



Ira Dale Joy Jr.

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Ira Dale Joy Jr. (60) passed away after a long battle with cancer, and was reunited with his parents and younger brother.

Dale grew up in Mitchell, NE, where he graduated from Mitchell High School in 1978. After graduation he served in the United States Air Force. He continued to serve as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Spain, and continued to use the beautiful Spanish language to help others for the rest of his life.

Dale married his sweetheart, Connie Marie Neal on May 5, 1983. They had four rambunctious and loving sons- David, Jason, Jeff, and Curtis, who always kept their parents on their toes.

Much of Dale's time was spent volunteering at his boy's schools, especially in coaching the chess club. He also worked with the Ogden Association for the Blind for many years, supporting his wife, brothers-in-law, and others involved with the association. He continued to share his caring heart with others by fulfilling many callings of leadership within The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Because Dale was very giving, he shared his knowledge and his love freely. Dale was a talented craftsman with an intense love of creating. He explored and investigated the interests of his sons, collecting specimens, supplies, and books. Dale loved spending time outdoors, wood working, jewelry making, leather working, reading, fishing, making award winning Dutch-oven meals, and so much more.

Dale worked very hard, even while receiving cancer treatments. His dedication and work ethic was awarded with the Civilian of the Quarter by Hill Air Force Base.

Dale was devoted to the Scouting program. He was actively involved with the Boy Scouts of America, and helped many scouts, including his sons and nephews, achieve the rank of

Eagle Scout.

His happy place was in West Yellowstone. Dale was thrilled to be able to go with his whole family to a cabin in West Yellowstone last year. Near the end of his life, a photograph of this place is what helped him through his pain, as he remembered the love and beauty that was there.

There is one thing that put a smile on his face and joy in his heart until the very end... and that was being with his grandchildren. He was blessed with six beautiful grand-daughters. He gave the very best of himself to seeing them smile and know of his love.

He is survived by his wife Connie, his sons, David (Leanne), Jason (Sage), Jeff, Curtis (Sarah), his grandchildren, Kadence, Shelby, Lydia, Brylee, Nikelle, and Brooke, his sisters, Eileen (Steve) Bernards and Barbara Joy.

He is preceded in death by his parents Ira Dale Joy Sr. and Kathryn Heaton Joy and his younger brother Brian Joy.

Funeral services will be held Monday, February 10th, 11:00 am at the Foothill Trails Ward, 1000 Suncrest Drive, Ogden, with a gathering for family and friend Sunday evening from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and Monday, one hour prior to services. Interment to follow at Ben Lomond Cemetery.

Comments



“ Dale you were a great cousin and always fun to be around. I remember one particular family trip to lagoon where Dale and Brian took me along with them. We spent the day together riding the rides. They made me brave sitting between them. Always laughing when ever we were all together as a family. Connie Eileen and Barbara I wish you peace and Happy memories. Love Carol (Fowers) Schafer

Carol Schafer - February 10 at 07:52 PM



“ Dale was always so genuine and I always felt I could talk to him. One day he brought over a very nice women's coat for my wife Lisa that Connie couldn't use. He helped our children make Jewelry and I still have a belt buckle from that experience. One night we were all together in the Priesthood room of the church where he taught us many things about surviving a cold winter night in the mountains. I look forward to being with Dale and Brian again someday.
David Stephens

David Stephens - February 08 at 01:17 PM



“ Dale once asked David and me to cook up some hamburgers for dinner. Us being not-so-smart teenagers cooked up the entire box of hamburgers. Dale wasn't too happy about the fact we cooked all the hamburgers, but being the patient person he was he just shook his head at us.

Jeff Brady - February 08 at 01:04 PM