



Robert Kendell Alsobrook

January 9, 1961 - June 3, 2024

Robert Kendell Alsobrook, 63, formerly of Coleman, FL, passed away June 3, 2024. Kendell was born January 9, 1961 to Robert Lee Alsobrook, Jr. and wife Paula Chrystelle Alsobrook ne'e Black in Bushnell, FL.

Kendell worked in construction, offshore drilling four years, law enforcement 13 years, railroading as a locomotive engineer 25 years for CSX Transportation. While in law enforcement, he excelled at many jobs including detective, deputy and SWAT for Sumter County, firearms instructor, Tavares Interim Chief of Police, Center Hill Chief of Police. He was within reach of his Bachelor's Degree when he had an opportunity to hire on with CSX if he went to railroad school, so the next stop was the University of North FL in Jacksonville. He was hired as a conductor and after additional training in Atlanta was moved into the Locomotive Engineer position. He and his wife hail from railroading families. He received many awards for his skills. 25 years of railroading were cut short by pancreatic and liver cancer. Beloved by his children and grandchildren, he may or may not have given a ride on the train. A miraculous event happened in Jacksonville when he was about to drive a train across a very busy multi-lane highway crossing. The crossing gates did not come down. He was able to stop, with divine help, that very long

train within inches of the highway, which stunned the concerned conductor. When asked how in the world did he manage to do that, Kendell quietly pointed up and said it was not him that stopped it.

Kendell was a descendant of Florida Pioneers in the David Collins wagon train, from Tattnall Co., GA, settling Linden in Sumter County. Their last names were Akins, Black, Gideons. His paternal grandfather was one of the original electrical power linemen who wired Central FL. Five generation of the Alsobrook family are buried in the Adamsville Cemetery. Kendell was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of latter-day saints, an ordained Elder in the priesthood, and sealed to his family in the Orlando Temple. He was very interested in Family History Research.

Survivors include his wife Terri Bailey Alsobrook, son Austin Alsobrook (Kelly), daughter Alyssa Doyle ne'e Alsobrook (Derick), grandchildren Liam, Cooper, Lachlan and Charlotte, another one due in October. His mother Chrystelle Alsobrook, sister Renee (Laura), brother Michael (Reiko). Sister-in-law Carla Bailey (Winston), many cousins, nieces, aunts and uncles. An avid hunter and fisherman and a fan of Florida football, he is also remembered by his close friends. Kendell was dearly loved and was the epitome of the Giving Tree, a character in a children's book by Shel Silverstein.

Per Kendell's wishes, there will be no funeral and no memorial services. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com).

Tribute Wall

SM

“ *My love and prayers are with all of you! May you feel the Saviour wrap His loving arms around you giving you peace and comfort.* ”



Stacey Moore - June 11, 2024 at 01:17 AM

MR

“ *Our deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers for your family.* ”

Marla Riley - June 10, 2024 at 04:51 AM

JW

“ *Dear Ally and family,
My heart hurts for all of you and the loss of this AMAZING man. He had so many outstanding qualities and was a role model to all who knew him. I wish I had known him personally. I'm sure we had many CSX friends in common. He was a man of conviction, integrity, charity, strength, faithfulness, and immense love his family. May God give each of you comfort and peace. Cancer is an evil demon that we pray daily will be eradicated. Sending prayers daily for each of you and deepest sympathy. The joy that a Grandfather gives to grandchildren cannot be replaced. Thankful that he got to share time with them* ”



janet williams - June 09, 2024 at 10:11 PM

TK

Thank you, Janet Williams, for getting it absolutely right on all points. He simply was all those things and we continue in faith, knowing he's the same in paradise, waiting for The Resurrection Day. We have to build the boys into outdoorsy, capable young men with many skills and educated minds, and the same for his little 2 yr old granddaughter as well.

Thank you for your kind words.

Terri Alsobrook

Terri Alsobrook, wife of Kendell - June 15, 2024 at 12:02 AM

EA

“Kendell loved his children, Austin and Alyssa dearly finding much joy and happiness in their success. He will be missed tremendously. Love you brother!

Elizabeth R Alsobrook - June 09, 2024 at 07:15 PM

LG

Kendell was a fine gentleman with a very good heart and a wonderful sense of humor. He will always be loved, and will never be forgotten.

Laura Gaffney - June 09, 2024 at 07:25 PM