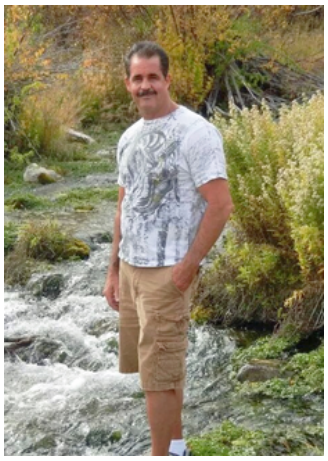


Tad B Vawdrey

June 27, 1957 ~ May 5, 2023

Tad was born 6/27/1957 at 9:33pm in Murray, Utah to Max Lovell Vawdrey & Patricia Ann Beebe. They lived in Draper, Utah. He had seven siblings, Mike (Sue), Diann (Scott Landeen), Leslie (Jim Draper), Randy (Leslie), Maxine (Dennis Ipson), Wade (Lynette), and Myron (Lori).

Tad's family moved to San Jose, California when he was young, then later moved to Orangeville, California where he graduated from Bella Vista High School. He loved growing up there and had great memories.

Tad would spend summers with his Grandpa Beebe in Midway, Utah shoeing horses and learning and loving how to work hard in the country life.

In Tad's younger years he was a smaller guy. After graduation, he got into weightlifting and fell in love with it and the security and self-esteem it gave him, he was very passionate about it and met a lot of friends along the way. Through his physical ailments in his lifetime weightlifting was the one thing that always kept him mentally and physically strong.

Tad married Thelma Monaice Ostler 9/1979. They were married for ten years and had three children, Thelma Nicole, Jake Thomas and Bailee Michelle. His children were the light in his life and he enjoyed every minute with them. They blessed him with six grandchildren, Cole and Gwen (Nicole), Beckham and Gracie (Jake & Lacey), and Oaklee and Kace (Bailee).

Tad worked in the steel industry for ten years and was very good at it and loved it. He would get done twice as fast as the other workers. Due to injuries he had to leave the trade. He then went to Utah Highway Patrol and became a Dispatcher. He worked there for a short time then helped start Valley Emergency Communications Center, the largest Dispatch center in the state of Utah. He Dispatched for 30 years and was the best at what he did. West Valley was his favorite channel and he kept them safe. They always felt at ease when his voice was heard over the air. He retired on 4/14/2018 being the first male Dispatcher in Utah to retire with 30 years of straight Dispatching.

Tad met the love of his life Christina Marie Santos, being set up on a blind date by his beloved Aunt Ramona and friend Jeri Vigil Sharp. Tad and Christina were married 5/1991. They had 32 years together and a daughter Trista Marie born 8/1999, she was the sunshine in our world that made our family complete.

Anyone that knows Tad probably has a Tad story. He told it like it was, no filters and that was one of the qualities we loved about him.

Tad is preceded in death by his father Max Vawdrey and grandparents on both sides.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life for Tad on Saturday, May 13, 2023, beginning at 11:00 am at The Chateau at The Rose Shop, 1910 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, UT. Please come and share your fond memories and favorite stories. Beginning at 12:30 pm, there will be an informal service for those who would like to attend.

Until we meet again my Love, RIP.
Your loving wife,
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A Go Fund Me account has been created to help the family: https://gofund.me/c5922520