

Stephen Arthur Crandall

January 9, 1960 ~ July 5, 2023

Stephen Arthur Crandall passed peacefully into the next life in the early morning hours of July 5th, 2023, after a 7 year battle with lung cancer.

Steve was born in Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii, on January 9th, 1960, to Bill and Joan Crandall. Prominent places in his "Air Force brat" upbringing include Japan, Nebraska, Louisiana, and most importantly Alaska, where they settled down. From a young age, he quickly developed a passion for learning everything that he could, foregoing picture books in favor of encyclopedias. His childhood was also spent camping with his family, playing sports, and outsmarting his high school teachers.

After serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Kobe, Japan, he attended BYU where he met his wife, Holly Wilson. They were married in the Seattle Temple on May 5, 1984. Consistent with his desire to learn, he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, a master's degree from the University of Washington, and a law degree from Arizona State University. A jack of all trades, Steve found his true passion as a high school teacher when he realized that his humor was just irreverent enough to resonate with teenagers. He began teaching science and coaching girls' basketball as well as track at Park City High School. His teaching and coaching led to additional opportunities at Jordan High School, Corner Canyon High School and, ultimately, Summit Academy Schools, where he was the director of operations for 10 years.

His kids have inherited many of his passions and hobbies, including mountaineering, Alaska fishing, music, coaching, woodworking, car repair, shooting, and of course, BYU sports. He never hesitated to sacrifice for those that he loved, both informally and through various callings in his church.

He is preceded in death by his son, David, and his father, Bill. He is survived by his wife, Holly, his mother, Joan, and four children, Grace (Jake), Kirk, Joni, and Caleb. He is also survived by four grandchildren, nine siblings, and a sizable extended family that love him very much. Countless colleagues, classmates, and companions will maintain his legacy by passing his counsel and example through generations to come.

As Steve would often say, quoting Mark Twain: " All great men are dead, and I'm not feeling too well myself"

Please join us for a Celebration of Life open house for Steve on Monday, July 17th, 2023 between the hours of 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM at the Chateau at the Rose Shop, 1910 E Dimple Dell Road (10600 S), Sandy, UT.