



Eric James VanArtsdalen

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Eric was a big man with an even bigger heart. He's a beloved son, husband, father, and friend. To know Eric was to know true friendship and loyalty. He was the greatest kind of man - strong and brave, gentle and kind. He would gladly give any person in need the shirt off his back, but more importantly, he gave of his time and talents. There was nothing he couldn't do. He showed up for those he loved and never hesitated to lend a helping hand.

Eric's wife and three beautiful children were the light of his life. He lived to provide for them and give them all their hearts desired. He found his greatest joy in making them laugh.

Eric loved camping and the outdoors, and shared that love with his children. He wanted to show them the beauty and comfort found in nature. Eric loved his friends and family with his whole heart, and valued them above all else.

Eric graduated from Marysville High School in 2002. Eric went on to work various jobs while pursuing his dream of working for Pacific Gas and Electric. He proudly reached his goal and began his career with PG&E in 2011. Over his seven years of employment he held various positions including Miscellaneous Equipment Operator, Water Systems Repairman, and most recently, Engineering Estimator, Electric. Eric's heart was in the fieldwork and outdoor construction, but due to a diagnosis of heart failure in 2014, he was restricted to office work, where he was constantly driven to affect change and provide education to his peers.

As one of Eric's best friends said, "Eric was a rock for everyone. There are many people missing their rock."

Eric's love of life, creativity, and excitement was contagious. His legacy and memory will be carried on by all the people that he touched. He loved and accepted everyone as they were, but somehow pushed them to want to be the best versions of themselves.

Our hearts are broken, but comforted to know he lived his life as God calls - with honesty, integrity, and a deep love for family, friends, and thy neighbor.

Eric is survived by his wife, Julie, and their three young children, his mother, Cathi Dokos VanArtsdalen, father, James (Lynda) VanArtsdalen, in-laws, Jeff and Joanie Davidson,

uncles, Frank (Linda) VanArtsdalen and James Dokos, and aunts, Deen VanArtsdalen Davis and Diana (Don) Hergert along with extended family members and many lifelong friends.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Tom VanArtsdalen and Mary Elizabeth Reilly, and paternal grandparents, Damon James Dokos and Barbara Bell, and uncle, Craig Dokos.

Eric's family is hosting a Celebration of Life at 11:00am on October 20, 2018, at his home in Loma Rica. Ullrey Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

In memory of Eric, we ask that you take a moment to hug your child, your grandchild, your friend or walk in the woods for a moment, an hour, or a day. Time waits for no one.

Comments



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