



Michael William Harp

June 20, 1970 - June 27, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Michael William Harp who left this world doing what he loved most on June 27, 2024. He embraced life with a passion for adventure, and his final moments were a testament to his free spirit and love for the outdoors.

Michael was born on June 20, 1970 in Salt Lake City to William Russell Harp and Christa (Haak) Harp. He graduated from Cottonwood High School in 1988 and earned his bachelor degree in Behavioral Sciences and Health in 1995 from the University of Utah. He joined the Salt Lake City Fire Department in 1997 and quickly distinguished himself as a dedicated and skilled firefighter. He truly loved his job and everyone that he worked with.

Michael's legacy is carried on by his mother Christa Harp; loving partner Irena Edwards; his children, Ariel and Austin Harp; and his siblings, Alecia (Cross) Wood and Rebecca (Harp) Jeffery.

Michael will be fondly remembered for his adventurous soul, infectious laughter, and the love he shared with all who knew him. He cherished every moment pursuing his passion, and his enthusiasm was irresistible. His presence enriched our lives beyond measure, his memory will forever inspire us and will forever remain in our hearts.

The details for his celebration of life are as follows:

Date: July 10, 2024

Time: 5-9 p.m.

Location: Red Butte Gardens - Orangerie venue

In lieu of flowers, his family would wish to have you make a memorial donation to the "Honoring Mike: Support for Austin and Ariel" Go Fund Me account <https://gofund.me/84167b7c>

Please join us in honoring Michael's remarkable journey and sharing cherished memories of his vibrant spirit and the joy he brought to our lives. Your thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated during this difficult time.

"Live like everyday is your birthday" ~ Michael Harp

Arrangements are entrusted to Serenity Funeral Home

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 10. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MT)

The Red Butte Gardens - Orangerie
300 Wakara Way,
Salt Lake City, UT 84108

Tribute Wall

LI

“ from what I have heard is he had a hard time during 9/11 and today is a day to remember Mike by

lilliane - September 11, 2024 at 11:43 AM

LI

“ when it was Christmas time he would all ways bring the life to the party and he all ways was so kind and humble he worked so hard and he enjoyed life as well as he could make it he was an amazing great uncle to me and my brother we miss you so much

lilliane - August 27, 2024 at 06:19 PM

JJ

“ Always enjoyed spending time with Mike. He made everybody around him happier. Of course he was a looker too! My girlfriend always liked to tease me and ask, “Is Mike coming on this river trip?” “I’ll go then...!”

We enjoyed our last day with him skiing at Alta this February. Everyday is a powder day for you now, Mike! Just like you lived everyday as your Birthday!



Jaime Jacoby - July 10, 2024 at 07:49 PM



“ 8 files added to the album *Poker Group*



Bob Bruce - July 08, 2024 at 03:24 PM

GF

We will all miss our buddy Mike. He was a great funny guy and a real pleasure to be around. I wish we were able to see him more often.

Glenn Robert Farrenkopf - July 08, 2024 at 11:44 PM

DK

“ I work for SLCFD as the Edu Specialist. I was at Station 11 this past June, right before Father's Day. We had a luncheon and award ceremony. Cpt Harp was there fixing lunch when I arrived. He was making his cowboy relish. This first time I met Mike he was making a meal at 11s too. Laid back, with care, unflappable, just doing his thing... Cpt Mike Harp. We talked some after lunch. He shared his pride that his daughter was traveling to China to study. His kids were a source of joy for him. We got to talking about the job and he said, "just give me my four days" in celebration of the break firefighters have on the 48/96 hour schedule. Those four days are the dessert of caring and providing comfort for others the 48 hours you're serving Fire. Cpt Harp was a stand up individual. I work with students in the SLC school district and firefighters. The firefighters are fantastic role models and teachers for the students. Cpt Mike Harp was the embodiment of this, living every day and celebrating its gifts. A model for us all. Be well, Friend.

Dawn Payton Killinger - July 08, 2024 at 10:18 AM

HU

“ Mike's presence will be missed. It was a pleasure to work along side him for the last 17 years. A good man.

Huggybear - July 07, 2024 at 12:09 PM

CC

“ Always grateful for the service of so many to the residents of Salt Lake City. Our gratitude to his family for their sacrifice and Mike's service.

Carlton Christensen - July 05, 2024 at 12:49 PM

AR

“ Mike worked hard and played harder. Gonna miss him dearly. Gonna miss our ski days, poker nights, adventures, hanging with the fun guys and stand up fallafallizing about the universe, sessions in the woods, bbq's, and tailgates. I'll still follow your tracks (though you never waited on a powder day)!

Ary - July 05, 2024 at 12:42 PM

TB

“ Mr. Mike Harp will be missed by many. May his spirit rest upon us all and continue his great outlook on life.
Tony

Tony Bikmore - July 05, 2024 at 11:11 AM

DG

“ I had the great privilege to work with Mike in Salt Lake City Training. He was a great team member and I could always count on him to take the ball and run with it. Looking at the smile on Mike's face tells me that he was doing what he really enjoyed. He will be greatly missed.
Dennis Goudy, Battalion Chief, Retired.

Dennis Goudy - July 05, 2024 at 09:29 AM

KL

Mike's smile said it all. He loved what he did both on and off the job, and he made no apologies for it. The SLCFD will miss his positive energy and free spirit. I will miss seeing him at the station and enjoying the good laugh that was always inevitable. Tough loss for all of us.

Karl Lieb - July 05, 2024 at 09:59 AM

JP

“ *Harp, all I can say is I'm going to miss you brother! Way too early, WAY too early... I'll cherish all the memories and talks we had and they will no doubt keep me smiling even when I'm down as you always were able to do... Thrash those steep slopes and pow, take that gnarly berm at full speed, and try some stuff you didn't get to do here on Earth while you're at it! I love you mean! RIP! Your forever brother, Jeremy*

Jeremy Po - July 05, 2024 at 07:01 AM

ST

Jeremy, he mentioned you often in our conversations and memories.

Steve Thomasma - September 04, 2024 at 10:54 PM