David Matthew Gratton



JUNE 16, 2014

DAVID MATTHEW GRATTON
June 19, 1981 – June 16, 2014

With hearts broken, family and friends bid goodbye to Dave who left us tragically on June 16th. He will be forever missed by his partner, Tracy Ferguson, dad Denis, mom Lynne, step-mom Karen & step-dad, James, sister Shawn & husband Si, Tracy's mom Darlene & family, grandparents, Ed & Terry Gratton and Morris & Val King along with many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family members. Gratefully, David left us all a precious gift – his son, Davis, who will help bring comfort to our grieving hearts. Known as "Hippy" to his many friends in the Windermere Valley and Calgary, he brought fun into everyone's lives with his goofy grin, reckless abandon and generous spirit. Dave made the good times even better. As a directional driller in Alberta ("Digger Dave"), he was respected by his colleagues for his work ethics and knowledge. Talented at building & taking apart anything, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing with Davis and camping with friends which brought him much peace. He was born in Calgary and moved with his family to Windermere in 1994 attending school at Red Deer Lake School, Windermere Elementary and David Thompson Secondary School. The family held a private Celebration of Life on June 21st in Calgary and a memorial was held on June 22nd for friends in Invermere. Dave lived his life to the fullest; always challenging himself and taking risks but, being Dave, he managed to charm his way through

everything! David easily made friends and was loved by all whose lives he touched. David – you were taken too soon. Your legacy and spirit will live on through your son and you will remain in all of our hearts forever. A trust fund for Davis is being set up – details to follow.

Messages of Condolence

Tracy and Davis, we were so sorry to hear about your loss. Our deepest condolences and we hope to see you again when you are up to it. All the best from Yoko, Rob, Jake and Jesse

— Rob and Yoko

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