

Obituary

Clark Cason

Clark Gene Cason, age 72, LaHarpe, Kansas, passed peacefully in his sleep on June 21, 2025.

He was born in Iola, Kansas, at St. John's Hospital on July 28, 1952, to Bob and Pauline (Sexton) Cason.

He graduated from Iola High School in 1971, where he was a track and cross-country star. After high school, he earned a certificate in Automobile Mechanics at the Beloit Campus of Fort Hays Technical.

Later in life, he took classes at Allen Community College. He graduated from Graham School for Cattlemen where he learned how to artificially inseminate cows. He was especially excited about this new skill and would go into great detail explaining the process to friends and family.

Clark was a worker! He spent his childhood summers in Texas, unwillingly following in the family business, S.E. Cason & Son Produce. He started his official employment at 14, working at King's Sandwich Shop and was happy to actually be paid for his labor. Along with working as a mechanic in his early adult life, he also worked in the oilfields. In 1976, he took a job at Gates Rubber Company and worked there for 33 years. He was proud of his many trips to Mexico with Gates, where he helped set up new production plants there.

His lifelong love of anything outdoors was his inspiration to open his own gun and sporting goods shop. He loved visiting with all the sportsmen (and women) in the area when they would come to his shop to buy or just to visit. Clark was an expert visitor. He could talk to anyone about anything.....for hours. He never knew a stranger!

Over the years, Clark owned horses, cattle, pigs, dogs, and cats. He was happiest when on his farm, visiting with family and friends.

When his wife Donna became too ill to work, Clark sold his cattle, closed the gun shop, and became her full-time caregiver. The level of care he provided for Donna was remarkable.

Clark married his high school sweetheart, Caroline (Hood) Cason one year after high school. They were married for 12 years and had two children, Christopher and Carrie. Clark and Caroline remained great friends, even celebrating holidays together with the kids and grandkids.

In 1986 he met and married Donna (Witt) Cason. They were two peas in a pod. They enjoyed traveling and attended many Mountain Man Rendezvous where they would get together

with other like-minded folks to reenact the 19th century American West trading posts. These events were lively affairs that included socializing, storytelling and demonstrating skills like blacksmithing, leatherworking and flint knapping. He was proficient at ax throwing and restoring and shooting black powder guns.

While Donna was still employed at Allen Community College, she and Clark took in several homesick out-of-state students. They provided a loving secondary home and adoptive family to several kids, now adults who have remained lifelong friends.

Speaking of secondary families, we cannot forget to mention Russ and Tina Gardner and the early morning coffee crowd from Tina's Place, where Clark could be found bright and early every morning Tina's was open.

After Donna's passing in 2019, he kept himself busy with all kinds of hobbies. He collected coins, guns, fishing poles, and woodworking tools. He had recently turned his gun shop building into a woodworking shop. He enjoyed online auctions, restoring antique furniture and was becoming quite the cook. He taught himself how to bake bread, among other things and had recently mastered sous vide cooking. He loved genealogy and had traced his lineage back hundreds of years. He was a member of the Iola Elks Lodge No. 569.

Clark was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Pauline Cason and his wife, Donna (Witt) Cason.

Clark is survived by his first wife Caroline Cason, Iola; son, Christopher, Liberty, Mo.; daughter, Carrie, Iola; siblings. Carol Cason-Hedden, Iola, Michael Cason, Olathe, Connie Cason, Iola; daughter-in-law, Amie Cason, Kearney, Mo.; grandchildren Logan Cason, Liberty, Mo., Lucas Cason, Kearney, Mo., Taylor Cason, Kearney, Mo. and Megan Cason, Pleasant Valley, Mo., along with many nieces and nephews.

Clark's family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 7, at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Venue in Iola.

A memorial service is at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Allen County Animal Rescue Facility and left with the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at www.feuerbornfuneral.com.



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Del Monte goes bankrupt

By DEE ANN DURBIN
The Associated Press

Del Monte Foods is filing for bankruptcy protection. The 139-year-old California company is best known for its canned fruits and

vegetables, which have seen sales slide as consumers seek healthier and cheaper options.

Del Monte said the bankruptcy filing is part of a planned sale of the company's assets. It has secured

\$912.5 million in debt-or-in-possession financing that will allow it to operate normally during the sale process. Del Monte is owned by Singapore-based Del Monte Pacific. It also owns the Contadina, College Inn and Joyba bubble tea brands.

Jackman: Injury

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Jackman said.

The initial trip to Minnesota cost her about \$2,000.

A "travel agent" who would help Jackman arrange her flights, transportation and lodging for her and one person to accompany her, is estimated at \$10,000 to \$12,000.

And time is of the essence.

"Because of the infection, they wanted to do the surgery on June 26," Jackman said. "But there was no way I could afford that."

Now, doctors want to do the first surgery by Aug. 1.

To help with the costs, friends have set up an account for Jackman at Community National Bank & Trust at 120 E. Madison Ave. in Iola.

"You can just say, 'Put it in Susie's medical account,' and they'll know," Jackman said.

Donations also can be arranged by calling the bank at 620-365-6000.

or chasing after Lizzie, her 3-year-old miniature Aussie.

Nowadays, she relies on friends or family members to do those daily tasks.

"I don't know where I'd be without Sue," Jackman said, referring to friend Sue Keller, who has taken the lead on the groundskeeping duties while Jackman is sidelined. "She's kept them beautiful."

"We probably don't do it her way, but we get it done," Keller replied with a grin.

In truth, Jackman said she's the weak link at this point.

"She kept everything going last year after my injury, and then when I brought the flowers in for the season I killed two of my house plants," Jackman said dejectedly.

DESPITE the setbacks, Jackman remains optimistic.

"I'm ready to get back up and start digging in the dirt. Maybe I'll be able to dance again," she said wistfully.

Mostly, she yearns for independence. Even simple tasks like entering her home are cumbersome because her wheelchair will not clear her front door jamb.

"It will be nice to stand again," she said. "I like doing things for myself."

Suspect admits killing students

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Bryan Kohberger pleaded guilty to murder Wednesday in the brutal stabbing deaths of four University of Idaho students in 2022 that stunned and terrified the campus and set off a nationwide search, which ended weeks later when he was arrested in Pennsylvania.

Kohberger admitted to the slayings before entering a formal guilty plea in a deal with prosecutors that will allow him to avoid the death penalty. He had ben set to go to trial in August.

The small farming community of Moscow, in the northern Idaho panhandle, had not had a homicide in about five years when Kaylee Goncalves, Ethan Chapin, Xana Kernodle and Madison Mogen were found dead at a rental home near campus on Nov. 13, 2022. Autopsies showed each of the four victims was stabbed multiple times and some had defensive wounds.

Today

88 | 69

Friday

87 | 72

Saturday

88 | 71

| Temperature | | Precipitation | |
|-------------------|----|-------------------------------|-------|
| High Tuesday | 84 | 24 hrs as of 8 a.m. Wednesday | 0 |
| Low Tuesday night | 63 | This month to date | 0 |
| High a year ago | 89 | Total year to date | 30.44 |
| Low a year ago | 68 | Excess since Jan. 1 | 10.47 |

Sunrise 6:04 a.m.

Sunset 8:48 p.m.

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Accepted items:

- Plastic containers #1-7 (Please sort before you arrive. Caps can now be left on.)
 - #1 Containers (solid, translucent and clear) can all be grouped together.
 - #2 Colored detergent and liquid bottles
 - #2 Opaque milk jugs and vinegar bottles
 - #5 Any kind
 - Everything else goes together: #3-7 plastic
- Metal/tin cans
- Aluminum cans
- Other aluminum
- Glass bottles and jars, all colors
- Cardboard: corrugated and pasteboard
- Newspaper and newsprint
- Magazines
- Mixed paper – office paper (not shredded)

Please rinse and clean all items!

Please do not bring or leave these items:

- Trash
- Any unsorted or dirty recyclables
- Plastic shopping bags, plastic wrap, plastic trash bags, or plastic that comes in packing boxes. Please take these to Walmart, where they collect, bale and recycle this kind of used plastic.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to help with drop-off days on the first Saturday of the month. To help, please call Dan Davis at 308-830-0535 or Steve Strickler at 620-365-9233.