

Richard Dick Simon Jr. "King"

August 10, 1971 ~ September 14, 2021

On Tuesday, September 14, 2021, Richard “King” Dick Simon Jr., loving son, brother, friend, and father of four children, passed away at the age of 50. King was preceded in death by his mother Valene, brother Tim and son Diesel. He is survived by his father Richard, three daughters Olivia, Dominique (Andrew), Rylee (Grayson), sister Sherry (Jon), brothers Kelle (Julie), Lyn (Helen), and granddaughter Evelyn.

King was born on August 10, 1971, in Salt Lake City, UT to Richard and Valene Simon. As a young boy, he grew up in Granger, UT, and loved nothing more than playing with his older siblings. When they were off at school, he would push his brother’s 2-wheel bike over to their elementary school all the way to their classrooms, “just to say hi” until the principal would call his mother and say, “come get King!”

King was an avid golfer throughout his life. He was ranked second in the state during his Junior and Senior years at Cottonwood Highschool. As a child, he was encouraged to play golf professionally but instead chose to focus on the family business. King would continue to dominate golf competitions with his father and enjoyed every moment they could spend together playing the game they loved.

King later started his own trucking company, Back in Black, in 2002. King would do whatever it took to ensure his drivers had time off every Christmas to be with family, no matter the cost. He always taught his children to never forget the hard work and sacrifice that kept food on the table.

King had a heart of gold. He was known as the guy you could call at any time and would always be there. He took “giving the clothes off your back” literally. He made sure everyone around him had what they needed and then some. Many of his son’s friends referred to King as their second dad.

He enjoyed last-minute vacations with his children, breakfast with his father, riding Harleys, driving fast cars while blasting ACDC, and riding any amusement park thrill ride out there. His all-time favorite thing to do was pull all pranks he could to get people to laugh. He would never say no to a red velvet cake with a big glass of milk. It was an honor and unforgettable experience to be sung, “Happy Birthday” by him. You couldn’t have asked for a better father, brother, or friend.

A viewing service will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at Larkin Sunset Gardens (1950 E 10600 S, Sandy, UT) from 6 to 8 p.m. He will be buried with his son the following day. Please join us for a celebration of life on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at Galena Hills Park (12500 S Vista Station Blvd, Draper, UT) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Boys and Girls Club charity at www.bgca.org. Our family has chosen this organization because King and Diesel dedicated their lives to taking care of their friends who became their family.