

Robert Jason Nixon

March 20, 1984 ~ September 13, 2022

Robert Jason Nixon passed away on September 13, 2022, from a bicycle accident that resulted in a head injury. He was riding at Liberty Park in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He would have told an entertaining story about what happened that night. Rob was a great storyteller and loved to share about his life's adventures. He often was a hero—but these weren't the stories he highlighted. Such as the time he remodeled almost every square inch of a cousin's house in a few days, loaned a car to a friend for an entire year, or the countless times he noticed a need and showed up to support those he loved without being asked. Or brought together people who thought very differently.

Rob was willing to help and had an amazing array of skills that enabled him to do so. He started building and designing things as a kid—a sledding track in the backyard made from snow, skateboard ramps built from scrap wood, vinyl stickers cut by hand. He kept learning new skills over time: car painting, house painting, graphic design, set design, car repair/modification, welding, and electrical work. He made things for work, for fun, and for others. His vehicle always had more tools than are in most people's houses.

He used and developed these skills in his various professional endeavors: sign design and installation, car painting, music video production, fireplace installation, and home renovation. He also worked in the mortgage industry, customer service, and sales. He was animated about a new business venture he was working on, but he was taken from us before this could come to full fruition.

You'd often hear him telling stories about something "ridiculous" he was making. A vehicle Frankensteined together so that it was no longer a Nissan, Toyota, or a Jeep, but a little bit each. A tent he designed and sewed to be able to camp in the back of his truck. He dreamed it and he made it just how he wanted it. Normal was not good enough for him.

Rob lived his life with passion and energy. He saw things that needed to change and did what he could to make the world a better place. He had ideas and plans and dreams. When he saw problems, he had big ideas on how to fix them and he did what he could. He had big plans for supporting people who were mistreated by society and did what he could to help them now. He was also passionate about defending his family—particularly his mom.

Rob had just begun a new job and was preparing to work remotely in various cities across the country. He was preparing to move on to a new adventure and it looks like he did. Just not the one he had in mind. We miss you, Rob. Make some stories and build us something cool for when we get there.

Rob was born in Provo, Utah on March 20, 1984. He lived in Texas, Utah, California, and Arizona throughout his life. He was married in October 2013, and they later divorced.

Rob is survived by his parents, Dell and Laura Nixon; all his siblings—Ryan (Liz), Scott (Janae), Heather Harmon (Zach), Amy Butler (JJ), Janelle Ricks (James), and Brooke Kay (Ethan); his grandparents, cousins, nieces and nephews; and by many friends who consider him family. Preceded in death by a grandfather, Stephen Stumph, and several dear friends.

Special thanks to Dr. Shervin Rahimpour and the staff at the neurocritical care unit at the University of Utah hospital. Also, a special thanks for the organ donation staff that enabled Rob’s final act of service.

Rob had a passion in life of serving others. In lieu of flowers, the family would kindly ask that donations be made to the provided link (https://gofund.me/4f582162) which will in turn be donated to various organizations to help and serve others in his honor such as blood donation, single mothers, and assisting those experiencing homelessness.

Funeral services for Rob will be held at 11AM on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at Larkin Mortuary - Riverton, 3688 West 12600 South. A viewing and time to gather and share memories will take place prior to the funeral services beginning at 9:30 AM. Interment to follow at the Riverton City Cemetery.

Funeral services will be streamed via Zoom. To watch the previously held services, please click the "Watch Services" link above.