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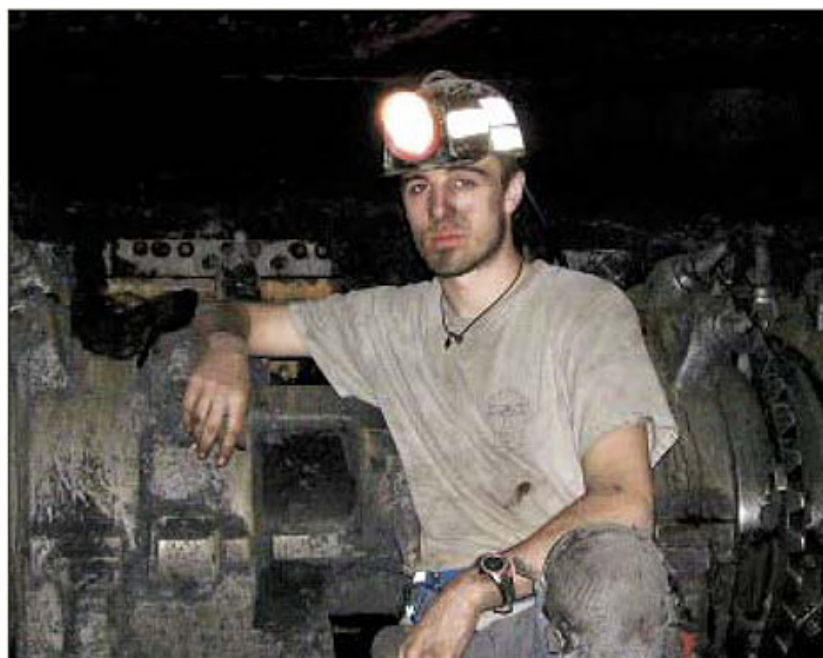
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Our hearts are broken, you will forever be loved, we will miss you dearly.

A college fund has been set up at the Dove Creek Community Bank for Curtis's son, Trey.

Mom
Dad (Kyle)
Brooke

Kylee
Shelby
Thomas
Grandpa Tommy
Grandma Juanita
Aunt Kim
Uncle Howie (Michelle)
Cousin Whitney (Troy & Mya)



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The Ku Klux Klan in Utah

Nearly 90 years ago, in 1922, a small crowd of hooded and caped Ku Klux Klansmen crashed the funeral of deputy Salt Lake County sheriff Gordon Stuart.

Marching to Stuart's grave site in the form of a cross, the Klansmen paid silent homage to Stuart, who had been killed in the line of duty, and then were whisked away in two unmarked cars.

It is still unclear why representatives of the Klan showed up at Stuart's graveside service. Perhaps Stuart was a member of the group. Or maybe the Klansmen were simply trying to show that they were on the side of law and order.

One thing is certain, however. The public dis-

play made by the Klan at Stuart's funeral was not unique in early-twentieth-century Utah.

The Ku Klux Klan made its initial appearance in Utah around 1921, as part of the group's nationwide resurgence following its first iteration in the 1870s.

Within a few years, Klansmen had grown bold enough to march through the streets of Salt Lake City and burn crosses on immigrant lawns as a form of public intimidation.

The most violent of the Utah Klan's activities, however, may have been the lynching of African American miner Robert Marshall in Carbon County.

Arrested on flimsy evidence for murdering law-

man J. Milton Burns, Marshall was hauled to a farm between Price and Wellington by a lynch mob and hanged.

According to historian Larry Gerlach, it was an open secret in the county that Burns and the eleven men who were eventually charged with killing Marshall were members of the Ku Klux Klan.

Unfortunately, no one was ever convicted of Marshall's murder, but the crime did bring public pressure to bear on the Klan.

Anti-mask laws and other public ordinances that targeted the Klan pushed the group underground. By the 1930s, the Utah Klan had effectively died out.

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