

formerly of Holton, KS



Brent William Masters, aged 70, formerly of Holton, Kansas, peacefully passed away on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at Midland Hospice House in Topeka, KS, surrounded by his beloved family. He was born on August 31, 1953, at California Hospital in Los Angeles, to William (Bill) Harvey Masters and Lois Patricia (Westcott) Masters. Brent's journey was marked by zestful living and deep connections.

Brent graduated from Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, California, where he excelled in various activities. He participated in cross-country and served on the student council. Notably, Brent achieved a remarkable feat by running a mile in under 5 minutes, a record that stood for many years until recently being broken just a few years ago.

Outside of his academic and athletic pursuits, Brent deeply loved literature and cinema. He was known to spend hours lost in the pages of fascinating books, immersing himself in their stories and insights while finding solace and inspiration. His love for both movies and books was evident as they were a great source of entertainment and knowledge.

Brent was actively involved in his community during his early adult years in California. He coached Little League for a number of years, fostering the growth and development of young athletes. As an adult, he embraced team sports like slow and fast-pitch softball, enjoying the camaraderie they offered. Brent also participated in recreational activities such as darts, volleyball, and card games. He also had a passion for dominos, relishing the strategic challenges they presented.

Golfing was another cherished pastime, spending hours on the green, finding peace and joy in the sport.

Notably, Brent officiated over 500 weddings, a testament to his commitment to bringing joy and unity to others' lives.

With a melodious voice and a crude sense of humor, Brent had a knack for bringing laughter into any room.

On February 19, 1994, he married Corinna Romero, who survives him, continuing their journey

together with love and companionship.

Brent was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Clayton (Clay) Thomas Masters, a nephew Christopher (Chris) Collins, a son Brenton Corey Masters, and a dear friend Nicholas (Nick) Whittmayer.

Brent leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter survived by his son, Vincent Tyler (Brittany) Masters, daughters Reigna (Wes) Renbarger, Crystal (Caleb) Deckinger, Darlene (Lance) Link-Sipe, and Brittany (Josh) Dail-Masters, as well as several grandsons Ashton, Bryson, Parson, Jaxon, Grayson, and Chase, and granddaughters Atalie, Kyla, Emilee, Savannah, Averie, Charlotte, Kaylani, Raelynn, and Baby Deckinger (15 weeks in utero).

He is also survived by his sister-in-laws Rosemary (Clay) Masters, Connie (Rudy) Montalvo, Toni (Philip) Ibarra, brother-in-law Johnny Jr. (Tonya) Romero, in-laws Johnny Sr. and Victoria Romero, numerous nieces and nephews, and his devoted friend/seester Roxane (Nick) Wittmayer.

Brent's final wish, to donate his body to the University of Kansas School of Medicine for teaching and research (followed by cremation), reflects his enduring spirit of generosity and learning.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 11 a.m, at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton, Kansas. Family will greet friends one hour prior to service time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Mercer Funeral Home at P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436 or to the Venmo address Darlene-Sipe-1. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com