



Dr. Jason Marc Cross

May 11, 1977 - February 20, 2025

Jason Marc Cross, 47, passed away peacefully on February 20, 2025, in Seneca, South Carolina.

Born on May 11, 1977, in San Francisco, California, Jason was a distinguished scholar and dedicated advocate for healthcare innovation. His academic journey was marked by an unwavering pursuit of knowledge. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biological Anthropology, History, and Religious Studies from Penn State University before continuing his studies at the University of Pittsburgh, where he obtained a Master of Arts in the History and Philosophy of Science. He furthered his education at Duke University, earning both a Master of Arts in Cultural Anthropology and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the Anthropology of Economics & Governance. Additionally, he obtained a Doctor of Law (J.D.) from Duke University School of Law with a specialization in Global Innovation & Intellectual Property Law. His commitment to research and policy led him to the University of Michigan's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy as a Postdoctoral Fellow in Science & Technology Policy.

Jason's career was deeply rooted in his passion for improving global healthcare systems. He was co-founder and Chief Strategy Officer for Rymedi, a company focused on expanding access to high quality healthcare. Cross was a professor at Duke University and Founding Director of the

Innovation & Technology Policy Lab where he spearheaded value-based contracting between countries and pharmaceutical and medical device companies. He is also Chair of the Intellectual Property Subgroup of the IEEE Blockchain in Healthcare and Life Sciences Working Group. He dedicated much of his time to strategizing advancements in healthcare accessibility and innovation. His intellectual curiosity and analytical mind made him a respected figure in his field.

Beyond his professional achievements, Jason cherished time spent with his wife, Anna Kaminski. Together, they enjoyed exploring new places, dining out, visiting vineyards and hiking in the mountains of western North Carolina. Jason was also “Tío Jason,” a beloved uncle who shared his love for Star Wars, beach soccer and goofiness with his nephews. He was a fantastic musician and a driving force behind several bands during his high school and college years, some of which practiced in the Cross-family basement. Whether performing with his band, for an intimate gathering of family and friends or simply playing for Anna, Jason's musical expressions were a true reflection of his creative spirit and unwavering commitment to celebrating life's beauty through sound. He was an avid reader who found joy in exploring new ideas and perspectives through literature. Jason traveled widely for work, research and pleasure, returning often to Guadalajara, Mexico where his enormous extended family resides and where he spent countless summers as a kid. His dedication to humanitarian healthcare reflected his deep sense of responsibility toward creating a better world for all.

Jason is survived by his loving wife, Anna Kaminski; his father, Roy; and his brother, Tico (Karly), along with their children, Orlando, and Dario. He was predeceased by his mother, Cristina.

A memorial service will be held on March 1, 2025, at 2:00 PM at the Samuel J. Cadden Chapel at Clemson University, located at 181 Jersey Ln, Clemson,

SC 29634. <https://psu.zoom.us/j/96936391576>

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation in the memory of “Dr. Jason Marc Cross” to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center rare cancer research program:

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center - Rare Cancers

https://secure2.convio.net/mskcc/site/TR/GivingPages/CommunityFundraising?px=5579535&pg=personal&fr_id=4282

Jason’s legacy as an intellectual force and compassionate advocate for healthcare reform will continue to inspire those who knew him.

Tribute Wall

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“ Oh my God, this is such a tragic, horrible loss. Jason was always so engaging, curious, and positive; he will be greatly missed. The world lost a great human being with his passing. Much love and heartfelt condolences to his loved ones.

Kevin Shane - May 12, 2025 at 03:27 PM

CL

“ It's very tragic to hear this news. Jason treated me with kindness and was a great intellect. His family will be in my prayers.

Connor Lenahan - March 07, 2025 at 06:23 PM

PC

“ Jason Cross was a dear friend of nearly 30 years. A former philosophy honors student of mine. One of the brightest, most accomplished, creative, and caring souls I'd ever met. Teachers sometimes remark that however much they may have taught their students, sometimes their students teach them even more. This was Dr. Jason Cross personified. He became a world-class biomedical innovator, a legal scholar of the first rank. A man with a big brain, a warm and ready smile. More important, a man with a big heart who, by his living example, improved the lives of many. Our sincere condolences to his wife, his physician brother, his engineer father, and extended family and friends.

— Paul & Janet Carrick, Havre de Grace, MD

Paul Carrick - March 01, 2025 at 03:58 PM

GE

“ Dear Ray and Cross Family,
This is George Eckenrode sending heartfelt condolences on the loss of your Jason. I knew him through my son, Flynn Eckenrode, a music/band buddy from Camp Hill, PA. I am afraid I lost track of Jason after my son's death from suicidal depression in March of 2003. Grant McClintock, a mutual music buddy, apprised us, Jody and my daughters, of Jason's illness and subsequent death, and we are very much saddened.

Reading his obituary, I was stunned but not surprised by his accomplishments and the area of interest he focused his life on. I knew him as a caring, gentle and talented individual. It was not unusual for Flynn to have such wonderful friends as he possessed many of these traits.

I do not believe life ends with death. A spirit as large as Jason's, and Flynn's, does not just disappear.

I believe that Jason is now in the loving arms of the family and friends who have made this transition before him. A loss is what remains. We suffer for not having his spirit to enliven and love us. But we are in his heart as he is in ours!

As Julian of Norwich, a Christian mystic of the 15th century, said: "All things will be well. All manner of things will be well.!"

*Wishing you Peace and every Good ,
George and Jody Eckenrode
gethap2@gmail.com*

George Eckenrode - February 28, 2025 at 11:21 AM

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“ Anthony Q. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Jason Marc Cross.

Anthony Q. - February 27, 2025 at 08:02 AM

CO

“ Very Dear Roy & family,

I was very sad to hear about Jason. Mana has always shared with us, photographs, reunions and news about you.

José Luis and I meet Jason, when he was a little over a year old. You, Cristina and him, came to our home in Westwood, to congratulate us for the birth of our son, Luis Ricardo, who was then, two months old.

We were very happy to see you and we had a very nice visit and we were always very grateful that you took the time to travel from San Francisco to see us !!

As you may recall I knew Cristina when she was very young. After Mana & Pancho got married I used to go and play dolls with Beba & her.

As years went by we saw the four of you in many occasions; either in Mana & Pancho´s home in San Mateo or in reunions in Guadalajara with the Lopez family.

Jason was always happy and with many projects and super interesting conversations. The legacy he left is incredible!!

I know from experience how difficult & sad is to lose a son, your heart gets broken. And for every other member of the family, it is emotionally very hard.

I send you, Tico & his family, my prayers and love.

*Abrazos cariñosos desde Guadalajara,
Carolina Quintana de Oropeza*

Carolina Quintana Owen - February 25, 2025 at 02:05 PM

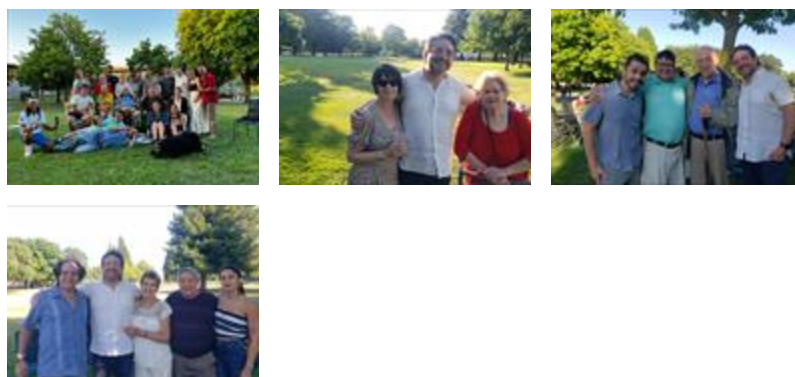
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“ Jason I will remember you by your big smile, joy and laughter you shared with the Perez family. You also were quick to pick up the guitar and bring a peace to the room with your singing and guitar playing. I thank God for you and your mom Cristina who demonstrated faith in action as you fought against cancer. I love and miss you both. Love, Adriana Perez Quintana

Adriana Perez Quintana - February 25, 2025 at 08:34 AM

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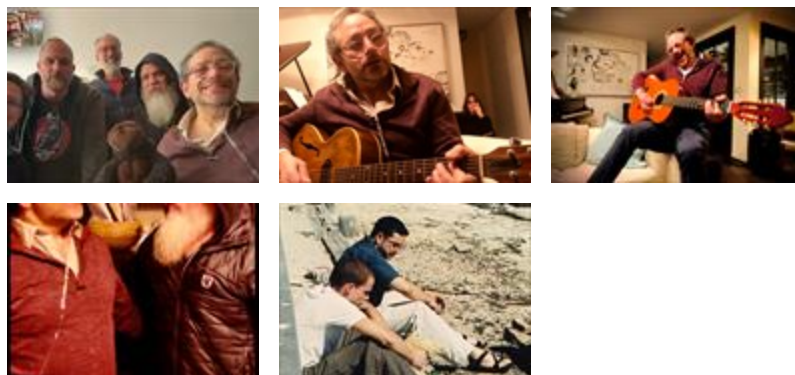
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Adriana Perez Quintana - February 25, 2025 at 08:25 AM

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Steven W Smith - February 24, 2025 at 12:01 PM