



John Z Alger

May 23, 1973 - September 21, 2024

John Z. Alger fought valiantly and patiently through his cancer battle and died on September 21, 2024. John was the first child born to John and Annette Alger on May 23, 1973, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He married Amanda Alger in the Logan LDS Temple on August 16, 2002, and they are the proud parents of six beautiful children.

John shares his dad's name, so to distinguish between them, he was called J.Z. by friends and family throughout his life. J.Z. was well loved by all who met him. He loves the Lord and put Him first in thought and action. To the very end, he thought of others and faithfully served his family, community and church with dedication and love. He is an example of selflessness, Christ like love and true humility.

John loved watching sports and spending time in nature hunting and fishing. He had a knack for learning and loved books. As a child would check out as many as the local bookmobile would allow. He continued his education to become a CPA and faithfully provided for his family - most recently for the University of Utah hospital. This proved to be a great blessing because of their connection with Huntsman hospital where he was lovingly nursed throughout his cancer battle over the past 2 years. We are eternally grateful for the precious extra time with him because of their service.

We will miss John's wise counsel, dad jokes and calm demeanor. Thanks for paving the way for the rest of us and showing us how to live with grace.

John is survived by his wife Amanada (Hook) and their six children: Ashton,

Ransom, Tahlia, Raimey, Jonah and Caleb.

A funeral service will be held on September 27th, 2024 at 11:00AM at the 15429 South Iron Horse Blvd. ward building. The viewing will be held on September 27th, 2024 at 9:30AM Interment will follow at Riverton City Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Riverton City Cemetery

1500 West 13200 South
Riverton, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 27. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Bluffdale
15429 S. Iron Horse Blvd
Bluffdale, UT

Funeral Service

SEP 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Bluffdale
15429 S. Iron Horse Blvd
Bluffdale, UT

Graveside Service

SEP 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Riverton City Cemetery
1500 West 13200 South
Riverton, UT

Tribute Wall

AN

“ Years ago, Amanda ('Manda as he called her) watched my son until he was nearly three years old. John would often be at the home when I would pick my son up late. He was always so kind, and patient, even when there were two toddler boys causing a mess! My heart hurts for the family in their loss!

Angie Nadauld - September 27, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ John has been such an amazing example to me! The love and service he showed our ward was truly Christlike. He and his family were always the first people to go help in any situation. I'm grateful I had the chance to get to know him more working in a calling with him. He has touched so many lives and will continue to do so through his children that we're obviously taught very well!

Carol Watson - September 27, 2024 at 10:02 AM

EJ

“ We loved John, he was so loving, helpful, caring, always willing to help you and others. He was a great friend. We love his whole family, who also have the same qualities as he has. We are so sorry he had to suffer so much during the last 2 years, but he never complained. He always said he was doing okay and everything would be okay. We are sending our love and prayers to his sweet family so they can feel peace and comfort during this difficult time. Our love, Ellsworth and Etta Johnson

Ellsworth and Etta Johnson - September 26, 2024 at 08:55 PM

RS

“ I am grateful for the opportunity that I had to get to know John. He was authentic. I am always impressed by those who understand what this life is about and strive to treat everyone around them with love and respect while we endure this mortal journey. John was one of those great ones who lifted and calmed those around him even during tense and stressful times. To John's beautiful family, I hope you are able to feel God's love and the strength that comes from His promises during this tough time. John, God be with you until we meet again.

Randall Sherwood - September 26, 2024 at 04:00 PM

CD

“ It was a pleasure to know John and to work with him at UofU. He was always so supportive and willing to help. He always got the job done no matter the sacrifices that I'm sure he had to make in order to do so. I will always remember his calm demeanor, his smile, and his positive approach to life. He will be greatly missed. I want to thank his family for sharing him with us for the past few years, wishing it could have been much longer. Farewell and Godspeed, John!

Carl Dixon - September 26, 2024 at 01:12 PM

JP

“ John was always willing to listen and found Joy in the small things. We had many times full of laughter and found humor in our everyday work world. He was about to deflate the stresses we had as we went thru the changes of a pandemic, working remote and working in a more digital world while keeping up with the new processes and changes thrown at us. He was a superhero in helping the little man succeed with no care for himself. His family was his biggest joy and found time to share his dad experiences to enlighten our lives. I am grateful that I know John and will cherish his memory.

Julie Poulson - September 26, 2024 at 11:56 AM

LW

“ I was so glad to meet John when he started here at the U. He was an amazing and kind leader who supported our team so well. He will be missed. Much love to Amanda and the children as they navigate this life without him.

Lisa Woods - September 26, 2024 at 11:22 AM

MD

“ I was lucky to have the opportunity to work with John. He was always very reliable and knowledgeable, and I appreciate all the work he did to help make my job easier in HR Benefits. He had a great sense of humor, always had a smile on his face, and was very positive. I will miss him.

Michele Denkers - September 26, 2024 at 10:44 AM

JG

“ I was fortunate to have the opportunity to work with John twice in my career. I worked with him at the State Auditor's Office when I was just out of college. We did not work together long, but I knew him as the super nice guy that liked to hunt and fish, so the timing of our busy season was not ideal for him. Fast forward 23 years, and I got the opportunity to work with him again at University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics (UUHC). This time I was able to get to know him much better as we worked together on a daily basis for the last year and a half.

It is so difficult to express what a loss this is for our team here in UUHC Accounting and for the Financial Services area as a whole. He was often seen as the calm voice in the storm as he helped us navigate challenges. He was always professional, kind and had such an infectious smile. He worked diligently through his personal health struggles to ensure our team could focus on the work at hand rather than what he was experiencing. He was a dedicated and inspirational leader and most of all a great example and friend. I am forever changed by the experience I had to work with him and he will be missed.

Janica Gines - September 25, 2024 at 08:56 PM

BW

“ I'm glad I got to know John. I was about to retire from the University of Utah Hospital when we met. He was always so calm and unruffled no matter the situation. He exuded a calm confidence. He treated everyone with respect. He was so kind and considerate to all. He was a knowledgeable and consummate professional. I felt very comfortable leaving him in charge when I retired.

I saw him a few times during his illness. He was always upbeat and optimistic when I talked with him. I hoped he'd find a way to beat the odds. My thoughts and prayers were with John and his family throughout this ordeal. I hope I can learn to live life with the grace that John did.

He will be missed.

Brent Worwood - September 25, 2024 at 06:45 PM

MN

Amanda and family,
John was a great guy and will be deeply missed. You were blessed to have him in your life. Kn9w you and the children have lots of special memories to keep him close in your hearts. Just know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Hugs to all. ❤️🙏
My Deepest Sympathy,
Marilyn Nordstrom

Marilyn Nordstrom - September 28, 2024 at 12:36 AM

JF

Alger family, John was a wonderful man. Though I only knew him for a few short years, he gave of his time and friendship generously & made the world a better place for his having been a part of it. I wish I had words to assuage your loss. John is and will be missed.

Jeremy F - September 30, 2024 at 03:36 PM

TG

I just started working with John regularly in the last year at UUH. He was always pleasant, professional and had a big smile for everyone. We will miss him.

Travis G - October 03, 2024 at 06:27 PM