



Brian Keith Horton

April 23, 1962 - September 8, 2024

Brian Keith Horton, devoted husband, father and grandfather, peacefully passed away in his home surrounded by loved ones on Sunday, September 8th, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Heather, and their four children, Zach (Krista), Colby (Erin), Jacob (Elle), and Aleah (Brady), eight grandchildren, four living siblings, his mother Mildred, and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father Ralph Maurice Horton, brother Carl Horton, and nephew Tyler Horton.

Brian was born in Pullman, WA on April 23, 1962, as the first child of Ralph and Mildred Horton.

He was a dutiful son, and although caring, was a very authoritarian babysitter to his younger siblings. They have fond memories of being sent to bed early so Brian could enjoy the rest of

the evening to himself. He spent much of his childhood camping and hiking in the Grand Teton Mountains or fishing on the Snake River. He was an avid scout and earned just about every award possible, from Eagle Scout to the Silver Beaver.

Brian married Heather Little on October 5, 1985, and they were later sealed as a family in the St. George Utah Temple on April 22, 2006. He fiercely loved his wife and built strong relationships with each of their children. Early fond memories like playing classic rock guitar music on tennis rackets, wrestling on the floor, grilling ribs while cheering on the Kansas City Chiefs, playing games, and laughing together, helped develop a strong connection with each child. He loved his role as Grandpa (aka Lolo) to: Finnley, Rowan, Isla, Eloise, Beckett, Logan, Kennedy and Noah, and enjoyed spending precious time with them fishing, swimming, learning about their lives, or just snuggling; naptime being his favorite.

Brian loved being outdoors. As he grew older, he joined his grandfather, father, uncles, brothers, and later his own children, on the annual Horton Backpack. This trip often included hiking 50 miles through mountainous backwoods. As a scout master he was able to share these skills and enthusiasm for the great outdoors. Brian also loved outdoor sports—especially

with family and friends—from football to golf to swimming and even a bit of rugby. Later in life he found a passion for biking and distance running. He ran the St. George Marathon three times, loved to ride his Harley motorcycle and pulled his camp trailer to many amazing destinations. “Anything to get me outdoors,” he would often say.

Brian was a hard worker. He was governed by principles. Those who knew him were gifted, and very possibly, required, to read *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, followed by a test of knowledge. He started his career in food service at a young age, and through integrity and a strong work ethic, was often promoted quickly to leadership roles. He worked for Godfather’s Pizza for twenty-four years where he managed stores, districts, regions, and eventually his own franchise. When he and Heather sold their business, he worked for Sysco Foods and, once again, became a trusted manager and leader. He was often referred to as a mentor and friend amongst his clients and colleagues.

Although Brian enjoyed a successful career, working hard in his own home and family was his most passionate profession. Brian and Heather achieved great success

through building businesses, houses, backyard paradises, and rental properties. But building a successful family was his greatest accomplishment. Working alongside Brian was always a lesson in responsibility, integrity, and hard, honest work.

Brian recited the Serenity Prayer daily. "Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time." became his daily mantra. Brian overcame many trials that he used to teach and serve others. He served quietly in positions of leadership in his church, community, and even for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Utah. As he battled cancer, he possessed the serenity to accept the disease's rapid progression, exhibited courage to continue creating memories and moments with his family and shared his wisdom to the end. He passed away as he had lived— "enjoying one moment at a time".

The family would like to thank Dr. Haslem and his amazing team at Intermountain Health for their endless compassion during this journey, the skillful hands of Dr. Daneshmand at USC and his medical staff, Zions Way Hospice, and for the loving hospice angel Michelle who was a true gift to the family during his final days.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 21st at 1:00pm at 630 Riesling Avenue in Santa Clara, UT. Individuals wishing to give condolences to the family may arrive at 11:30. A private family graveside service will be held following the memorial.

To join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/99813206945?pwd=eLi73dLt5naEyY2OerlWWPN9t6lQvS.1>

Meeting ID: 998 1320 6945

Passcode: 631713

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online at www.SerenityStG.com. Arrangements and memorial tree planting under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, (435) 986-9100.

Cemetery Details

Santa Clara City Cemetery

3900 Ancestor Way
Santa Clara, UT

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

Santa Clara LDS Church
630 Riesling Avenue
Santa Clara, UT

Funeral Service

SEP 21. 1:00 PM (MT)

Santa Clara LDS Church
630 Riesling Avenue
Santa Clara, UT

Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Webcast in memory of Brian Keith Horton*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - September 16, 2024 at 01:48 PM



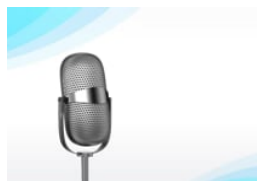
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“ Had the honor of dealing with Brian for nearly 20 years when he was our Sysco Rep, he always went above and beyond for me and my family making sure that everything was on point. Gave me advice from his days of owning GodFather’s Pizza. We started off as friends and grew into a much deeper relationship because he genuinely cared about our little family business. My family along as our Honolulu Grill Family will never forget Brian Horton. Fly high with angels my dear friend and brotha! Love Always and Aloha! Until we meet again!

Bubu Crichton - September 23, 2024 at 11:48 AM



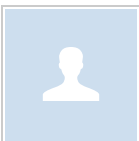
“ Laura H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Keith Horton.

Laura H. - September 21, 2024 at 12:46 PM



“ Alicia M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Keith Horton.

Alicia M. - September 20, 2024 at 09:58 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Brian Keith Horton.



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“ The memory I have of Brian is not a specific event, it is something much deeper than that and something I have carried with me and will continue to do so. Brian was an amazing mentor not only to kids, but to adult's also. His logical way of looking at the world, the passion upon which he approached the world, the love he expressed for family and friends, and his dedication to anything he took on was inspiring. In times like this it is common to say "you will be missed" - for me he will not be forgotten. Daniel, Lori, Elliot and Anthony.

Daniel Levetan - September 19, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Brian Keith Horton.



September 18, 2024 at 07:22 PM

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“ Love, K.C. & Karen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Keith Horton.

Love, K.C. & Karen - September 18, 2024 at 07:22 PM

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“ Four months ago we had our missionary farewell. Brian came to it. He was pretty upbeat for his situation. Just looking forward to being with his family. What a great man. I'm glad I got to share Grandpa duties with some of his grandkids. He is loved by many. Heaven must need some strong loving men.
Love Elder and Sister Brown, aka Marc and Suzanne

MARC Brown - September 16, 2024 at 07:39 PM

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*I knew Brian since mid 2009, and he was always so upbeat, happy, and always had the cutest smile on his face. He shared so many memories of his family, especially his precious wife. I will miss seeing his bright cheerful face, and his amazing sense of humor. Heaven has gained a great angel. Rest in peace....
Love Deb at Fairfield Inn, St. George*

deb - September 18, 2024 at 12:37 PM

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Heather Horton - September 16, 2024 at 02:37 PM