



David M. Hatanaka

January 21, 1960 - August 20, 2021

David M. Hatanaka, 61, returned to his Heavenly Father on August 20, 2021 at the St. George Regional Hospital in St. George, UT in Washington County due to COVID complications. His battle with serious medical issues in recent years showed his courage in facing life challenges with a smile.

David was born on January 21, 1960 in the old St. Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah; Salt Lake County. Son of Tadanobu Hatanaka and May (Shiinoki) Hatanaka. He was raised in Rose Park, a suburb of Salt Lake, where he went to West High and graduated in 1978. He attended The University of Utah where he earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1986. Education was very important to David and shared that love with his family.

David met his sweetheart, Dixie Jayne (Rowley) Hatanaka, in October 1989. They were married in Toquerville, Utah on April 21, 1990 and sealed in the St. George, Utah Latter-Day Saint Temple on October 31, 1999. David and Dixie were very happy in their 31 years together where much laughter and love abounded during their earthly union. He was a dedicated member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and a covenant-keeping man who appreciated the eternal nature of life. He was a wonderful father of three boys: Christopher, Alexander and Cammeron Hatanaka. David shared his love of fishing, camping, hiking, bowling and playing board games with his family. He

taught them to be leaders and how to work hard. He showed this in his many different leadership positions. David was loved and respected by all his colleagues, as well.

He is survived by his wife Dixie; sons Christopher Hatanaka, Cammeron Hatanaka, Alexander Hatanaka (Elizabeth-wife) and 4 grandchildren, of whom he adored and loved to tease; brother Robert "Bob" Hatanaka, sister Karin "Michiko" (Hatanaka) Higashi. David was well-loved by his family and will be greatly missed.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses who were diligent in his care. We would also like to thank the members of the Church and all friends who have loved and accepted David into their family.

In lieu of an increase of COVID, the Funeral will be held via Zoom, Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Please join us by connecting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83252645996>

Meeting ID: 832 5264 5996

Password: 605638

The family appreciates and is accepting donations through VENMO:
@David-Hatanaka

Previous Events

Funeral via Zoom

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Tribute Wall

ST

“ Dear Family,
I first met David as a young man at West High. West went to the state Title that year. I believe he was a Sophomore but a big awesome tool for winning in Football! I later caught up with the family years later. I am saddened about his passing and know that we're all going to celebrate together again someday!
I miss you Brother
Many Mahalos 🙏🇺🇸
Steve Jarvis



steve - August 28, 2021 at 11:49 AM

AG

“ I have always looked up to you for all the things you have gone through in your life. You always had a smile on your face and came out of every trial with dignity and grace. You're hanging out with Jesus now! See you one day 😊



Angie Allred Greenhalgh - August 27, 2021 at 11:28 PM

RE

“ Dixie and Family 💕
We were so saddened and surprised to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. David was always someone we loved to run into because of his love and warmth. It was evident from his smile he loved those he came into contact with and he always made us feel he was happy to see us. He will truly be missed.

Robbie Elison - August 27, 2021 at 06:35 PM

JA

We are so very sorry to hear of David's passing. He was always so friendly and kind. Please know you are in our prayers and in our thoughts. John and Jill Allred

Jill Allred - August 28, 2021 at 04:04 PM

SA

David was one of the best, it has been 11 months and I still remember his laugh and his smile, doesnt seem that long, seems like yesterday we lost you, any how you are truly missed wr look forward to seeing you again love & Miss. Sally

Sally - July 18, 2022 at 01:14 AM

DM

“ *Dixie and family,*

We knew David in his youth, my wife remembers him from the 2nd grade at Onequa Elementary. David was a best friend in high school and lifelong friend always. I've never known a better skier (snow and water), ping pong player, or smarter student, fisherman, video game player, contagious laugh, fast runner (he ran track and blew my doors off!), horse player (that's a basketball game he'd never lose on his home court), and all-around great friend. Dixie and family, we send our love and we're saddened for your loss. Your love and faith are true blessings!

*Love,
Doug & Dani Murakami*

Doug & Dani Murakami - August 26, 2021 at 01:02 PM

MD

“ *One fine man has crossed the veil because he was close to perfect. I always admired him and appreciated his kindness. Prayers to the family.*

Michelle Drake - August 25, 2021 at 10:19 PM

MP

“ *Our love and condolences to the family. David was a kind and fun guy. We still talk about the night you introduced the game of Quelf to us. We have our own and think of you every time we play. We miss your smile. ...Mark and Katie Petersen*

Marie and Katie Petersen - August 25, 2021 at 05:15 PM