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On September 27, 2019, we lost our big-hearted father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to a long battle of health issues he's been fighting for many years. Michael Lane Matthews was born on December 2, 1958 to Lane and Maggie Matthews. He cherished his parents deeply and was especially a mama's boy. He also adored his three sisters and 2 brothers. Michael married Mary Ortiz on March 8, 1980, who, although divorced 28 years later, was the love of his life and best friend. They had three daughters together and two granddaughters. Michael was a very stubborn and prideful man who lived and died by his own rules and on his own terms, despite his daughters and doctors many protests. He was also a goofball with a very colorful and bright sense of fashion. He often liked to feed the ducks and pigeons and enjoyed carrying around his music player and being the DJ for everyone at his assisted living facility. He loved making people laugh and always had to share his love and knowledge of music to everyone around him. Despite his declining memory since being diagnosed with dementia in 2011, he retained absolutely everything there is to know about Elton John, The Beatles, Queen and his favorite superhero, Superman. Yes, he was a comic book enthusiast as well. He had a giant heart and you couldn't say goodbye to him without getting a big hug and an "I love you." Every time. He was "silly grandpa" to his two granddaughters that he loved very much. He was a "grump" to some, a pain in the butt to most, but was definitely a one of a kind man that we could never forget and will always love and miss dearly. Michael is survived by his three daughters Amanda, Valleri (Matt) and Cheyenne (Nate), and two granddaughters Mila Zwan and Nora Higley. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters, Lorri (Dave) Julius, Casey (Mickie) Matthews, Kip (Faithann) Matthews, Mindy (Korey) Warren, Heather (Jason) Hankins, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother, father and grandparents.



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Our dad hated funerals. He always said he didn't want one. He wanted a party where everyone was having fun. So please join us on October 13, 2019 to celebrate his life. There will be music and food. Please feel free to dress in your favorite band, superhero, horror or football t-shirt in remembrance of the things he loved. It will be held from 10:30 AM- 2:30 PM at Jordan Event Center 9112 S. Redwood Road, West Jordan, Utah, 84088.

Remembrances may be made in the form desired by friends. Flowers are welcome or contributions may be made to the family for his memorial expenses.

Arrangements were under the direction of Wiscombe Memorial.



Tribute Wall

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Lorri shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

This brought up a whirlwind of memories! Miss you Brother!❤️



October 12 at 11:37 AM

AM **Amanda Matthews** October 16 at 1:24 PM
What picture is that Lorri?

KM **Kip Matthews** October 22 at 11:22 AM
Amanda, in his teen years your dad worked at Sambos Restaurant, the name came from the story of Little Black Sambo and there were pictures like this throughout the restaurant.



Glen Ahrens posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Mike. I have wondered about him when thinking about the old Abbott days in the molding department. I did chuckle several times reading the obit because it did bring memories of him back. Stubborn, prideful, pain in the butt, and kind. He always wanted to treat those on his crew with complete fairness. I enjoyed him a lot. And I do also remember his devotion to Mary. I went to see Elton John in concert when he was in Salt Lake. I knew Mike was a huge fan and wouldn't you know it, I spotted him about 4 rows in front of me. Luckily, I was also several seats to his right. Can you imagine Mike at an Elton John concert? Standing up the whole time swaying back and forth, oblivious to the people behind him. The next day at work we had a great laugh. My condolences to all of Mike's family and friends
Glen Ahrens

October 10 at 4:36 PM



Amanda Matthews lit a candle in honor of Michael.



October 9 at 2:57 PM



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Mindy Warren posted:

Do you all remember, I think it was Jellysone, we were making breakfast for everyone and mom was scrambling probably a billion eggs and Mike insisted that the eggs have to have onions? Mom told him "not everyone wants onions Mike so no". He got his high pitched voice out and was like "what? No onions? I have to have onions. I can't believe we're having eggs without onions"Mom put onions in his! Lol!

October 6 at 5:32 AM



Amanda Matthews October 6 at 7:41 AM

Oh man hahaha! That sounds just like him. My mom says she remembers that lol. Good memory Min!



Sierra M. posted:

It's still not real.. I remember when Supernatural first started airing, and we would fight over who got the tv, because it was on at the same time as Smallville. My life would have been lacking in so many wonderful things if it weren't for Uncle Mike. I don't know what to say, except I will really miss him, and will always cherish the memories I have of him.

October 2 at 10:32 AM



Amanda Matthews October 2 at 4:59 PM

Hahahaha! That is such a funny story! I love it. So my dad. Thank you for sharing Sierra!
Love ya ❤️



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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