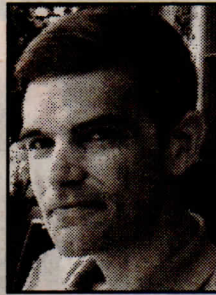


# C Drew Bednasek

November 10, 1979 - May 20, 2016

C Drew Bednasek began his journey of life Nov. 10, 1979 in Lakin, Kan. He was born to Scott Bednasek and Cathy Cowen Bednasek. He spent his early years in Lakin and Hugoton, Kan., where he lived with his mother Cathy Flummerfelt and stepfather Doug Flummerfelt and stepbrothers Cory and Zach Flummerfelt. Drew then moved to Wheatland, where he joined his father Scott, stepmother Susan, sisters Paige, Hayley, Ashley and brother Craig.



After graduating from High School, Drew began his global educational tour. He received his Bachelor's degree from NW Missouri State in Maryville, Miss., and completed his Master's degree at the University of Kansas with a year's study at the University of Birmingham in England. He then moved to Canada where he earned his PhD in Human Geography at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

While teaching at Bader International Study Centre, the international campus of Queen's University in England, Drew met, fell in love with and found his undying love with Maria Irchenhauser. They married in Salzburg, Austria on Aug. 13, 2011. Their love and devotion was magical. She brought him great joy and the happiest years of his life. The two of them shared a real zest for life and travelled extensively. They touched many lives around the world.

Drew had a great passion for tea. He enjoyed working at Postcard Teas in London and gathered many followers around the world on his "teaxplorer" blog. His opinions were sought out and respected by influential tea brokers throughout the world. His collection of teas and tea pots was a great source of joy and pride to him.

Drew was a kind, loving, witty and intelligent man. He was a great listener and observed things in people and the world that affected him profoundly. He cared deeply about others and made everyone around him feel welcome. His great sense of humour will never be forgotten.

Drew is survived by his adoring wife Maria, father Scott Bednasek, stepmother Susan Bednasek, mother Cathy Flummerfelt, stepfather Doug Flummerfelt, grandmother Virginia Bednasek, sister Paige Bednasek Fisher (Shawn), step siblings Hayley Robertson (Jake), Ashley Higgins, Craig Higgins (Dana), Cory Flummerfelt (Jen), Zach Flummerfelt (Jennifer), as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial fund has been established in Drew's name to promote tea health and environmental benefits through the efforts of Post Card Teas in London England. Donations can be made to Platte Valley Bank in the name of Drew's Brew.