



David C. Grande

November 19, 1958 - April 24, 2018

David Curtis Grande, a force of nature who fiercely loved his wife and children and extended warmth and kindness to everyone he met, died on Tuesday, April 24 after a long struggle with cancer. He was 59.

David was born in Waterville, Washington on Nov. 19, 1958, the fourth of Ed and Helen Grande's six children. He graduated from Waterville High School in 1977 and went to work fishing in Alaska.

He met Theresa Samuelsen, the love of his life, at the Wenatchee drive-in where she worked in 1982, and the two were married in 1988. The couple had four children over the next eight years. Anthony and Ryan were born in Ellensburg and Keilah and Ethan were born after the family moved to Wenatchee in 1991, when David went to work for Asamera Mining.

After the mine closed, David went back to commercial fishing, and then worked for Bering Marine in Alaska. When he would return home for weeks at a time, he slowly remodeled their home while generously lending his help to family and friends, doing everything from fixing leaky faucets to putting up new roofs. He spent hours making improvements at Camp Zanika Lache and building sets for Wenatchee High School musicals. He also coached a few Wenatchee Youth Baseball teams when his boys were young.

He was known for his big heart and infectious laugh, and was the life of neighborhood gatherings. He had a magnificent singing voice, but didn't perform in public. Instead, he sang whenever he worked, making bread, soups and his famous crepes in the kitchen, painting a house or installing a floor. He loved cooking and music, and filled the house with song and delicious smells whenever he was home.

David was beloved by everyone who knew him, but he had a special connection with children, who considered him a hero. He loved to play, and created many adventures for his children and their lucky friends. While he was working in Alaska, he would be gone for

months at a time, but every time he returned it felt like a holiday, a special time made more precious because we knew it wouldn't last.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa, and children Anthony, Ryan and Ethan, in Wenatchee, daughter Keilah and husband Matt Johnson in Ellensburg, mother Helen Grande in Waterville, and siblings Mike (Joyce), Dorothy (Brian Borneman) in Waterville, Kerry (Betsy) in Freedom, Idaho, many nieces and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his brother Tony, sister Gail, brother-in-law Bill Judd and father Ed.

A celebration of David's life is set for Thursday, May 3 , at 4 p.m. in the Community Hall at the North Central Washington Fairgrounds in Waterville.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to create a scholarship fund in David's name for at-risk youth to attend Camp Zanika. Make donations online at the Community Foundation of North Central Washington (cfncw.org), click on GIVE NOW, then on Memorials, and be sure to include David's name. Checks can be made to the David C. Grande Camp Zanika Scholarship Fund, and mailed to the Community Foundation of NCW, 9 S. Wenatchee Avenue, 9880

Events

MAY **Celebration of Life Service** 04:00PM

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Community Hall - NCW Fairgrounds

Waterville, WA, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - May 02, 2018 at 04:20 PM



“ A beautiful life...a wonderful soul.

Alexis Marantos - May 12, 2018 at 09:41 PM



“ David Grande, what an outstanding man. He was very accepting and warm and welcoming to all. David really impacted my son Jeremy's life.

Kathy Blauman - May 13, 2018 at 02:32 AM



“ It was what he was a great person Father and Husband and one great friend Rip David

Robert - May 13, 2018 at 02:34 AM



“ I received this sad news from a friend. I worked with Dave Grande on the M/V Baranof in 1978-79. He was a great guy, super hard worker, excellent shipmate. We had some good times in Dutch Harbor. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Bob Goessling

Bob Goessling - January 04, 2019 at 08:50 PM



“ Lynette Preugschat lit a candle in memory of David C. Grande



lynette preugschat - May 02, 2018 at 07:02 PM



“ 8 files added to the album LifeTributes



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - May 02, 2018 at 03:07 PM



“ 69 files added to the album LifeTributes



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - May 02, 2018 at 12:24 PM



“ So Sorry to all of your family for the loss of David. He was a kind young man. I didn't know him as a father, but I bet he was very loving. So sorry for your loss. Bev Schauble

Bev (Morris) Schauble - April 29, 2018 at 08:04 PM



“ So saddened to hear of Davids passing he was always so nice I have a lot of good memories of growing up with Dave was always a good friend praying for family

lynette preugschat - May 02, 2018 at 01:21 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of David's death. My condolences to his mother, Helen; wife Theresa; and the entire Grande family. RIP good and faithful servant.

Dawn Viebrock - April 26, 2018 at 08:30 PM