



Adelbert Garr Cranney III

December 22, 1967 - March 6, 2021

Adelbert Garr Cranney III passed away March 6th in Orem, Utah. He was 53 years old. All who knew Garr will remember his warm smile, generous heart and his mantra to make the most of life! He lived each day with no regrets – spending long sabbaticals traveling to tropical locations and sharing his wave runner, motorcycle, scuba gear and sports car.

Garr loved adventure, fixing-things, studying economics and lap swimming. He relished the outdoors: speeding up canyons, swimming across lakes, flying through the sky - he was always ready to have fun. Garr served for 20 years in the military and was proud to serve his country in assignments around the world. One of his favorites was doing intelligence work in the Middle East. He loved serving in the temple and spending time with his 19 nieces and nephews.

Garr Cranney III was born December 22, 1967 in Gainesville, Florida to Adelbert Garr Cranney II and Diana Martin Cranney. The 4th of 7 siblings, Garr grew up in Provo, UT and served an LDS Spanish speaking mission in New York City. He attended BYU on full scholarship, where he played Water Polo, and after his graduation served around the world in the United States Army, earning the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He also earned an MBA from Fordham University, spending time as a graduate student in China studying international business.

He was the ultimate sibling and uncle. He will be missed dearly.

Favorite memory from each sibling:

Sharon: Garr loved growing plants, fruit trees and landscaping. My yard needed work and Garr took the project on whole-heartedly. He spent weeks helping me...installing drip lines, fertilizing, pruning and showing me areas where plants could best thrive. I loved driving around with Garr to different nurseries. He made sure I got the best price on the plants I was buying. With his big heart, Garr always made me feel loved, listened to and safe. Till we meet again, little brother. I love you!

Susan: While Garr was recovering from a broken back and shoulder in the hospital, he would call people to check on them to see if he could help. He took care of my children when they were little and continued to take care of them as they've grown - they will miss him.

Kendall: Garr dropped everything he was doing in life and set me up with a scuba dive job in Thailand for a year. He also gave me his motorcycle to cheer me up. Garr lived to help others. A great big brother.

Kevin: I was Garr's understudy - I followed him around as a kid and he taught me how to fix everything: swamp cooler, sprinklers, pool filter, and even taught me how to make a homemade blow torch! We also did a cross country motorcycle trip - got caught by the same cop speeding and he thought it was so cool. He was always thinking of making my life better.

Danny: Garr taught me how to ride a bike and swim on the same day. One summer we traveled across the U.S. with a wave runner in tow stopping at random lakes along our route. His laughter was infectious; he made the world better. I will miss him.

In lieu of flowers, Garr would have requested to take some time off, find a friend to go visit a national park:)

Family Graveside Services will be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at the Logan City Cemetery with Military honors.

Comments



“ Garr lived life on his own terms. I first chatted with Garr on Veteran’s Day, in 2019, about the really great deals, and the jobs that we had in the military. Then, we both went and did our own thing. On July 11, 2020, out of the blue, he said, “Hey, let’s go for a ride...or race over the Alpine Loop!” So, we did. We drove around in separate convertibles, like a couple of characters from the movie “Cars.” I was afraid of driving near steep slopes and drop offs, so he would drive in front of me, and I always felt safe. We went on walks and hikes, any season, and I have a set of Yaktrax, courtesy of my friend, so we could go hiking in the snow. Garr was a dichotomy. He read and followed rules. Nothing got by him when it came to doing the right thing. However, he was also a free spirit. So, if there were no very specific, non-negotiable rules to the fun things he wanted to do, then he was “born free.” He was a leader, and I would have followed him anywhere. He was stubborn, and if he wanted to do something, and I was headed in another direction, I somehow always ended up doing the thing that he wanted to do. That had to have been a super power, because I’m stubborn too. He was fun, and thoughtful, and a walking adventure; physically, mentally and spiritually. Whatever happened in the end must have been situational, because he loved his life. He loved people; the more, the merrier. I had hoped, some day, to have gone on some of his traveling adventures, but where he is now I can’t follow. That being said, he is on the greatest adventure of them all; a good man, having lived a good life; and I can only imagine him surrounded by joy and loved ones, with a greater work to do. He is gone too soon, but I believe that nothing is wasted. He had a lot of service, love and friendship yet to give, and maybe we can continue his legacy, so there is nothing left undone.

Sheri Davis - March 16, 2021 at 01:16 AM



“ Thank you, Garr, for your service as my family's ministering brother. We appreciate the watermelon you gave us during the summer and the specialized surgeon's hand soap to protect us during the pandemic. Also, a sincere thank you for your service to our country and our ward members through your service to the cleanliness and maintenance of the chapel.

Bryan Brinton - March 14, 2021 at 03:07 PM



“ Garr, you will be remembered for your lifestyle of service. Serving others was what you loved best and it is why I enjoyed so much being around you. My heart aches that you were dealing with something that no one knew about - especially the ones that you allowed yourself to get close to and that felt close to you. Besides your service to others, I will always remember your smiley shiny face, your laugh, your adventure, and your commitment to God and trying to do the right thing. We had a lot of fun together! You helped me to be more adventurous and gave me opportunities to have fun that I would not have otherwise had. Even the moments that were not adventurous were a lot of fun! Just being with you no matter where we were or what we were doing. So much more I wish I could say here. I pray you are finally at peace. God bless your family and all those you left behind.

Caroline Conley - March 13, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ Susan Yamada is following this tribute.

Susan Yamada - March 13, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ Garr was a world class uncle!



Kevin Cranney - March 12, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ Garr it was so great to meet you and talk with you at retreat for conference. You were so kind and honest. I have felt blessed to have gotten to talk with you. Much love to your family.

Terri Moser - March 12, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ I first met Garr, when he showed up on Saturdays to play Ultimate Frisbee. I admired his athleticism and height, that gave him a distinct advantage. After that, I would occasionally see him at the gym, and enjoyed talking to him. He was always very friendly. Thank you Garr for your military service, that you performed for our Country! I am glad I got to know him, and grateful that he is no longer suffering anymore. My prayers and condolences go out to his family

-Morgan Heath

Morgan Heath - March 12, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ This past October, I hosted a retreat for LDS singles to watch General Conference and just enjoy the weekend together making friends. Garr was a particular highlight to our event! He was so friendly, and always taking people for rides in his car, playing games and going hiking. Even in this photo we got at the end of the event, Garr was at the center of everything, and such a bright light to everyone! I will always have fond memories of him, and he will be missed.



Sara Nybo - March 12, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ I have fun memories of doing group activities with Garr in the Edgemont South Stake Singles Ward. Mountain Biking, Rollerblading, anything outside. Garr always had a big smile and lots of enthusiasm for life.

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dancranney@yahoo.com - March 11, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Garr. Jared told me just yesterday. Funny how when you're younger people always seem so much older and he was only two years ahead of me. I remember your mother as being one of the kindest and it seems those traits showed it Garr as well. Love the motorcycle trips -those are my favorite. Take care and know you'll see him again.
Jeff Thorn

Jeff Thorn - March 14, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ I had a "chapel cleaning" relationship with Garr. He was always so organized when we would arrive. He was a tease and gave us a hard time if we started to visit while cleaning. His smile lit up the room . He always had a treat for everyone who showed up .I never knew him to be anything but happy. He is missed.

Susan Kirby

Susan Kirby - March 16, 2021 at 11:10 PM



“ I was in the same high school class as Garr, and a few years after graduation I ran into him in Hawaii just randomly, where he was working as a carpet cleaner. We took a trip together in a rental car around the island. He was a funny guy. So sad to learn of his passing, far too early.

Nathan Harris - April 02, 2021 at 09:55 AM