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On September 4, 1989, I met my twin soul, my husband, and my best friend, Bruce. For nearly 35 years we were bound together, facing life head -on, embracing its joys and challenges.

Bruce proposed to me on Mt. Shasta and hand - in - hand we traveled through Europe, Mexico, and the USA, savoring incredible adventures. All along the way, Bruce crushed language and cultural barriers, charming strangers with his wide- open heart.

If he could have eaten notes, Bruce would have never needed food. He was a master guitarist who was content to remain in the background, letting the music that flowed from his fingers take center stage.

He was a unicorn. With extraordinary grace, courage, and optimism, he waged a valiant battle against liver cancer for 10 years, mystifying his doctors, who not only helped him live, but thrive. Special thanks to Dr. Anthony Martinez, Director of "La Bodega" Center for Hepatology Care at ECMC and Dr. Renuka Iyer, Co-Director of Liver and Pancreas Tumor Center at Roswell

Park.

Bruce promised that when he got to heaven, he would take special care of those of us who remain on earth; his wife Mary Gin Starkweather and his Philadelphia family, sisters Nancy Boland and Marjory Werner, brothers, David and Alan, nieces Lacey Birchard and Cassie Boland, nephew Evan Werner and two grand-nephews, Jude, and Sol Birchard.

If anyone would like to make a donation in Bruce's memory, please send a check to La Bodega Center for Hepatology Care, c/o Dr. Anthony Martinez, ECEM, 462 Grider Street, Buffalo, NY 14215.

Bruce wrote a perfect song for his final journey of his life. To hear "Reachin" please follow this link.

<https://coundcloud.com/mary-gin-starkweather-992231327/reachin>

Family and friends are cordially invited to share a favorite memory of Bruce, leave a message of condolence and light a candle on his tribute page at www.kevinmmasonfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Kevin M. Mason Funeral Home 154 Weimar Street Buffalo New York 14206. [716] 362-0199 Fax: [716] 462-5355 email: kevinmmason@yahoo.com www.kevinmmasonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

MR

“ I knew Bruce when I was 16 years old and he was working at Walt’s grocery store in center city Philly. along with tons of others. He always had a smile on his face and was kind. Great guitar player even then and he took my best friend Rhonda to her prom. I have a picture of them somewhere and if I find it I’ll pass it on. May his memory be a blessing! Myra.

myra rios - July 21, 2024 at 05:07 PM

DS

“ I have such nice memories of Bruce. It was clear that Bruce and Mary Gin were soulmates. My condolences to Mary Gin, his family and friends who will miss him dearly.

Diana Sansoe - July 16, 2024 at 12:39 AM

RI

“ Dear MaryGin
It was an honor to be part of Bruce’s journey and get to know you both, I am sorry to hear the news of his passing and know his impact will be continue to be felt by countless people he touched and lifted all his life.
I am especially grateful for the beautiful video he did for me- I will cherish that always.
Sending our prayers and condolences to you and your family,
Sincerely,
Dr Iyer and the Roswell GI team

Renuka Iyer - July 14, 2024 at 09:18 AM

MJ

“ *The world we share is a better place because Bruce Werner lived here. Music, Mary Gin and his deep interior spirituality anchored him in place while he gave himself away wherever he was needed with a generosity that matched his joy in living. Ever curious about Life Itself, he'd sometimes just shake his head in wonder at the magnificence or absurdity of whatever he discovered. I'm utterly grateful for every moment you, Mary Gin and I spent together. Fly, Songbird. Fly.*

Mary Kate Jordan - July 10, 2024 at 10:06 PM

KH

“ *Dear Mary Gin, Nancy, Marjorie, David, Alan, Lacey, Cassie, Evan, Jude and Sol; Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Bruce. Mary Gin, what extraordinary memories you have of all your adventures and blessings spanning 35 years. May each of you, in time, find peace and comfort in knowing Bruce is at peace and that, as he promised, he will always take special care of each of you. Most likely he is now charming everyone in heaving with his musical talents and wide-open heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this time.*



Kevin M. Mason

Kevin M. Mason Funeral Home - July 10, 2024 at 05:43 AM