



# Brian Austin Cason

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**B**rian Austin Cason (August 10, 1952 – August 4, 2019) was born and raised in Clinton, Missouri, the first child of William Jennings Cason and Patricia Ann Wilson Cason. After the remarriage of his mother, Patricia, to Grant M. Clothier, moved to Liberty, Missouri where he graduated from Liberty High School. Brian attended the University of Missouri with full scholarship support, as a National Merit Scholar and Curator's Scholar. At Mizzou, he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and graduated Magna Cum Laude with Honors in Zoology, 1974. Brian further distinguished himself by his election to Phi Beta Kappa, his election as Vice-president of the Missouri Students Association, and his selection in 1974 for induction into Mystical Seven, an honorary society which chooses seven outstanding seniors for membership based on their good deeds and selfless leadership and service to the campus and community. In 1974, Brian packed up a trailer and drove west to Palo Alto, California, to attend Stanford Medical School. Graduating from Stanford, he completed residency training in Internal Medicine at Stanford, and in Anesthesiology at the University of California, San Francisco. His professional career focused on cardiac anesthesia and critical care medicine. Brian remained at UCSF and the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center for his entire professional career. As a respected teacher, clinician, researcher, and administrator, Brian was promoted to the position of Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology and Perioperative Care, and served for many years as the Chief of Anesthesiology at the SF VAMC and Vice-Chair, department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Care, University of California, San Francisco. A talented musician and composer, Brian played classical and flamenco guitar, and loved making music for dance performance. He often appeared on the professional stage in the San Francisco Bay Area in support of various Bay Area Flamenco Dance companies. Brian was predeceased by his father William J. Cason, by his mother Patricia Ann Clothier, by his brother Patrick J. Cason,



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and his sister Candiss Cason. He is survived by his beloved wife Kathleen A. Infante of Redwood City, his stepmother Lois V. Cason of Clinton, MO, and by his brother William W. Cason, of Santa Fe, NM. At Brian's request, there will be no public ceremony. His ashes will be scattered overlooking the Pacific Ocean at Skylawn Cemetery, San Mateo, CA. In lieu of flowers, Brian asked that donations be directed to Best Friends Animal Society 5001 Angel Canyon Road Kanab, UT 84741 tel. 435-644-2001.



## Tribute Wall

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**Dawn Counihan** posted:

I was overly sad to get an email telling me my Uncle had passed. I remember holidays when I was little and asking grandma every time I saw her how he was. We never got a lot of time together, but I always enjoyed seeing him when he came to Kansas City.

August 10 at 1:33 AM

GR

**Guillermo Rios** posted:

Dear Brian , your spirit will be with us always . It was my honor and privilege to have you as my guitar student , and my friend . Your love of music touched many lives , and you medical help and advice when I hurt my hand many years ago , enabled my full recovery. Travel safely my friend , we love you .

August 7 at 12:49 PM

JR

**Julia E Aguero (Clothier) Dawson-Randall** posted:

I am so very sorry to learn of Brian's passing. He was an extraordinary perso who made an impact on everyone he met from an early age. He will be dearly missed by those of us who loved him and everyone whose life he impacted. God Bless his family and close friends.

August 7 at 4:44 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Brian by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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