



## *Andrew John Sammons*

Andrew John Sammons, 44, passed away at his home in Napa, CA, on Friday, June 22, 2018, three years after a diagnosis of brain cancer.

Andrew was born to parents, Cheryl Dumont and John Sammons on May 3, 1974 in West Chester, PA. He was the eldest of three siblings and cherished his role as older brother. He graduated from Christiana High School and continued on to receive a Bachelor's Degree and a Master Degree in Music Therapy from Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA. In 2006, he moved across the county to take a position at Napa State Hospital as a Music Therapist, where he inspired colleagues to appreciate the power of music as a therapeutic tool and patients to boldly step towards progress and well-being. His love for his career was fueled by his passion for the guitar, which he played honestly, beautifully, and from his heart.

Andrew was married to Sara Epstein on February 4, 2017. His wife is currently pregnant with their first child, Emmett, due on August 1, 2018. Andrew was excited to be a father, and endured additional cancer treatments and declining quality of life in an attempt to meet his son; he fought to the very end to have the opportunity to hold his newborn baby.

Andrew is survived by his spouse, Sara Epstein; his unborn son, Emmett Sammons; his grandmother, Grace Plate; his mother, Cheryl Dumont; his father, John Sammons; and his siblings, Zach Sammons and Luke Dumont. Always a devoted family man, Andrew will live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

A Celebration of Life was open to the public at Blue Note Napa (1030 Main Street, Napa) on June 29, 2018 at 1:30pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to Sara Epstein to assist in facilitating a maternity leave, as she used much of her time off to care for Andrew. Donations may be made at [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) under the search "Drew's Legacy." Alternatively, a donation can be made to the UCSF Brain Tumor Center at [www.brainumorcenter.ucsf.edu/make-gift](http://www.brainumorcenter.ucsf.edu/make-gift).