

Ryan Jeffrey Green

March 7, 1975 ~ April 12, 2022

The world suffered a great loss on April 12, 2022, when we lost Ryan Jeffrey Green. He was a beloved husband, devoted and proud father, loving son, dedicated brother, and loyal friend. Ryan was born on March 7, 1975, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and moved to Rancho Cucamonga, California for about 5 years in his childhood before returning to Utah for high school.

Ryan is survived by his wife, Erika, his son, Thomas, his mother Susan Green, brother Sean Green and his family, and his grandparents, Ed, and Betty Green. His friends and family sincerely miss him and his easy and easily recognizable laugh.

Ryan was always social and never left a room without making a friend. His love affair with sports started early and he formed bonds with his football, wrestling, and baseball teammates. The friendships he started and maintained in those early years were felt throughout his family as some became regulars in the Green household growing up and became part of so many of their family memories and stories.

Ryan attended the University of Utah and dedicated himself to the Naval ROTC program where he met some of his best and lifelong friends. Upon graduating with a degree in Political Science, he joined the United States Navy as a commissioned officer, proud to serve, and was a natural-born leader who loved both his shipmates and his time at sea.

He met Erika, his wife, while stationed on the USS Champion in Ingleside, Texas. They married in November 2000 and the laughs and tears shed during their 21 years of marriage will be treasured. While in Texas, they had Thomas, their son. From the moment Thomas was born, it was evident that Ryan was meant to be a father and the relationship he had with his son was something to aspire to. No matter Thomas' interest, Ryan would support it and get involved whether it was coaching his soccer team, martial arts where they earned their belts together, Cub Scouts, playing games, and indulging in exotic foreign foods and action movies. Ryan would boast to everyone he talked to about how brilliant his son is and what he was doing in school and was more proud of him than any of his own personal accomplishments.

While serving in the Navy, he attended Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and earned his Master of Arts in National Security Affairs. He served for almost eleven years in various roles, but his roles as Chief Engineer were ones he found especially fulfilling.

After leaving the Navy in 2007, Ryan had various consulting roles in the civilian world. He was always ready to take on a challenge and relished his coworkers as they became friends. He chose roles that showed off his leadership abilities and there was no mistaking his eternal endeavor to better himself. This was evident when he went back to

school and earned his second Master’s degree from the University of Washington Foster School of Business in 2021. These decisions symbolized his life as an intellectually curious man with the heart to serve others.

Ryan’s love of sports continued throughout his life and spent much of his free time officiating local baseball and football games. If he could take an extra game, he would never turn down the opportunity to be on the field. He would spend hours with his wife quizzing him on rules and regulations and started watching sports in a different way. He strived for excellence because his excellence affected the outcome, and he took that very seriously. He loved talking about his games and fellow officials, who became friends, and the people he would share a drink or a laugh with after a game.

Ryan’s larger-than-life personality, sense of humor, and strength of character will be dearly missed by so many. It was a privilege and honor to be his family or considered a friend. He will forever be in our hearts.

Ryan is preceded in death by his father, Bryant Thomas Green, and his grandparents, Vern, and Frances Blight.

The family requested that remembrances be made in the form of contributions to fund Thomas’ continuing education to Venmo@thomas-green-131.

A memorial gathering to celebrate Ryan will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from the hours of 6:00 -8:00 pm at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, Utah.