



Gregg B. Kelsch

September 28, 1950 - November 10, 2020

Gregg B. Kelsch born in Murray, Utah to Eleanor Bateman and Louis Alma Kelsch on September 28, 1950. He met his future wife Roxanne, while attending Murray High School in the mid 60's which was a fitting decade for the ultimate hippy. He would later raise 7 kids in a "little pink house" on 4700 South in West Valley City, Utah. Gregg B. Kelsch is survived by his siblings Lynn B. Kelsch, Nancy Boss, Tani Boss and Michael B. Kelsch. His children; Donovan Kelsch and Mary Roe, Robyn and Jeremy Castro, Justin and Jennifer Kelsch, Jennifer and Eddie Egbert, Brandy and Travis Kennedy, Brooke Elkins and Toni and Jose Veloz – plus his grandchildren who he loved.

Gregg was never shy about loving everyone he met. "I love you" was a phrase that came easy for him, especially for a man as macho as they come. He loved "the Duke", America and Family, probably in reverse order. At six foot four inches, Gregg was a large man with a massive heart and he always wanted a hug. "Come give me a squeeze", "Give me a love", "I love you" ... easily rolled off his tongue.

This was a man with a very complicated history. 70 years, 7 kids, 24 grand kids, 8 great grandchildren, and hundreds of friends, relatives and supporters. He was a sweet talker, gem lover and wood worker. What everyone else saw as raw wood, Gregg would see as a Bear, Elk, Deer, Wolf or Moose. He was an incredibly talented artist who saw the detail in animals and in people.

In his prime Gregg loved to hunt, fish and spend time at the Gorge with his family. But as soon as his grandchildren came along, he would spend his leisure time taking them on nature adventures around the block, treacherous I know – but they all loved their time with their Poppy. "Poppy, lets go on a venture", "take me for a walk Poppy." His happiest times were when the entire family gathered to love and laugh.

Gregg will be memorialized with an outdoor service at Elysian Burial Gardens at 1075 East 4580 South, in Salt Lake City Utah on Monday November 16th. The viewing will be from 10:30am to 12:00pm. Memorial service from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. If you plan on

attending the service, the State of Utah and Elysian Gardens mandates social distance and facemasks or coverings.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV **16**. 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Elysian Burial Gardens
1075 East 4580 South
Salt Lake City, UT

Tribute Wall



“ Gregg B. Kelsch

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ I can remember working with Greg at Fashion Cabinets for years. Lake Powell trips were common occurrences. Renee and Ed love you much Uncle Greg.

Ed Elswood - November 17, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ I haven't really been able to break down and write something.. I really don't know where to begin this man was my #2 dad I spent so much time sleeping over with Ton and if not they were at our house . The dads would take us on drives in the mountains rally'n up hills that prob weren't safe but it was the dads so it worked out.. gathering the perfect piece of wood, fall leaves.. He made a killer steak back in the day... I remember him always walking me n Ton to the gas station down by there house to get snacks and drinks and I remember him down on the couch in his tv room and he'd yell up to the girl (I can still hear his raspy voice Brooooooke... Toooooon...)! Sitting around the table during a meal and chatting with him ! I Remember so much and forgot so much that it breaks my heart! Lindsey always down with poppy and him always smelling like a freshly sharpened pencil cause when he'd pull me in for the best hugs ever that's about where I'd hit right at his pocket with his pencil and paper that he'd sketched something on... I could go on and on .. I love this man always n forever .. meant so much to me. and life got going and I forgot to remember who all played the rolls that they did in my life and how much I wish he knew what he meant to mine!! I will forever miss his "squeeze's" and how important he made you feel in that moment in his arms and I'll miss the release followed by love ya babe every single time... I love you U.Gregg and promise to think of you daily and tell my kids all about you .. I promise To stay close to Toni like you asked!! Xoxo

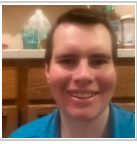
Natalie - November 16, 2020 at 12:25 AM

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“ Uncle Gregg, You will be deeply missed. I have and will continue to treasure your amazing art, the memory of you kindness, hugs and fresh smell. We love you, always.



Amelia - November 13, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ Loving memories of Uncle Gregg Kelsch. Uncle Gregg Kelsch love you forever and miss you. My Mom and my thoughts and prayers go out to the Kelsch family. Mom says she is sad to lose her last brother. Since she was 12 he's been as much a brother to her as her own brothers.

Uncle Gregg always a loving man. Always went out of his way to make you feel loved. When Mom and I would come to the holiday gatherings he'd literally pick us up off our feet in a hug. Which was no small feat for 6'4 250 me. He loved everyone unconditionally no matter what. He made whoever he was spending time with feel special like they were the only person in the room.

Gregg a natural born Artist well talented and accomplished. Have always been so proud to have a Artist for an Uncle. His art fostered a love and appreciation for the arts. When I was young I always wanted to make art like he did. He and his art inspired me. He is a profound influence of my being creative and becoming an inventor. He made some awesome masterpieces of woodworking a owl carving tabletop and a clock. Handmade rings made out of coins. He was published with a meticulously detailed dinosaur coloring book. If you asked he was willing to share his artistic talents. He helped with school art projects. He helped make your art so good you were pretty much guaranteed to get an A.

Manly guy through and through. Always had a profound love for Family, art, America, home, nature and Westerns. Remember him often in the living room spending time with family, working on art all the while watching a Nature documentary or a Duke movie.

Gregg always had a passion for natural remedies. His mind ever the encyclopedia of herbal and homeopathic wisdom. He always told you to eat cayenne pepper for an ache and garlic for any malady. He would often ask you to walk on his back because he said it helped with his back aches.

Uncle Gregg was happy and eager to play. Remember him playing tag or tickling us when we were kids. Had so many fun times with he and his kids around the big tree in his front yard. Remember when the Kelsch family got the trampoline. He was as eager and excited to jump on it as Toni and I were. He got up there and jumped with us laughing and smiling the whole time. He taught us how to do a flip. I couldn't so he had Toni jump while he picked me up and twirled me. So I could know what a roll felt like.

He always made us all feel loved and excited to be alive. He made every moment memorable and radiant. You taught by example how to be a good man and person. You are loved and missed Gregg Kelsch.



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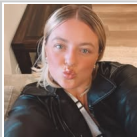
Carter Kennedy - November 12, 2020 at 06:55 PM

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“ This is how I always want to remember Dad. The fun, crazy, loving man that was always happiest outdoors and with family. ❤️



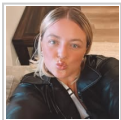
Brooke Elkins - November 12, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ Poppy was so happy this day. He couldn't have wiped the smile from his face if he tried! He kept telling me how proud of me he was, and congratulating Zach for landing me hahah.



Riley Jackson - November 12, 2020 at 05:01 PM



Not to mention the “squeezes” he gave us. So happy I have these pictures.

Riley Jackson - November 12, 2020 at 05:02 PM

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These pictures show just how much he loved each and every single one of us. He was the biggest teddy bear. I could use one of his squeezes right now. ❤️

Shelby Castro - November 12, 2020 at 05:42 PM

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Robyn Castro - November 12, 2020 at 03:11 PM