



Drew Wright

May 27, 1970 - October 31, 2021

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Drew passed away at home unexpectedly from the results of a Blood Clot on October 31, 2021.

Drew was born 27 May 1970 in Provo, Utah , to Owen Drew Wright Sr. and Karen Mendenhall Wright. He was married on 9 November 2001 in Pleasant Grove to Andrea K. Lewis.

Drew grew up and attended school in Pleasant Grove where he Graduated in 1988. Drew was a Sterling Scholar, participated in A Capella Choir, Twirled flags as well as his involvement with several other clubs and activities.

Drew was an Eagle Scout and was able to experience several neat things through this program such as spending a week in California at the US Navy Base in San Diego.

Drew attended College at UVSC (now UVU). He was active with the Ballroom Dance Company, including the Traveling Tour Team. He was able to travel Nationally and Internationally with this team, having wonderful experiences, even attending the International Championships in Blackpool, England. While at UVU Drew was also incredibly involved with Student Government which is where he met his wife, Andrea. They were later married in November of 2001.

Drew graduated with a Degree in Early Childhood Education, with minors in Music and Dance. After graduation Drew continued working at UVU in several different positions including Campus Connection, The Bookstore, and in Community Education.

In 2006, Drew began Teaching at Renaissance Academy in Lehi, Utah as a Second Grade

Teacher. He enjoyed his time there filling many different roles. He was most recently working as the school Librarian and Keyboarding Teacher. Drew also worked with the Renaissance Academy Drama program, assisting with school plays (especially costumes) as well as many school clubs and events. Drew brought the Ballroom Dance program to life at Renaissance Academy. Dance was his passion, and he was a joy to watch. He shared this love with all he could. He coached the Ballroom Team in association with Danzinskule Education Foundation. He has shared his love of dance with hundreds of children, students and adults. Teaching all who would participate including his sister, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Drew was remarkably close to his mother and spent a lot of time at her side. This helped him to cultivate many of his incredible talents. They loved to work together on craft projects, quilting, watching parades, and baking. Drew is well known among family and friends for his beautiful flower arrangements. He has made so many for family and friends including several weddings. Drew also learned to bake and decorate wedding cakes, another talent in which he shared, to bless those around him.

Drew had a passion for Education, the Arts and children. He has touched thousands of lives and leaves a hole that can never be filled. His influence was great, and he will be sincerely missed.

Drew is survived by his spouse Andrea, his Father Owen, three brothers, Jeremy (Jody), Marc (Kristi), Bert (Jami) and a sister Melissa (Joseph Stephens). Drew is preceded in death by his son Timothy and his Mother Karen.

A Viewing will be held Sunday, November 7th, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Timpanogos 6th Ward, 332 East 500 North, Pleasant Grove, Utah. Funeral Services will be held Monday, November 8th at 11:00 am, at the same location, where a Viewing will be held prior to the service from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Interment will take place in Whitney, Idaho.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Whitney Cemetery

1400 South 1400 East Rd
Preston, ID, 83263

Events

NOV 7 **Viewing** 05:00PM - 07:00PM
Timpanogos 6th Ward
332 East 500 North, Pleasant Grove, UT, US, 84062

NOV 8 **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM
Timpanogos 6th Ward
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NOV 8 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM
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Comments



“ I knew Drew while teaching 3rd grade at Renaissance. He was so good to help the students at school. He loved to guide them to books they would enjoy or encourage their interests. He was kind and thoughtful to others. I appreciated his help choosing great books to help with my lessons at school. He had many great ideas.



Julie Ahlstrom - November 13, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ Drew helped my daughter with the Dairy Ambassador parades. He was so kind and helpful! We all had a good laugh when the head of the Mad Hatter fell off of the float into the road! Drew was a great leader to the girls as they fulfilled their responsibilities as Dairy Ambassadors.

Traci Boulter - November 10, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ Drew was a graduate of Central Elementary School. He finished 6th grade in May 1982. I've attached a two photos from those days from the Central School History facebook page. I knew Drew through association with his younger siblings who I taught during my time at Central. Our paths crossed again because of his love of ballroom dancing. I'd attend ballroom competitions to watch my nephews and nieces dance and there was Drew with his young students. I retired from the Alpine District and decided to return to the classroom at Renaissance Academy. I was excited to find Drew once again at Renaissance. It is there that I discovered the real Drew - the teacher. His students and school were central in his life and that is how I will remember him. I'll miss the one on one times I spent with Drew talking Pleasant Grove. He knew everyone I knew. He loved his hometown. Drew's passing leaves a sadness in our hearts. I'll miss his enthusiasm, his kindness, his example, his steadfastness, his can do attitude, his perseverance, and more than anything else, watching him interact with the students. He lived his faith and never failed to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ to those whom he can in contact with. Goodbye to a master teacher, friend, and coworker.



Victor Williamson - November 08, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ I was always grateful for Drew checking on me while in high school. I was new to PG and he always checked on me to make sure I was okay and he always had a smile. At my mother funeral he blow me away with the beautiful wreaths that he made for her and he had incorporated her love of mucis into one of the wreaths. I still have them to this date and it has been over 12+ years. I had no idea he had the talent. He will be missed grately.

Jalane Cline
Cousin

Jalane Cline - November 08, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ We had so much fun just 2 months ago with Drew at the state fair. We were just getting to know him but already he has touched our lives.



Jaclyn Clements - November 08, 2021 at 10:13 AM



“ From the time I brought Drew on board to facilitate our Community Education classes at Renaissance, I knew I could always depend on him to not just do the job but keep things running smoothly but make our students feel welcomed and special. We worked through some real tough issues during the summer kids classes, but his knack for going that extra mile came from his true affinity for children and love of teaching and problem solving. I will always treasure the memories of just sitting in the classroom hallways and talking about family and experiences. He will truly be rewarded for his his selfless compassion. Andrea, you will always be part of our family, please reach out if you need anything.

Sally Menefee - November 07, 2021 at 08:13 PM



“ Oh how we love Mr. Wright!
Here is a picture from a teacher appreciation door poster where we officially dubbed Drew as “The official Renaissance Man” because he is the heart of the school and he can do ANYTHING! What an amazing individual with a heart of gold! He had and I’m sure still has the true gift of seeing a need and meeting a need. It has changed my family’s lives, every community/group he has been a part of and ultimately the world. Love, prayer and peace to Andrea, Melissa and all his wonderful family.



Janalee Goebel - November 07, 2021 at 02:03 PM



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Sherise Robertson - November 06, 2021 at 12:15 AM



“ Mr Wright loved coaching the ballroom dance team. He was so generous with his time and talents. I will miss seeing him in the halls and library of Renaissance Academy. One year I was in charge of a bulletin board and at the beginning of each month he set aside decorations for me to use. This and so many other acts of kindness were part of his every day life. Our family was certainly blessed by him and will miss seeing him.

Sherise - November 06, 2021 at 12:17 AM



“ Mr. Wright

Thank you so much for your great service. My kids always loved library and you gave them a life long hobby of reading. You helped them not only at school but entire their life. Particularly my youngest, he learned to love books and it became his one of favorite place is now library. We are grateful for everything you have done for the RA school kids!! We love you and miss you a lot.

Satomi S - November 05, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ I worked with Drew multiple times with costumes for the plays at Renaissance. Whenever we couldn't get a costume idea to work or didn't have the right look, the drama teacher and I would just say "Let's get Drew, I'm sure he has something that will work"and he always did. The school will definitely not be the same without him.

K Salazar - November 05, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ Mr Wright had the uncanny ability to make each child feel like he or she was the most important person in the world. He knew exactly what book each of my children would enjoy, and he cultivated a love of reading in all three of my kids.

We are grieving his loss, however we find tremendous joy in the many memories we have of him at Renaissance Academy. May he Rest In Peace.

Jen Wily - November 05, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ Our kids all loved Mr. Wright! He will be so missed. I loved that every time I pulled up to the curb he said our last name instead of our carpool number. With 4 kids through the school the past 5 years he got to know our kiddos and made them feel important. We'll miss him.

Griffee Family - November 05, 2021 at 01:54 AM



“ I am so grateful for the influence Mr. Wright had on all my children he taught. He was the heart of their school and they all adored him. We are so heart broken we lost him to soon. He made them all feel so special and import and you could tell he loved what he did. Rest in peace. Job well done.

Brooke - November 04, 2021 at 06:08 PM



“ Mr. Wright was always so good to my kids and me. He was always friendly, always helping out. He was a huge asset at Renaissance Academy, and he will be missed so much by so many. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.



Mick Rasband - November 04, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ Thank you Mr Wright for all you did for Renaissance Academy! Everyone will miss you!

Rebecca - November 04, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ I will sorely miss Drew next summer 2022. He was MY right hand man for many many years with all of our summer youth classes at Utah Valley University. He had such a knack working with the kids, especially if they were having a BAD day in the class they were attending. He could de-escalate any situation!!!

DeLayna Crockett
Utah Valley University Community Education

DeLayna - November 04, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ Drew, has worked for Community Education/UVU part-time for many years. He has been one of our Facilitators for evening classes and Summer Kids' Camps. He is truly one of the nicest people.
Although, I have worked with Drew for a number of years, I got to know Drew better this summer, and I am so grateful for that opportunity. He is truly selfless, talented, kind, and family was important to him.
The hours he spent during the summer helping take care of his in-laws and still making it to work everyday, alone is a tribute to who he was. "That's just what you do," he would say.
He worked very hard to make sure our Community Ed. programs were successful and that the kids knew they could depend on him and we could depend on him to keep them safe and treated with respect.
He will be deeply missed by me and all of Community Education.
Drew, thank you for your service, you always went above and beyond.
Love you - Cindy

Cindy Caruso - November 04, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ Drew is a very generous and loving man. He and his sweet mother Karen always gave of their time and energy to help others. He decorated the churches and made wedding cakes for all five of my daughters' weddings. They were beautiful cakes. He helped make quilts for my grandchildren. Drew is very talented. He has never been too tired to help with anything. He will be greatly missed by those still in this earthly existence, but he has been welcomed with open arms by his sweet mother Karen. They are rejoicing in their reunion.

Betty Garlick

Betty Garlick - November 03, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ Drew was an amazing friend. He was always there anytime you needed anything. I remember him most for making our beautiful wedding cake the day I married over 31 years ago. You are so loved and will be dearly missed for your sweet spirit. Always in my heart, Carol Garlick Bullard



Carol Bullard - November 03, 2021 at 08:25 PM