



Duke Madsen

July 14, 1954 - February 3, 2020

Duke Madsen, 65 years old of Enterprise, Utah passed away very unexpectedly from a heart attack at home on February 3rd, 2020. Duke was born on July 14th, 1954 in Murray, Utah to William Emile Madsen III and Barbara Knowles Madsen. Duke Married Lorie Ann Brown in South Jordan, Utah, on November 12th, 1988.

Duke was raised by his mother in Cottonwood Height, Utah. He was a very hard worker and did everything he could to help his mom. After he graduated from Skyline High School he moved to Las Vegas to work with his father Emile. He lived in Las Vega for about 7 years. During that time he worked hard cleaning carpets at the hotels, rode his motorcycle and horses. Duke moved back to Midvale, Utah and started working for UPS as a package car driver. He was a day one driver with UPS. He was efficient and a hard worker for the company. Everyone he encountered and delivered to loved seeing his smile as he brought their packages with his happy, charismatic personality. He had the honor of being awarded with One Million Miles of Safe Driving. Duke retired from UPS after 32 great years.

Duke was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved camping and the outdoors. After many years of hunting with his rifle, he decided he needed more of a challenge and took up Archery with Lorie. He enjoyed shooting his bow very much. Duke also loved boating and water sports. Summers were spent on the Lake. Many planned weeks at Lake Powell, Lake Mohave, Lake Havasu, and Lake Meed with the family and many friends was the highlight of the summer.

Even unplanned spontaneous trips came for weekends full of skiing, knee boarding and fishing. All of the kids enjoyed fun in the sun and Dad made it possible. Those memories live on as we continue his legacy at the lake.

To say Duke loved horses is probably an understatement. He has always enjoyed riding horses his whole life. He would just saddle up and ride any chance he got. One of his favorite sayings he would quote all the time was "Ride Sally, Ride!" When Duke retired he loved to travel. Since he enjoyed horses so much, one of his Favorite trips was attending the Kentucky Derby. He loved it so much he and Lorie went four years in a row! He even made such an impression there, his picture is actually hanging in the Kentucky Derby Museum.

A few other hobbies Duke really enjoyed was Golfing, cooking and relaxing at home with his wife and animals. He always did everything he was passionate about with his whole heart and excelled at it.

Duke loved life and loved people. He made friends everywhere he traveled. Many of the people he would meet became life long friends. He loved his family so much and had such a BIG Heart. He would do anything for his family friends and really anyone he would meet.

Duke is survived by his wife; Lorie (Brown) Madsen, Sons; Joshua Michael Madsen and Garet David Madsen, Daughters; Amber Lee Sevy (spouse: Travis Sevy) Alyshia Ann Smith (spouse: Matthew Smith) Heather Lynn Dees (spouse: Justin Dees) Brittany Lee Udy (spouse: Ryan Larsen) Mother-in-law; Nancy Ann Littlefield (spouse: Rodney Littlefield) and 19 grandchildren.

Duke is preceded in death by his father; William Emile Madsen III, his mother; Barbara Knowles Madsen and his Father-in-law; Joseph Francis Brown The Family would like to thank all the EMT's paramedics and Sheriff's department for all their help and compassion. Also, the entire community of Enterprise, UT for their endless service and support.

In lieu of Flowers the family would like to inform of those asking, there is a donation account set up at Zions Bank in Duke's name. All contributions are so much appreciated.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, February 10th, 2020 at 11:00 am at the Enterprise Utah Stake Center, 80 Center Street, Enterprise, UT. A viewing will be held before the Service from 9:30am-10:45am.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 10. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Enterprise Utah Stake Center
80 S. Center Street
Enterprise, UT

Service

FEB 10. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Enterprise, UT

Tribute Wall

RA

“ My name is Ralph Adams. As I write this I have tears in my eyes. Tears of happiness for the years I knew Duke and tears of sadness for his passing. I write this for his entire family. Debra and their children. Lorie and their family. All the children and all the grand children. I hope they all read this because they all should know that Duke was a man of exemplary character from a very early age.

I met Duke in high school, fifty years ago. I am honored to have been his friend. We used to drive each other to school. Sometimes he would pick me up in his Corvair. Sometimes I would pick him up. When he drove we had to listen to Niel Diamond. Eight track tapes of Neil Diamond. Can you imagine that. He loved Niel Diamond. I can't figure that part out, but that was Duke. When I picked him up I would have to wait for him to finish his breakfast. An entire box of coco puffs and a half gallon of milk, every time. Well, that was Duke too.

There are too many stories that demonstrate Duke's character so I will relate only a part of one. We were still in high school and another of our friends, Dave Guest, had just purchased a black Ford four wheel drive pickup. A very nice truck. The three of us drove to the north shore of Bear Lake for some fun. There was an accident in the very early hours of the morning. Dave was thrown from the truck and to this day I remember the sparks flying as the truck rolled and skidded to a stop. Duke and I climbed out of the passenger side window. the truck was totaled and luckily none of us was killed. I won't go into all the details but what I will say is that Duke taught me a lesson in character after that accident that I have never forgotten. I think about him doing the right thing, even when doing so was extremely difficult for him. I think about that often. I will never forget that about Duke. I hope the fact that I have never forgotten tells you of his tremendous character. As I said, this is just one of many stories I could tell about his character.

I lost track of Duke when he moved to Las Vegas to work with his father. He and I met up again in the mid-seventies when he and

Debra came to visit me when i lived in Cedar City. Just a very short visit.

I again lost track of Duke for many years and we spoke only briefly on the phone about whether either of us would attend our 30th high school reunion. I didn't go and I don't think Duke did either.

Then again I lost track of Duke until another of our mutual friends emailed me Duke's obituary.

I attended his service and was not even a little bit surprised to learn that he had many, many friends and a fantastic large family.

To all his friends and his entire family, please know with all your hearts that Duke was a great man. I, for one, will never forget him.

Ralph - February 15, 2020 at 11:00 PM

DE

“ *My names is Debra was Dukes 1st love married for 12 years and he gave me 3 beautiful children Josh, Amber and Garet,, We had so many memories went to Hawaii in 1981, River Run with our family the Wodburys.. Duke was the life of the party we went to Lake Powell many times... We lived in Vegas 1974 worked for Emil his Dad he will be missed my hurt is for his Children he left behind Josh, Amber and Garet...*

Debra - February 10, 2020 at 07:45 PM

BU

Debra... You have no idea who Duke was these last 34 years. You disappeared shortly after my mom and Duke got married. My mom raised Josh, Amber and Garet. Maybe you are the mother to Josh Amber and Garet but you were never a mom until you were done partying. Duke hated you for the years he lived, after you 2 got divorced. You have no right to even post on here that you were his first love. My mom is the only love Duke ever knew. Duke would be very upset that you even wrote something on this tribute. He would not even claim you as his first wife.

Brittany Udy - February 17, 2020 at 04:07 PM

TR

Debbie, you were married 12 years and you have every right to mention that. I was there, there were many good years and a few really horrible years towards the end. It broke my heart for both of you. You were just both so young and alcohol was never your friend or his. We all make mistakes, heaven sakes there are too many to mention here from this family. The children were the ones that suffered the harm, they were such wonderful kids! And maybe using the old saying.. those that live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones is appropriate. My best wishes to all that love my brother. I loved him very much regardless of his mistakes. Only Duke and Lori know to what I'm referring to. It's nice that so many people knew the side of my brother that was just so lovable! I will leave it at.

Terri Rock - January 22, 2024 at 04:10 AM

DT

“ ‘So grateful to have such a loyal and cheerful friend. Duke, Tommy Ryan, Ellis Martin, Stuart Pierce and many other drivers in Bonneville center haunted the break room in the late 70s. Although the dispensed coffee wasn't the best, the camaraderie was.

Thinking back to such wonderful memories, I'd like to share one of my favorite quotes. It's very applicable now.

"When you take leave of your friend, grieve not too long. For that which you loved most in him [can be] clearer in his absence. Even as the mountain, to the climber, is clearer from the plain."

~ Khalil Gibran ~

RIP Duke! 'Miss you!

Dilaun Terry - Virginia

Dilaun Terry - February 07, 2020 at 01:43 PM

JS

“ Duke was always so in love with Lori! I first met him when Lori was working at the Family Dollar. He was there flirting with her and following her around like a puppy. After several trips seeing him there flirting I told Lori jokingly that she might have a stalker! She laughed and told me he was her husband and I died laughing! He was so flirty! I loved seeing them together! My experiences with Duke were always in one store or another but he always treated me like a friend and cared about how I was doing. It seemed he was best friends with everyone! What a sweetheart! My love and prayers are with you Lori and family. I'm so sorry for your loss!

Jennifer Shurtliff - February 07, 2020 at 12:22 AM

JC

“ *Duke was always straight up with me in Bonneville Center. Always respected his input and I am sorry he is gone.* ”

John Carver - February 07, 2020 at 12:07 AM