

Eric Matthew Hampton

January 31, 1970 thru January 24, 2022

Eric Hampton died early on Monday, January 24, 2022 after a long hard-fought battle with glioblastoma. He was 51.

When Eric was diagnosed, he said he wasn't going to use the shoddy forks anymore and only read books he loved. He didn't plan a bucket list; he simply continued to live the life he loved: spending time with his kids and teaching. He was already living his best life.

Eric was born in Upland, California to Mary and Paul Hampton completing their family of 8. The Hamptons were a loving family that enjoyed traveling and camping. They moved to Redlands, California where Eric lived until he left for college. He spent 2 years at Graceland University Lamoni, Iowa where he met Denise Godfrey. They moved to Ogden, Utah where he completed his BS at Weber State. They got married then moved to Troy, Idaho. In 1999, Eric finished his college education at Washington State University graduating with a Masters and a PhD. He also became a Dad that year when Elliana arrived on the scene. Eric worked for a Real estate Research group for a year and quickly discovered that he loved academia. They moved to Terre Haute, Indiana in 2002. Annelise and Llewella joined the family in 2003 and 2008.

Eric loved working with his colleagues and his job at ISU, but during the summer Eric liked to take a road trip- a really long road trip. Over the years he got to the west coast by plane, train, and automobile. In 2015 he added the East coast to his destination list, visiting Williamsburg, Washington DC, and Disney World several times.

Eric spent his spare time playing games with his kids, watching movies, and talking to anyone that would listen about the superiority of Oingo Boingo. He loved Lord of the Rings (books and movies), Stephen King's storytelling, Danny Elfman's music, the Olympic games, lemon filled doughnuts, and small dogs. If you heard whistling in the kitchen, there was a good chance the best soup you've ever had was being created.

Eric was the smartest person I know, but you'd never know it because he loved to be goofy, telling silly jokes and photo bombing whenever possible.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the March of Dimes.

Quotes:

"I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint on our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love."

- Leo Buscaglia

There is a memorial service for Eric Saturday, January 29, at 2pm eastern time. The family asks that you join to remember him via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

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