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Robert Scott Shepherd, a cherished father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at age 58, surrounded by his family after a battle with cancer.

Rob loved life and his family, especially when spent outdoors. Rob spent all his life in Salt Lake City, UT. He was an outdoors kind of guy with a love for jazz music. Rob had a great love for back country skiing, mountain biking, and bonfires. He hiked, skied, and camped all over the Wasatch Mountains and amongst the Red Rock deserts down south. Additionally, he had a special place in his heart for the Tetons on the Wyoming side outside of Driggs, ID.

Rob enjoyed many trips down south, from visiting the Indian ruins from Fish and Owl Creek to the Four Corners and the Needles District to name a few. You name it, Rob did it. He climbed, mountain biked, river ran, built igloos, and explored snow caves. Rob never met a mountain he didn't want to climb. He believed in living life to its fullest, highest and best potential. Rob knew that life was meant to be enjoyed in the great outdoors with his family and friends, full of laughter, kindness and adventures. Along with his love of camping, he had a love for music, especially jazz. He was a successful jazz drummer. Rob attended Utah State University on a drum scholarship and continued to play in multiple bands throughout his life. He even had the opportunity to introduce his wife to Buddy Rich in SLC, UT. In his spare time, you could find him playing his drums and keeping up on his craft.

Rob had many lifelong friends whom he met along the way of his adventures through the great outdoors and music. His most cherished trips and memories were those with his immediate family, grandkids, and his beloved wife Kyra. Kyra always accompanied him on his adventures. Rob's love for the outdoors brought him many opportunities in life; from working at Guthrie's bike shop to REI, to teaching at the U of U for the Outdoor Recreational Department leading many of his students through his favorite spots down south and in the mountains.

To Rob, family was everything. He cherished his wife, children and grandchildren. From coaching numerous football and lacrosse games to dance recitals, Rob never missed any event, and he continued this with his grandchildren. He built many loving memories and traditions. Rob never missed an opportunity to have a backyard BBQ with his friends and children. With endless amounts of good food, many late-night bonfires, and countless encouraging words and conversations, he never missed a chance to throw in his favorite sayings: *"If you're gonna be dumb, you gotta be tough."* or *"rub some dirt in it."* All were welcome in his home.

Rob was born in Salt Lake City on June 2, 1967, to Richard and Rexene Shepherd, who built loving memories and supported him and his family. Rob is survived by the love of his life of 35 years married, 46 years together, high

school sweethearts and best friend Kyra Lee Shepherd; his children Sierra Shepherd, Hunter Shepherd, Porter Shepherd and his wife Kelsey Shepherd; two grandchildren Rose and Bo; his mother Rexene Shepherd and brothers Ron Shepherd and Richard Shepherd Jr. He was preceded in death by his beloved father Richard Shepherd and sister Christine VanRy.

Rob was loved by many, and his thoughtful and rugged presence will be missed dearly.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 pm on August 9, 2025, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2245 East 3900 South, SLC, UT 84109. A gathering will be held prior to the services from 10:00 to 11:45 am. Interment will follow at Larkin Sunset Lawn, 2350 E. 1300 S. SLC, UT 84108.