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Martin (Red) E. Mason, of Rehoboth Beach, passed peacefully at home on April 6, 2023, surrounded by his adoring family, following complications from COVID-19 while fighting a longer battle with interstitial lung disease.

The son of Martin Alexander Mason and Winnifred Meade Mason, Martin was born on July 6th, 1942, in Washington, D.C. He was a direct descendant, via his mother's family, of Thomas Nelson, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and served in the Merchant Marines and Naval Reserve during the Vietnam War. He went on to have a lengthy career in the maritime industry, beginning his career as a third engineer and ultimately rising to Chief Engineer and Vice President of Operations of a fleet of liquid natural gas tankers. He was highly regarded in his field, a figure of universal admiration from all who knew him.

In 1967, he met the love of his life, Joan Daly, marrying her in 1968. Their union was uncommonly happy, and their family soon included two sons, Andrew, and Ethan. An adventurous soul, Martin relished traveling with Joan and the boys, and spent more than a decade living and working in Japan and Korea. He was beloved there for his enthusiastic embrace of the people and culture. He was a regular at local eateries and baseball games and served as Governor of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan. He made numerous lifelong friends all over the globe due to his worldly view and open and accepting nature.

Martin and Joan moved to Odessa, Delaware in 1976, where they frequently opened their meticulously renovated house for the Christmas in Odessa historic houses tour. Martin was responsible for ensuring that all of the brass gleamed, clocks were wound, and the fireplaces well-stocked. They also enjoyed the seaside, maintaining a house at Delaware beach and ultimately moving to Rehoboth Beach full time in 2013.

As well as being an avid runner, Martin was a lifelong fan of motor racing, particularly of the Porsche brand which he raced in informal local events. He maintained his love of the sea later in



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life, helping to restore and crew the Kalmar Nyckel, a Delaware sailing tall ship.

Martin was a generous philanthropist and concerned citizen, contributing regularly to many charities including the Southern Poverty Law Center as well as multiple seamen's charities that were close to his heart.

Martin is survived by his cherished wife Joan, his two children Andrew (Vilma) and Ethan (Tania), and his two grandchildren, Angelica, and Camilo.

A celebration of Martin's life will be held on Monday, May 15th from 3-6 PM at the Lighthouse Cove in the Hyatt Hotel, Dewey Beach.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, 1124 East 7th street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.




Events


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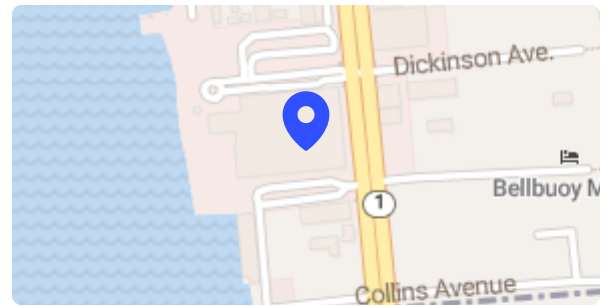
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Celebration of life

 **Monday**, May 15, 2023

 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

 **Hyatt Place Dewey Beach**
1301 Coastal Hwy, Dewey Beach DE 19971





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MP

Michael And Carol Ann Poynor posted:

I thank the Lord for friendship with Red over many years, from August 1960 onward as members of U S Merchant Marine Academy class of 1964 and as section mates all three years on campus, and continuing after graduation with correspondence, occasional meetings and special memories, e.g. attending his and Joan's wedding, several mini reunions at their home on Dewey Beach and, more recently in Zoom meetings with fellow section mates Ed O'Donnell and Clem Bason. Condolences with prayer for Joan and the family. Sincerely, Mike and Carol Ann Poynor

May 15 at 9:11 AM

KB

Kriegel Bren posted:

Martin was a very special, and loving gentleman. He shared information about the Merchant Marines to help with memories of my father. His thoughtfulness and sense of humor was greatly appreciated in social situations. Our only regret is not knowing him longer. A great loss to all who knew him but a successful passage onward. Thank you Martin!

April 19 at 9:49 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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