



# John "Carl" Fritch

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John "Carl" Fritch, 62, returned home to his loving Heavenly Father on May 18, 2013 surrounded by loved ones. He fought a long, courageous battle with cancer. Carl was born in Park City, UT on January 16, 1951 to John Clyde and Edith Beth Winters Fritch. He was the oldest of five boys; his brothers were his best friends and he remained close to them throughout his life. Carl grew up in Park City, UT, Rock Springs, WY, and Anchorage, AK, where he graduated from West Anchorage High School in 1969. Carl served a mission in Pennsylvania for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1970–1972. When his father passed away in 1973, the family moved to Orem, UT. Carl lovingly cared for his mother until she passed away in 1988. At that time he purchased the family home and remained there until shortly before his death.

Carl earned an Associate's Degree from Utah Technical College in Graphic Arts. He later continued his education at UVU studying Computer Science. He worked as a software engineer at several locations, most recently at Digital Technologies in Springville. He enjoyed his job there and was very close to the people he worked with. After years of bachelorhood, he met and married Kristie Faye Allen on May 1, 1999, gaining two beautiful daughters in the process. Later he was blessed with four grandchildren and each one was his "favorite." Carl loved music and taught himself to play the guitar at age 17. He played in several bands, most notably Peace and Quiet. He was not only a talented guitarist but also an amazing vocalist. Peace and Quiet entertained thousands of happy fans over the last 40 years. He dedicated his free time to music and promoting the local music scene. He was passionate about helping young musicians find success. He also loved the outdoors and was always up for a road trip of any kind. His favorite place to share with his family was Yellowstone National Park. Carl is survived by his loving wife Kristie Allen Fritch, his children Brandi (John) Barnard (Pleasant Grove), Chantia Ray (Provo), and Sean Ivy (Orem),



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whom he thought of as a son. He is also survived by his grandchildren Drew, LilyJane, Jack, and Lucy Barnard and his four brothers: Clyde Fritch (Salt Lake City), Michael (Gloria) Fritch (Orem), Daniel (Cathy) Fritch (Lehi), Robert (Karen) Fritch (Pleasant View), and many other relatives.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 24 at 10:00 AM at the Orem 2nd Ward building, 80 South 280 East in Orem, UT. Family and friends may visit from 9:00 - 9:45 am prior to the service at the same location. Interment in the Orem City Cemetery. To all of the doctors, nurses, and especially to the Utah Hospice Specialists team who took wonderful care of Carl: thank you, thank you, thank you.



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DO

**Doc** posted:

I knew Carl as a musician and as a colleague at Digital Technology. Carl was always cheerful and always excited about life and whatever he was doing. Carl brought his cheerful kindness to his long battle with cancer. He fought the good fight.

May 24 at 9:58 AM

VB

**Vicki West Bills** posted:

Carl's mom lived in my neighborhood in Orem. I went through the Computer Science program at the same time Carl did. He was a good friend to me in the program and was always kind. He served his mom well over the years as I would always see him outside taking care of the house. I also enjoyed many of the performances around town and enjoyed seeing him play guitar. I am sorry for your loss and will be thinking of your family tomorrow. I will always have fond memories of Carl and his happy smile and kind soul. God Bless. Rock On Carl! Love, Vicki

May 24 at 8:45 AM

MB

**Marie Gates Brewer** posted:

I never knew this young man but I went to school in park city with his mother Beth we wre in the same grade she was a choice person my condolences are with the family sincerle maRIE GATES BREWER

May 24 at 6:01 AM

GS

**Glenn And Christine Sherwood** posted:

Dear Mike and Gloria and family, We want you to know that we are thinking of you and sending you our love and prayers of comfort and support at this time.

May 24 at 4:44 AM

AW

**Aimee Williams** posted:

It was always a pleasure to see Carl out and about. He was a very positive person and his personality lit up the room. I had the pleasure of having his band play at my bar many years ago. The world lost a very special soul. My sympathies to his friends and family.

May 23 at 11:30 AM



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**Walt & Vickie Jones** posted:

Carl was my brother he was always the kindest and generous person. His passion for music and to perform was second to no one. He will always be in my heart. We love you Carl!

May 22 at 5:26 AM



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