

# Tracy Eugene Ellis

*May 12, 1965 ~ December 24, 2024*

Tracy Eugene Ellis, a beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, passed away on December 24, 2024, at the age of 59. Born on May 12, 1965, Tracy lived a life full of love, laughter, and generosity, leaving an indelible mark on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Tracy was a proud graduate of Kearns High School, class of 1983, where he excelled on the Dive Team. He played various sports in his youth. He was the ‘king of the ground-rule double hit’. A skilled swimmer, waterskier and diver. His athleticism and determination continued throughout his life, most notably in his career as a long-haul truck driver. Tracy worked for Overnite Trucking, Viking Trucking, and FedEx Freight. Earning the prestigious 1,000,000 Miles Accident-Free recognition award—a testament to his skill, dedication, and professionalism on the road. Most notable were the eight years he spent driving alongside his son Garret, describing it as “the best.”

Tracy’s life was rich with passions that brought him joy and connection. A lover of country music, a few of his favorite artists included; Conway Twitty, Bob Seger, Hank Williams Jr., and Jason Aldean. He also loved Elvis Presley, often impersonating him with his signature charisma and great singing voice. He was no stranger to the dance floor with his famous “dance moves” which were a highlight at family reunions and barbecues, where his upbeat and infectious personality brought life to any gathering.

An avid sports fan, Tracy was loyal to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, New England Patriots, and his favorite player, Tom Brady, as well as the Utah Jazz. Yet, his greatest joy came from being “Grandpa Trace” to his grandchildren—Ryder, Hartlee, Isaac, Bo, Ace, and Ruby. Whether cheering them on at their sporting events, taking them on “drives to get treats,” or swimming in his pool. If he wasn’t bragging about his grandkids, he was bragging about his kids. He poured his heart into creating special memories with his family. Tracy’s greatest achievement was the love he gave to his family, who will forever carry his memory in their hearts. His legacy of kindness, generosity, positivity, and humor will continue to inspire all who knew him.

Tracy is survived by his loving children, Ashley (Alex) Garcia, Weston (Michelle) Ellis, and Garret Ellis. His siblings, Mitch (Jeune) Ellis, Randy (Dena) Ellis, Debby (Genghis) Deguzman, Lisa (Jay) Simon, Russ (Tara)Kakala, Seanoa (Janet) Lavatai, Melanie (Dirk) Witkamp, Kori Leach and Troy (Cari) Johnson. He will also be deeply missed by extended family and countless friends who treasured his charismatic personality, great storytelling, generosity, selflessness, and unwavering kind heart.

Tracy was preceded in death by his parents, Melvyn Ellis and Janet Richens, who welcomed him home with open arms.

Tracy will be remembered for his selflessness, generosity, and positivity. His love, laughter, big smile and dimples. His unforgettable stories will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege to know him. His gift of gab allowed

him to make connections wherever he went. Dad did not have acquaintances, anyone that met him became a ‘friend.’

A viewing will be held on Friday, January 17, 2025 from 1:00pm-3:00pm at Larkin Mortuary 3688 W 12600 S, Riverton, Utah 84065. A visitation luncheon will follow immediately at 3pm at Promptings. 5533 Hammerfest Drive., South Jordan, Utah 84009 Suite 306.

The family requests that you honor Tracy by spending time with loved ones, enjoying a good meal, or sharing a story- just as he would have done.

Rest easy, “Grandpa Trace.” You will be deeply missed and forever loved. “Right on, Dude” 