

Jason Castleton Cleary

July 2, 1970 ~ December 12, 2020

Suddenly, unexpectedly, and at a far too young age, Jason Castleton Cleary, 50, passed away at his Fort Worth, TX, home on the evening of December 12, 2020.

Jason was born July 3, 1970, in Salt Lake City to parents Michael James Cleary and Jane Castleton Cleary. He married Heidi Grimm of Absecon, NJ in 1998. Although they divorced after 20 years of marriage, they shared the joy of their two children, Jane Caitlin and Breneman Tevis. Jason shared his last years living with his girlfriend, Mardona Carlstrom-Metsch, in San Diego, CA prior to their relocation to Fort Worth, TX.

Jason persevered through many challenges in his young adult years, always emerging stronger. After several moves during high school, he graduated from Bishop Gorman High School (Las Vegas, NV) in 1988. He went on to serve two years in the US Army as a field artillery survey specialist. Upon return he enrolled at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, earning degrees in Accounting and Finance in 1994. He became a CPA and CMA in 1996 while working at Arthur Anderson & Co. In 1997, Jason served in the Advanced Business Development Group of the US Peace Corps, educating business students and entrepreneurs in Ukraine. After returning from Ukraine he went on to earn an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 2000. He worked professionally for more than 10 years before deciding to be a stay-at-home father when his children were young. He later returned to the workplace, building a successful career as a civil servant.

Jason’s love and spirit will live on in his children who maintain his best qualities. Breneman, who is kind and understanding. And Jane who is passionate and driven. Jason built a strong foundation in both of his children through his constant love and support. He was especially proud of the young adults they have become. Undoubtedly, Jason would want to be remembered as a good father. And he will be.

Jason is survived by his children, Jane Caitlin Cleary and Breneman Tevis Cleary, both of Houston, TX; his brother James Augustin Cleary (Tina) of Reno, NV; and his brother Michael Qvale Cleary of Chester Springs, PA. He is preceded in death by his father, Michael James Cleary and mother, Jane Castleton Cleary-Kent.

Jason will be buried alongside his parents in Salt Lake City, Utah. A memorial service for family and friends will be held at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E South Temple, Salt Lake City, UT, at 10:00am on January 5, 2021