

Steven Frank Foote

June 3, 1960 ~ December 9, 2024

It is with profound grief we announce the passing of Fire Chief Steven Frank Foote (ret.) on Sunday, December 8, 2024. He was returning from Canada when he suffered a fatal infection.

Steve was one in a million and always brightened this world with his light and his laughter.

He was funny beyond words, talented beyond measure but his true passion was giving to and helping others. No job too big no task too small. Steve was the first on the job and last to leave – and he always brought snacks. His heart was as big as the moon and so many in his orbit were touched by this man's generous and loving soul.

Steve began honing his leadership skills when he was elected as a write-in candidate for Cottonwood High School student body president in 1978. He had quite a few adventures there (most notably his 7-11 firecracker hijinks). From there he went on to start his own landscaping business. He later joined the South Salt Lake Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter. This volunteer work led his career up the ladder (so to speak) to eventually assuming the role of the youngest Fire Chief in the state of Utah. Thanks to South Salt Lake Mayor Randy Fitts, Steve flourished and was innovative in his approach to managing and expanding the department until his retirement in January 2011.

Steve had a passion for flying – whether it be airplanes or helicopters. He worked toward getting his helicopter pilot's license and gained many friends in the process.

His next big assignment came when Salt Lake City based Priority Dispatch Corporation offered him a teaching position to travel through North America educating 9-1-1 dispatchers newly innovated and highly technical protocols for sending out fire equipment and personnel to those in need. As well, he recently accepted a position in the company's Implementation Department. Steve was a public servant to his soul whether in the fire service or in helping in emergency response. He loved his job, and he loved the people he worked with at PDC.

Steve married the love of his life Cindie Jean Foote. They reconnected in a fairy tale romance eight years ago. From that day forward they were planning to spend the rest of their lives together in love, and in retirement traveling the world.

Steven F. Foote was born on June 3, 1960. His mother was the infamous Judy Foote (the widow McCoy) and his father, Wallace J. Foote. As well, Steve had two beautiful sisters Paula Jean Foote and Lori Lynn Foote who he dearly loved, all of whom are deceased. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Cindie Jean Foote, his daughter Megan (Brennan) Lytle, Cindie's three children J'Amy (Eric) Winters, Ashley (Drayton) Bailey, Jake (Danielle) Poulson and eight grandchildren Maycie, Kayla, Brandon, Zona, David, Eliza, Henry and Arwen.

Lastly, he leaves his biggest cheerleader, his other mom and Auntie, Frankie Ford (Scott Quai and the Quai Family Clan.)

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at the Larkin Sunset Gardens Mortuary, located at 1950 E. 10600 S., Sandy, UT 84092. Family and friends may attend a visitation from 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. The family will hold a private interment service immediately following.

Special thanks to Steve's best friends, the two other suns in their trifecta solar system, Andrew (Moose) Maurer and Jason Nicholl for their loyalty and friendship. Also special thanks to the South Salt Lake Fire Department, Murray Fire Department and those other departments who have contributed time and effort toward this last special tribute for Steven.