



It is with great sadness that Adams County Fire Rescue shares the passing of Firefighter Brett Anderson, on Saturday 04/22/2017 at the age of 55, after a courageous battle with cancer. Brett had a passion for life. He was strong and compassionate through the hard times, and embraced the good times. Brett was known for his signature moustache, and infectious positive personality.

Brett worked as a mechanic for over 30 years while developing his passion as a firefighter. He approached all things in life enthusiastically, which includes his career. He continued to support family, friends and his fire stations with his skills as a mechanic after he transitioned to his Firefighter role. Brett began EMT classes in 1992. He was a volunteer Firefighter for Edgewater Fire Department from 1994 to 2012. He worked as a reserve for North Washington Fire District from 2002 to 2007. He became a career Firefighter for Adams County Fire Rescue on 12/01/2007. Brett continued to support the City of Edgewater each 4th of July by helping with the annual fireworks display.

Brett was born 01/29/1962 into a loving family led by a firefighter himself, Roger Anderson, and Mother Penny Mahan, and step parents Judy Anderson and Terry Mahan. He was survived by his brothers Warren Mahan, Dirk Anderson, sister in-law Marci Anderson, step sisters, including several nieces and nephews who hold fond memories that will never fade.

Brett met his wife Cecilia in 1987, and they were married in 1993. They loved family camping trips to Mirror Lake and riding together on his 2003 Firefighter Edition Ultra Classic Harley Davidson. Their two sons, Orlando Baca and Phillip Lopez, fondly remember their father as a strict but very loving person. Brett and his daughter Brandy

Anderson shared a very close bond through baseball and baby-dolls, enjoying times filled with imagination & education. Brett's daughter-in-laws Raynie Baca and Marlena Lopez both remember Brett welcoming them to the family in his own unique way, and embracing them with love. Brett has nine grandchildren: Andrea Lopez, Jessica Lopez, Cyruss Baca, Dominic Lopez, Sonya Lopez, Phil Lopez Jr, Skyler Baca, Bella Baca, and Daltynn Baca. Brett was especially close to all of his grandchildren. Brett was truly devoted to making everyone's lives great. He lived for the opportunity to take part in molding all children to becoming model citizens into adulthood, such as, Peter James Kullman, who he considered another son.

Looking ahead, we are making preparations for Brett's celebration of life service, which will be Friday, 04/28/2017, at 11 a.m. at Grace Church, 6969 Sheridan Blvd, Arvada, CO 80003. Following the memorial service, the family has asked that a procession of Adams County units, external fire/law enforcement agencies, as well as friends and family proceed to Olinger Crown Hill Mortuary and Crematory at 7777 West 29th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. Please keep Brett Anderson's family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of a truly amazingly fun and gregarious man. The procession information and schedule is as follows:

Adams County Firefighter Brett Anderson's Memorial Service is Friday, April 28, 2017 @ 1100, at Grace Church of Arvada. 6969 Sheridan Blvd. Arvada, Co. 80003.

Procession to follow, ending at Olinger Crown Hill Mortuary, located at 7777 W. 29th Av, Wheat Ridge, Co. 80033.

0845-0915: Apparatus taking part in the procession needs to be staged in the Walmart parking lot north of the church property. We will be using Red NW channel for staging and the procession. Please turn off your radios when we are not using them, so that we do not “busy” out repeaters in the area.

0915: All uniformed personnel will assemble in the northern part of the church parking lot in two opposing lines, creating the “sea of blue”.

0945-1015: Brett will be delivered by a small procession with the DFD antique Fire Engine Hurst and our Honor Guard accompanying him. After Brett is brought into the church, his family and friends will be seated. Then, all ACFR uniformed Fire department personnel and family will file in and be seated. Followed by all other uniformed personnel and friends.

1100-1200: Memorial Service

1200: Immediately following the service, uniformed personnel will once again assemble in the north parking lot, near the Antique Fire Engine, in rows to be brought to attention and formal salute as Brett is loaded in the Fire Engine.

1215: Once Brett is loaded, all personnel riding in apparatus and participating in the procession, are to directly return to their equipment in the Walmart parking lot. Procession will commence with Police escort south on Sheridan to 64th Av. After a short detour past Adams County Fire Rescue station 12 on 65th av, the procession will travel south on Federal to 38th Av. West on 38th to Wadsworth, and south to 29th ending at Crown Hill.

This will conclude the Memorial activities. Thank you for your support and participation, and thank you for your service!

Please RSVP to Gayla Akerfelds @ gakerfelds@acfpd.org, if you are planning to attend in an Emergency vehicle and our planning to participate in the procession.

I want to thank everyone for the outpouring support we have received thus far from our Colorado Fire Departments and members.

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