



Adam J Hopfensperger

April 3, 1973 - January 25, 2021

Adam J Hopfensperger (also known as AJ and Apple Jack) was born on April 3, 1973 and passed away January 25th, 2021 after a valiant 18-month battle with Extensive Small Cell Lung Cancer. Near the end Adam found solace in knowing that he would be greeted by his parents, Kenneth and Barbara Hopfensperger to continue his journey.

Adam is survived by his two children, Addison and Ashleigh Hopfensperger. He had five siblings. Doreen Van Dyke (Scott), Angelia Brenner (Gary) Julie Younger (Christopher) Barbara Dalton (Brent) and his brother Kenneth Hopfensperger. Adam was blessed with many nieces and nephews. Krystal (Nathan) Grace, Kristie, Curtis, Gary II, Christopher (Crystal), James (Jessica), Samantha, Brenna, Monica and Myah. If that weren't enough Adam also had many great niece and nephews. Madison, Charlotte, William, Mirella, Danielle, Hayden, Mila, Mason, Emma, Devonea, and Julianna. He is also survived by many Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

Adam was born in Milwaukee WI. He grew up in Mequon WI and graduated from Homestead High School in 1992. Adam was quite a character. As a little boy he could always be counted on to catch tad poles, ride big wheels, build forts in the woods and climb trees. He was a sensitive kid that loved animals and his family. He was truly a gentle soul.

Adam moved to Salt Lake City, UT in 1999 after visiting his sister Barb and falling head over heels in love with the majestic beauty of the mountains. As he got older if he wasn't bowling, playing pool or fishing he was probably enjoying a cocktail. Adam did enjoy his spirits. He was a huge football fan and cheering on the Green Bay Packers was a holiday every game they played at his house. He still enjoyed climbing trees! He also loved playing cribbage and was still playing and sharp as ever until his final days.

He started his career in travel with IHG Resorts where he met and later married Amanda. Although they divorced, they shared equal custody of their two children until he fell sick and then he took them whenever he was physically and mentally able to do so. He truly

loved his children. He was a great Dad. He enjoyed playing Chess with his son and was so proud of how good Addison was and even boasted about the first time Addison won against him. His favorite time of the year was Valentines when he got to bring Ashleigh to the Daddy/ Daughter dance at her school. He always made a huge deal of it. They were so cute together and he proudly displayed the pictures in his home year after year.

Adam found a second family when he started working as a Travel Agent for CHG Healthcare. He was overjoyed with his employment as a Travel Agent for traveling Doctors. He was so proud of his job. He talked about the loving and caring atmosphere of his team or what he called his "Work Family" any time he got a chance. They have continued to check in with Adam and his family, always asking what they could do to help. What a wonderful group of people. They loved him and he loved them.

After being diagnosed Adam spent a lot of his time painting, sketching and carving (then painting) walking sticks. He was very artistic and it kept him moving forward and his mind in a positive place. He never gave up. He really never complained or felt sorry for himself. He just kept hoping for the best and talking about all of the things he was going to do when he got better, which was mostly fishing with his kids.

He was a pretty amazing brother. Not only to our family but to his brother-in-law Brent. Many a Sunday they could be found watching the game, playing cornhole, talking football, throwing the ball around, shooting some hoops, celebrating victories and supporting each other through a loss or soaking in the hot tub.

Adam was the kind of guy who would give the shirt off of his back to someone that was cold. He talked often about his sadness at the situation of the less fortunate and gave what he could when he could. He was one of the good ones. He will be forever missed.

If you would like to send a condolence you can post online or to send a card to the family of Adam you can send it to: Premier Funeral Services C/O Adam Hopfensperger Family, 67 East 8000 South, Midvale UT 84047

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to The Inn Between in Salt Lake City, UT (Tibhospice.org). They made his last week as pain free as possible, treated him with respect and dignity and allowed his family to be with him in his final hours. Also, please consider The Road Home Homeless shelters in Salt Lake City (theroadhome.org) or your local homeless shelter. Any other donations to the family will be used for final expenses and added to a trust fund for his children but are not necessary.

Funeral services to be held at a later date. Information to follow.

Comments



“ My love and condolences to all his family and friends. I had the great pleasure to know Adam since I started dating his sister in Brewtown circa 1994. From then until the day before his passing, we had some of the best times of my life. There is no way to count the number of Packer high fives and hugs, bonfires cheers, house parties and summer bbq's with the kids. My heart aches for his wonderful kids and the sister that became my wife. When Barb and I moved to Utah, Adam came to visit, then decided to move here as well. We now had family in SLC! Our families grew up together. Marriage, pets, kids...all connected. Adam has a kind and gentle soul that will be missed dearly in this realm. For every tear cried, there will be a smile that goes with it. I can only imagine the journey you are on! Until we meet again, know you will get a cheers every Packers game plus some, I love you bro.



Brent Dalton - February 28, 2021 at 01:34 AM



“ I never met anyone who loved to fish as much as Adam. It could be raining but if the fish were biting he was at the pier. He was a joy to have at our house. Usually spent a big part of the summers with us. He always gave me a kiss good night like my sons did. It was like having another son. You even helped with chores with out being asked. Like grass cutting. You all grew up too fast. I was so proud of the man I saw when I visited you with your kids. Your love for them really showed. I weep when I think of the great loss your family is going through. Especially your children. You will be greatly missed...Love to you Adam. Give my sister a big hug for me. I still miss her so much.

Jeany Oswald - February 20, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ He did love fishing! Im going to go for him on his birthday. Im glad he got the spend so many summers with you and the boys. He had great memories with you guys. Love you.

Barb Dalton - February 21, 2021 at 04:01 AM



“ Where do I begin...being only 2 days apart in age, I can say that most of my favorite memories of my childhood and youth were spent with my cousin Adam. Hanging out with Adam was always a fun time, whether it was at family reunions, wedding receptions, camping with my family, extended stays at Aunt Barb's and Uncle Kenny's, or hanging at my house in the summer (fishing, swimming). I appreciated that he was a such a easy going guy and good listener because we had many late night conversations about girls and the trials of teenage life. Adam had a sensitive heart and was always a kind soul. I am grateful to have shared such formative years with my cousin Adam.



Jarrod Roll - February 14, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ He always talked about the great times he had at your house. Thanks for your comments and I love the pictures since I haven't seen them before. Thank you!

Barb Dalton - February 15, 2021 at 01:26 AM



“ Loved having him stay with us. He was always kind and sweet. Was friends with both Jarrod and Kevin.

Jeany - February 20, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ Adam and I both loved strong coffee and a dunkable ! Morning coffee at CHG and chit chatting about our cats! Always caring and upbeatHe is missed!!

Kelly Sweat

Kelly Sweat - January 31, 2021 at 02:38 AM



“ Thank you for sharing Kelly!

Barb Dalton - February 01, 2021 at 12:50 PM



“ One of my favorite days was playing Frisbee golf with Adam at Creekside Park. I suck at Frisbee, but we would laugh take sips from our beers. These are the moments we should return to again. At that time, there was no other place that I would rather be than playing Frisbee Golf with you man. And don't get me started on Beer Pong scepter :)

Thor Gibbins - January 29, 2021 at 10:20 PM



“ So many good times with you guys Thor. Man... the way he always had to take his shoes and socks off even in the winter to climb that tree on 3rd North. It makes me chuckle when I think about it.

Barb Dalton - January 30, 2021 at 10:02 PM



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