



## John Kent Vigos

March 3, 1947 - July 1, 2014

John “Kent “Vigos, 67, returned home on July 1, 2014, in Salt Lake City. Kent was born on March 3rd, 1947, in Salt Lake City to James and Lillian Vigos. Kent grew up in Sugar House, Utah, and was a businessman from the start. One clever marketing scheme involved buying pies and selling them door-to-door for a profit. He was called “The Cavemen” around age 15, for his unique ability to throw rocks in the air and kill birds. He graduated from Highland High, and then moved on to big adventure on the rivers.

Kent spent ten years running the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. There his “Caveman” nickname changed to “The Famous Mudman” for covering himself with mud, running back to the group he was guiding, grabbing the cutest girl in the group, and running away with her on his shoulder.

Soon, he met Debbie Nickle. He was astounded that she stood him up on their first date, but he eventually won her over. The two were married June 19, 1975 in Sandy, Utah. Kent’s nickname changed to “Dad” to his beautiful children Josh, Justin, Nicole, and Jordan. The couple separated in 1986, but Kent and Debbie have recently developed a friendship that has allowed them to enjoy their children and grandchildren together.

Kent’s favorite nickname came about with the birth of his first of many grandchildren. They all called him “Bumpa” and this was the name that brought joy to Kent’s heart. From the time they were born, Kent made sure that they knew that they were loved and special.

People who met Kent quickly realized that he lived from the heart both in his

business and personal life. He was a truly generous and kind person who went out of his way to compliment others and take a genuine interest in them. From his open personality came compassion, acceptance, and a sense of security. Kent would give you the shirt off his back. He lived an example of daily affirmations and positive living, and found good in the people around him.

Kent leaves a legacy of love to his children and grand-children: Josh and Cecilia and their children Sage, Eve, and Jaden; Justin and Niki and their kids Dillon, Rachel and Brightyn, daughter Nicole and Daniel and their son Landon, and youngest son Jordan and Kendall and their daughter Kendra. He also loved with all his heart: Debbie Moon, Aaron and Brandy Moon and their children Emma and Austin, Adam and Shelby Moon with their children Connor and Logan.

Kent was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his brother David and Ursula Vigos, sister Sheila Smith, brother Randy and Sunny Vigos. When looking through some of Kent's notes we found this prayer that he had written.

“Joy and peace of mind only come after surrendering to God's will for me - I need do nothing but Love - Extend that which I am and trust that my desire to actually be Loved will be fulfilled. As the love light shines the shadows disappear- I need do nothing but relax- Let God's love shine through me. “  
Kent's deepest desire would be for us to continue to love each other and celebrate life and the joys around us.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Kent Vigos*

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October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *I knew Kent for well over 50 years. We went to Junior High and High school together. We were in the army together. He was the first guy I met when I moved into the neighborhood on Stratford Avenue. Of all the people I've known over the years since that time long ago, he's the one I always wanted to keep in touch with. His kindness, intelligence, friendliness, sense of fun and interest in others always made running into him over the years such a pleasure. Thanks to finding him on Facebook a couple of years ago, we were able to catch up again through several 'summit meetings' at various local eateries. He never spoke ill of anyone. He was immensely proud of his children and grandchildren. I very much looked forward to having some more enjoyable times with him as we settled into our old age. He almost felt like a twin brother, since he was exactly one day older than me. This has been a real loss. Rest in peace, K-man. Thanks for everything.*

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**John Powell** - July 24, 2014 at 09:33 PM

DV

“ Dear Kent  
What a beautiful legacy you left. You were so loved and admired by all.  
Thank you for giving me four beautiful babies. How am I ever going to fill your shoes?  
Your wisdom and council and knowing exactly what to say to each of our children.  
Please be with me. I forgive you Kent.  
Rest in Peace  
Debbie

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**Debbie Vigos** - July 08, 2014 at 06:28 PM

LS

“ Kent was a great man who always made me feel better when I was around him. He was quick to smile and had a good nature and a kind gentle caring way about him. June 19, 2014 was the last day I communicated with Kent. I will miss his friendship. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family in this great loss. Lyle Grant Swenson

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**Lyle G. Swenson** - July 08, 2014 at 05:44 PM

CN

“ Our prayers to comfort you and extending deep and heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. Life is so tender, so fragile, so very precious. We love you all so very much so sorry for your loss.  
  
Bud & Colleen Nickle

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**colleen nickle** - July 05, 2014 at 11:53 AM

AB

“ although I had met kent several time along the years it was not until these last few months while living with Nicole that I got to witness just want an amazing, kind, caring, giving, and uplifting man he truely was. I'm thankful that I became to know him and could consider him my friend. You were there for me kent when I needed someone the very most and I will always view you as my guardian angel. Thanks for all your love and kind words!! U will be deeply missed by all who knew you! Love you..

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**Amy Ball** - July 05, 2014 at 09:02 AM

DR

“ Deb Rock lit a candle in memory of John Kent Vigos



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**Deb Rock** - July 04, 2014 at 10:24 PM

PS

“ I was so very blessed to have known Kent, I will miss him so with that beautiful vibe he carried and the love he showed the world!!!! Thank You Kent for your light you shared with us all!!!! God bless you!!! Pam Stuart

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**Pam Stuart** - July 04, 2014 at 06:56 PM