



## Michael 'Kip' Lente

November 16, 1961 - December 11, 2019

Michael “Kip” Lente passed away on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 in his home, surrounded by his wife, daughters, and father. He was born November 16, 1961 to Jay and Joan Lente.

Kip was the best of the best, an absolute one-of-a-kind guy. He was adventurous, generous, positive, kind, open-hearted, and creative. He was born and raised in Utah in a close family filled with love. He loved his parents with all of his heart. As a young kid, he loved to ride dirt bikes, explore the canyons, and be a rambunctious troublemaker. Kip grew into a man of many talents, working as a cook at Robintino’s, in retail, outside sales, and eventually grocery, where he stayed for the last 15 years. He started at Wild Oats, which became Whole Foods, and he continued to grow with the company for the rest of his career, moving around to all the stores in different capacities, most recently working at Cottonwood Heights. He was popular and loved at every store he worked in; people were naturally drawn to his positive attitude. Many years ago, he was introduced to the Mountain Man Rendezvous in Fort Bridger, Wyoming by his brother-in-law, Bern. He loved it and spent time preparing for it every year, sharing it with his youngest daughter Amanda for a few of those years. It was his profound joy to go to Fort Bridger this year to see his friends and experience Rendezvous life one more time.

Although he had so many interests and hobbies, Kip’s pride and joy was his family. He loved his wife, Lisa. As they walked this road of life, it was his delight to walk with her by his side. They shared many sweet moments of levity throughout his time here, even toward the end of his time. Kip was the rock that comforted all of us through this wonderful and terrible year. He was an incredible dad, going out of his way to support and help them in whatever way possible. This meant coaching sports teams, picking them up from work, giving advice, helping them with science projects, fixing things around their homes or cars as they grew into adults, and even braving NYC in an effort to take part in their Harry Potter obsession and see The Cursed Child on Broadway. You can’t go too far in the

Lente household without coming across a sweet, handwritten note from him, including one of his signature illustrations of a stick figure with a big heart for a head. He was loving, understanding, supportive, and proud of his kids, always.

Kip opted out of treatment for this rare cancer in an effort to live the last of his life to the fullest. This year he started projects he had wanted to do for years, flew in a glider, and went to Disneyland with his family. The Disneyland trip was one of his favorite things of the year. He, and all of us, was so grateful for all the love and support people gave for that trip, including people who did not even know him.

Kip is survived by his wife Lisa and his children Beth, Ali, and Amanda. He also leaves behind his father Jay and sisters Bretta and Jarica (Scott), his siblings-in-law Jerry, Dian, Mike, Kathy (Bern), and Don, along with many cousins, nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

He was preceded in death by his sister Lisa and his dear mother, Joan.

A short memorial will be held on Tuesday, December 17 from 6PM - 8PM (open house event) at the Indoor Pavilion at Lone Peak Park in Sandy (10140 South 700 East).

We would like to thank the following for their support: CNS, particularly his nurse, Susan; Kip's Whole Foods family; Dr. Mark Lewis and Ashley at Intermountain Medical Center.

Please share memories and condolences at <http://www.serenityfhs.com>.

# Events

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**DEC** **Memorial** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Lone Peak Park

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