



## Jason Michael Sowards

January 28, 1981 - July 5, 2021

Jason Michael Sowards, 40, born January 28th, 1981 in Hamilton OH, was killed on Monday, July 5, 2021 in a motorcycle accident. Jason was a free spirit and cowboy at heart who lived a full life - a life of purpose, passion, conviction, and adventure. His life was a life bursting with music, dancing, poetry, and humor often pushing things to the limit. He "didn't know a stranger" and loved to rock climb, cook amazing gourmet food, and had a contagious laugh. Jason was a visionary leader, innovative entrepreneur, talented chemical engineer, and a driving force behind the legalization in 2010 of microbreweries in Minneapolis. As the founder of Harriet Brewing, he was a pioneer in helping bring craft beer brewing back to Minneapolis, and helped inspire the Minneapolis beer, art and music culture.

Jason is survived by his son, River with his ex-wife Tanya Boigenzahn Sowards; best friend and partner, Christi Rowan; his mother, Julie Mueller and stepfather, Bobby Mueller of Mason, OH; his father, Rex Sowards and significant other, Kathy Rothschild; his brothers, Chris Hall (Melodi) and Max Sowards (Dana); paternal grandfather Edmond Sowards; maternal grandparents Marianne and Richard Maynard.

The family has already had a funeral in his hometown of Mason, Ohio. Therefore, in lieu of sending flowers, the family suggests you may make a donation to Jason's beloved Red River Gorge in Kentucky where he loved to

camp, climb and be in nature. A portion of his ashes will be spread there.

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