ September 27, 2022

My amazing life journey began in Salt Lake City, Utah on January 4, 1958, when I was born to two extraordinary and loving parents, Donald Angus Kirk and Kathryn Fairbanks Kirk. I found joy in being around others and learning life's lessons for over 64 years until my wonderful and rewarding adventures ended peacefully on September 27, 2022.

My parents and nine siblings provided me with an unusually loving family life centered around the gospel of Jesus Christ. Many of my life's philosophies were forged on the anvil of work at our home in Salt Lake City where my parents created a rich learning environment and taught by example. I learned the importance of integrity, that hard work is a blessing, and about the law of the harvest. As one of the oldest children, I learned essential lessons in life by spending time with and being mentored by my brothers and sisters, who were smarter and more talented in a wide variety of subjects. Their accomplishments and musical gifts elevated my spirits and continually brought joy through all things admirable and lovely.

As a young man I was called to serve a mission in Guayaquil, Ecuador where I learned to do hard things and to trust in the Lord. A few of my companions became life-long friends. Following my mission, I graduated from the University of Utah. I met my best friend Lori Ann Dixon at a singles dance in 1986 and asked her to marry me - the smartest and luckiest thing that I ever did. Together with my eternal companion, we raised our four children, Alexa, Annie, Austin, and Tanner. My greatest comfort and joy was spending time with my family, whether it was sharing meals at the dinner table at home or making memories while traveling the world together. I loved witnessing and celebrating my children’s successes and seeing the blessings of the Gospel in the lives of my family.

For over 37 years, I found much fulfillment in financing and helping to build capital projects for Utah communities as an investment banker. My exceptional work family and partners made work enjoyable and fun and became some of my most cherished friends. I’m honored to have worked with many remarkable and dedicated public officials and clients who lifted me to greater heights.

I have been privileged to have served in a number of callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a home teacher, Scoutmaster, Elders Quorum president, and ward clerk. Phenomenal ward members surrounded me as both a youth and adult. They provided a healthy environment to learn, grow and serve others, for which I'm eternally grateful.

I wish to give a special thanks to Dr. Scott Samuelson at Utah Cancer and Dr. Doug Sborov at Huntsman Cancer Institute, as well as to all the other skillful doctors, nurses, and hospital staff for their magnificent care and expertise throughout my 10-year battle with Multiple Myeloma.

While my days were shorter than average, the quality and experiences afforded during this time were truly extraordinary. I was refined by the wonderful friends and family that buoyed me up and provided optimism to overcome the challenges that were mine. I'm now off looking for new adventures, rekindling valued relationships, and seeking new ways to serve people. Onward and upward!

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Preston is survived by his wife, Lori, and his four children: Alexa, Annie (Sam) Curtis, Austin, and Tanner. He is preceded in death by his parents, Donald Angus Kirk and Kathryn Fairbanks Kirk.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 12:00pm at the North Canyon Stake Center located at 965 E Oakwood Drive, Bountiful Utah. Viewings will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2022, from 6-8pm and on Monday, October 3, 2022, from 10-11:30am at the same location. Interment will take place at the Memorial Lakeview Cemetery in Bountiful, Utah.

Recording of the funeral service is available by clicking the above "Watch Services" button.