



Steven Reid Duke

June 30, 1977 - December 27, 2018

Steven Reid Duke, 41, died on 27 December 2018 at Johns Hopkins Hospital of pneumonia after a 3-year battle with Leukemia. Steve enjoyed a long period of remission after his bone marrow transplant in 2016.

Born 30 June 1977 in Hayward, CA to Kent and Janet Duke, he spent his happy childhood in Fremont, CA. After graduating from high school, Steve attended Brigham Young University for one year, where he met his future wife, Jennifer Perkins. In 1996, he served as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Padova, Italy, where he developed a love of religion, languages, travel, cooking, foreign cultures, good food, and people. He returned to resume his studies at Brigham Young University in 1998, and majored in History Teaching. In 2000, he married the love of his life, Jennifer Perkins, starting his greatest adventure yet.

Having earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, Steve worked briefly as a history teacher at Lakeridge Jr. High School in Orem, Utah, before deciding to apply to graduate school. In 2003, Steve, Jen, and their kids moved to Seattle, where Steve obtained a master's degree in China Studies from the University of Washington. After graduation in 2006, Steve and his family relocated to the Washington, D.C. area in order to pursue a career working for the Federal Government. As a Foreign Service Officer, Steve's work took him to the Shanghai Consulate, where Steve introduced his family to the delights and

wonders of China.

His passion for his work was only surpassed by his love of God, his wife, and his four children, Isaac (18), Abigail (15), Jonah (8), and Ryan (5). He was a man of devotion to his faith, and held many callings as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, teaching being his favorite. Steve loved running, gardening, cycling, painting, drawing, teasing, and spending time with his family. He made lasting friendships everywhere he went, all over the world. His sense of humor was one of his defining characteristics, and he loved pulling pranks. He was a considerate, kind, and thoughtful husband and father. He will be greatly missed by his extended family, coworkers, and friends.

A service commemorating his life will take place on 5 January 2019 at 5:00 pm, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 22066 Circle Drive, Sterling, VA 20164. A viewing will take place on the same day at 3:00 pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints
22066 Circle Drive
Sterling, VA 20164

Service

JAN 5. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Pol-Econ Local Staff in Shanghai Consulate purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Steven Reid Duke.*



Pol-Econ Local Staff in Shanghai Consulate - January 13, 2019 at 08:45 PM

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“ *We so wish we could be there today. We love you Dukes so much! Among the memories I have are having dinner at your home in Shanghai, with the range of cuisine showing the many sides of your family. We had dumplings over Chinese New Year, or Jen's classic American chicken noodle soup, or Steve making Italian food, including homemade pasta. A man of many many talents!*
-Christine Fowler

Chris Fowler - January 05, 2019 at 09:58 AM

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“ *So sorry Jennifer! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We love you.*

Diane Decker - January 04, 2019 at 04:06 PM

SM

“ *Jennifer, We are so, so sorry for Steve's passing. Our hearts ache for you and your kids. May Heavenly Father encircle you and your family with his love. Our positive thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Love, Steve and Vicki Matheson*

Stteve Matheson - January 04, 2019 at 02:48 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Reid Duke.*



January 04, 2019 at 01:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven Reid Duke.*



January 03, 2019 at 03:20 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Steven Reid Duke.*



January 03, 2019 at 10:20 AM