



## Kirk Joseph Mecham

July 20, 1967 - January 9, 2021

Kirk Joseph Mecham, 53, beloved father, grandfather, and entertainer, passed away January 9, 2021. Kirk was born July 20, 1967, the son of Lynn and Joanne Mecham, and the brother of Jolynne (Wheelhouse), Emily (Wilson), and Marianne Mecham. Kirk has three beloved daughters: Ally (Campbell), through his previous marriage with Alexa Blair Anderson, and Jamie and Shylee, through his previous marriage with Kelly Weston. He was “Papa Bear” to his granddaughters, Aurora and Nova Campbell, and was happy cuddling his little ones and finding new ways to make them laugh.

Kirk was a beloved son of the Bear River Valley and demonstrated great prowess in sports, music, and the theater. He could dunk the basketball with equal talent as he could play his beloved bass trombone, though his vocal gifts would prove exceptional and enduring. Kirk was provided with great mentors in his early years to develop his many God-given talents including Carl Ashby, BRHS Accapella Choir who taught him the love of vocal harmony. Jay Golden Ward, BRHS LanSirs, who fostered in Kirk a lifelong love of big band Jazz, Larry Webb, BRHS Basketball, who fostered a love of teamwork, and with great fondness, Dee and Nedra Pace who opened up his love of the stage, his love of being an entertainer, and with whom Kirk remained close his entire life. Kirk held lead roles in many high school and community theater presentations throughout his life and left indelible impressions from each role. Note: with Dee’s passing in early 2020, many imagined their reunion and great joy in each other’s renewed presence.

Kirk served a successful two year mission from 1986–1988 for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Fortaleza Brazil Mission. He learned to love the Brazilian people, learned to speak Portuguese, and enjoyed many lifelong friendships as a result of his service.

Kirk enjoyed his time at USU where he loved singing with Derek Furch’s USU Ambassadors. From that group sprang the successful singing group, Eclipse. Kirk was proud of his work as the bass singer (and chief Muppets impersonator) for that incredible and unique six-part harmony group. Kirk’s work with Eclipse included international

attention at the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City, and he performed with many well-known artists. Their several recordings achieved success and he loved his time singing with Paul Hansen, Dan Kartchner, Kevin Jones, Shayne Taylor, and Jake Despain. Kirk continued his love of harmony with the Fat Old Guys Band (FOG) with continued concert successes and many successful YouTube clips demonstrating astonishing harmonies and vocal innovations. Kirk loved his FOG brothers Jared Allen, Jeremiah, and Brett. They shared many laughs at venues across the West. If there is a stage in Utah, it's likely that Kirk performed on it, sharing not only his gifts, but his impeccable comedic timing. He was always the quickest wit in any room.

Kirk was deeply spiritual. His last social media post was a profound testimony of his Savior, Jesus Christ. Kirk's experience, posted the day before his death was not coincidental, but the love and acceptance of a merciful Savior for a life well lived despite personal shortcomings which he felt deeply. Kirk wrote: "Have you ever had a moment when you were so overcome with the Spirit that it nearly floored you? I have always been tremendously moved by music. This afternoon, I happened to have some tunes playing and from deep in the playlist "I Can Only Imagine" started up. As with many, I'm sure, this is a big favorite of mine and one I'm always going to belt out in unison with the voice on the recording (in this case Alex Boye). As we hit the crescendo into the chorus, I was overcome and brought to my knees...weeping. And...still weeping. There would be no more singing by me. At this moment, I'm not sure what my spirit needed and why it was so profoundly touched, but I'm grateful to my Father and my Savior for the experience today." There would be no more singing in mortality for our beautiful friend. His deep profound voice, lost to us in death, sings in the heavenly choirs, resonating with all creation. The God of a trillion stars knew his name and loves Kirk. He touched innumerable people through his life and performances. His unique gifts known to God, continue to inspire.

Authors note: Thank you for a lifelong friendship Kirk. As others have noted, despite separation by distance over many years, each occasion we got together in Utah was as if no time had elapsed at all. I count this as a testament to our friendship. Feeling so much loss. Intentions to renew our friendship when done scratching out a living.....someday, will have to wait. I'm looking forward to picking back up in the eternities. Until then, I'll think about you often. CHIRP!!! -Hyte Johnson

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kirk Joseph Mecham.*



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January 26, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ *The first time I met you was at a game night. You were very kind and funny. You were very easy to talk to. We shared our music together. I listened to some of your recordings, and you listened to my original album. I loved your deep, crooner voice. Such a beautiful tone. We were going to get together to do karaoke, and record music together, but it never happened. I was finishing up school, and now you're gone. Thanks for the sweet facebook messenger messages you sent me, and all of the funny comments on facebook. Thanks for being a bright light and for being so caring and loving to everyone around you. Also, thank you for your big hearted example. Rest in peace my friend.*

*Angela*

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**Angela Howard** - January 19, 2021 at 03:27 PM

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“ As perhaps the least connected of the cousins to him, I don't have much to say, except that Kirk's exuberance and talents contributed to the fabric and foundation of my early life and I am grateful.

- It was always a treat to hear him perform. I loved to brag about him when I had the chance. I saw him perform a couple of times during my dating years in the 90's and he was amazing.
- I remember one Labor Day or family reunion at Grandma and Grandpa Mecham's when I was six or seven, where he was giving neck rides to several of the little cousins. I thought that was the coolest thing in the world that the awesome older cousin would give the little cousins some attention.
- His wit and humor never failed to bring an effervescence to a room. He uniquely carried on Uncle Lynn's legacy.
- I had a chance to visit with him personally at the last cousin's reunion. As prepared as he is to be on stage and to be performing, he was equally, if not more so, prepared to be invested in what was going on in my life. That is a tribute to his testimony of Christ and His love.

*His obituary was beautiful. Thank you to his wonderful siblings for all the support they've given him and his sweet children during this time. Love you all.*

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*Meredith Mecham Balmforth, cousin*

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**Meredith Balmforth** - January 17, 2021 at 02:44 PM

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*Words seem so inadequate to express what you meant to me. I'm grateful for the all the times you made ma laugh, want to pull my hair out. You were the protective big brother every girl deserves to have. Now aren't you glad I talked you out of getting that tattoo?*

*My heart hasn't processed that you are never gonna text me again. I love you Baloo. Till we meet again.*

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**Bethe** - January 19, 2021 at 03:25 PM

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*I am shocked and saddened to hear of Kirk's passing. My team and I knew Kirk professionally. For nearly a decade, Kirk was a voice talent on several of our online courses. His deep baritone voice brought a wonderful dynamic to our training materials. Personally, I sat next to Kirk for hours in the recording booth as we went through pages and pages of copy. I got to know him during those weeks and years and truly considering him a friend and colleague. He is irreplaceable as a human being and a gifted performer. We will truly miss him.*

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**Emilee** - January 26, 2021 at 01:18 PM