



## Brad Alan Adams

May 29, 1960 - April 10, 2020

Brad Alan Adams, 59, passed away on Good Friday, April 10, 2020.

Brad was born May 29, 1960 in Yuba City, California; the first child of Burke Floyd Adams and Darla Marie Ethington Adams. As his father was an educator in the U.S. military D.O.D. schools, he grew up overseas, where he gained a sense of adventure and curiosity for any culture he encountered. When he was three years old, Brad's family took their first assignment in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, where he was baptized in the Caribbean Sea. His family then moved to Labrador, Canada where he attended junior high, and then Keflavik, Iceland where he graduated from A.T. Mahan High School.

Following graduation Brad attended Brigham Young University and served a mission back in Puerto Rico, helping to open the Dominican Republic for missionary work in his second year. He returned to his family in Scotland and then continued college at BYU and later Utah State University, where he received a BA in Communications 1991. He completed an MBA from BYU in 1997. During his studies his family moved to Belgium.

On July 1, 1989, Brad married Maija-Liisa Nyborg from Ashton, Idaho, in the Idaho Falls Idaho Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They were blessed with four children: Katriina, Andrew, David, and Matthew.

Brad began his career in 1991, after graduating with a BA in Communications, by training internationally for the Covey Leadership Center. Impressed by his talents, Covey sent him to get an MBA from the BYU Marriott School of Business in 1997. Later, while at Ernst and Young in Palo Alto, California, Brad provided management consulting in acquisitions and mergers for multiple national companies. During two longer projects, rather than commute each week, Brad moved his young family to Phoenix, Arizona and Pismo Beach, California. Upon their return to Provo, Utah, he collaborated in dental consulting. While raising their family in Rexburg, Idaho, Brad enjoyed teaching organizational development at Brigham Young University Idaho and consulting. He spent his career striving to teach and improve organizational communication and effectiveness. Brad was a master

storyteller in the boardroom, classroom, family room, around the campfire and most recently to the young boys at the Utah State Hospital.

His lifelong membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints led him to serve as a Gospel Doctrine Teacher, Ward Mission Leader and Elders Quorum President, but leading the Young Men was always special to him.

Brad was a family man and loved spending time with his four wonderful children. He had an impressive career at many fine companies, but most of all he loved his family. One of Brad's favorite quotes that frequently hung in his office or home was "Never get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life." He lived true to that maxim.

He was preceded in death by his father, Burke Adams. He is survived by his mother, Darla Adams of Pleasant Grove, Utah; his four children (all of Utah): Katriina (Calvin) Jarvis; Andrew Adams; David Adams; and Matthew Adams; and his brothers: Scott (Kathy) Adams of Livermore, California; Todd (Kim) Adams of Los Altos, California; Kevin (Nancy) Adams of Eden Prairie, Minnesota; and Darin (Mark) Burton-Adams of West Valley City, Utah.

## SERVICES

Brad's family plans to hold a public service in his honor late summer when CDC guidelines allow for a larger gathering.

On Wednesday, April 15, 2020, Brad's immediate family gathered for a private viewing at Premier Funeral Home followed by a Graveside Service. Interment took place in the Orem City Cemetery.

The family wishes to express gratitude for the caring doctors, nurses and technicians at Utah Valley Hospital. The family also wishes to express gratitude for your generous contributions to the Brad Adams Memorial Fund.

Memories can be posted at <https://www.premierfuneral.com/m/obituaries/Brad-Adams/Memories> or sent to [bradadamsmba@gmail.com](mailto:bradadamsmba@gmail.com).

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