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James Kelly Vining

September 24, 1963 ~ October 23, 2021 (age 58)



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Kelly left us on October 23, 2021 in the evening after a brief illness. He was born September 24, 1963 in Ogden, Utah and raised in Mountain Green. He was a graduate of Morgan High School and of Weber State University earning an Electronics Engineering degree.

Kelly spent his early years enjoying the outdoors. He loved riding dirt bikes, four wheelers, fishing, camping, and boating. He knew every back road in the state.

He was a member of the Corvette Club of Utah, holding several positions on the board of directors throughout the years. Kelly was an integral part of establishing the CCU website and redesigning the Gazette in recently years winning awards in 2020 and 2021. He took the club on many trips across Utah, Idaho, Montana, Arizona, and into Canada. He had a passion for corvettes and was generous when youths at car shows asked to sit behind the wheel. He loved to travel and was always looking forward to his next adventure and making memories with his sweetheart.

He retired from Hill AFB in June 2021 after 35 years of service supporting the F-16 and F-22 as an electronics engineer.

One of his hobbies was collecting watches. He had a large variety and loved the challenge of looking for something unique. He was a HAM radio enthusiast. He spent many hours talking with people locally and around the world. After recently retiring, he was working to install new equipment with some of his buddies. No matter where he went, he drew people in, making friends, always easy to talk to.

Kelly was an amazing Dad to Deborah and Isaac and beloved Papaw Kelly to Trena and Eli. He adored his grandchildren and enjoyed the extra time he got to spend with them since retiring. He looked forward to every visit and adventure, coloring, drawing pictures, playing with building blocks, reading books, or fixing broken toys. His favorite thing was spoiling them at Christmas.

He is survived by his soulmate, Josie Stanford, daughter, Deborah Shumway (Raymond), grandchildren, Trena and Eli, and son, Isaac Stanford.

Kelly will be forever missed by his family, always in our hearts.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 8, 2021 at Lindquist's Roy Mortuary, 3333 West 5600 South. The family will meet with friends Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the mortuary.