

Roark Lynn Thompson

February 12, 1963 ~ November 24, 2024

In Loving Memory

On November 24, 2024, Roark Lynn Thompson passed away peacefully at his home in Cottonwood Heights, Utah. Roark was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on February 12, 1963 to Boyd and Althea May Thompson.

Roark loved life. He did not know how to quit. He worked hard and played even harder. Roark's early work as an electrician uncovered an extraordinary talent he had of working with his hands. He could build and fix anything. Many summers were spent building a deck, a backyard pond or cabinets with several hours in the garden, passing on his love of nature to his daughter, Peri.

Later, Roark excelled in medical sales. Initially working for Marshall Industries, then Hillrom; where he met many lifelong friends. He had an adventurous spirit that took him all over the world. He could always be found on a golf course with his golf buddies; Cy, Shayne, Greg, Chris, Neal, Ernie and Chip. During the Utah winters, you could find him on the mountain side, skiing alongside his best friend Steve Whittaker. The importance of a good meal was never lost on Roark. He loved indulging in an excellent meal, his favorite being his Christmas dinner tradition of steak, crab, and of course, butter. Roark had a deep love for dogs, and had many throughout his life. He found solace in being reunited with his beloved dog, Goose, in heaven.

He is survived by his daughter Peri, wife Pam, sister and brother-in-law Michelle and Tim, niece and nephew Lauren and Cole, son-in-law Tanner, and by his two dogs, Tiger and Crew—which will remain with his wife, Pam, who discovered her love of dogs from Roark.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Huntsman Cancer Institute and his healthcare team for their never wavering commitment to caring for and pursuing a cure for Roark. His never quit, fighting spirit lasted with him until the very end.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to Huntsman Cancer Institute Pancreatic Cancer Research in Roark's name.

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