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Ian Beard Hoover, age 52, passed away peacefully and unexpectedly on January 3, 2025. A resident of San Luis Obispo, CA, Ian was known for his bright intellect, kind, and gentle nature, and unyielding curiosity. His diverse passions ranged from ancient history and archaeology to animal welfare and the natural world, which he embraced with deep sensitivity and commitment. Ian's devotion to learning and his expansive knowledge will leave a legacy.

Ian was born on September 11, 1972, to Bob and Chris Hoover in Berkeley, CA. His early years were marked by a keen interest in the world around him, and his passion for discovery only grew as he traveled extensively and often, particularly to Egypt, the Middle East, and other parts of the world. An avid researcher, Ian was meticulous in his preparations before and after every trip, often consulting verified sources and collecting books on ancient cultures, modern architecture, and Native American traditions. He was a "rest of the story" kind of person- always seeking to understand the deeper connections and histories behind the events he studied.

Professionally, Ian worked as an Archaeological Technician alongside his father Dr. Robert Hoover, and brother, David Hoover, in San Luis Obispo

County. He contributed to excavations at various archaeological sites, a role that combined his love of history with his desire to connect with the past. His expertise and work ethic were respected by all who worked with him.

Outside of his professional life, Ian had a love for snorkeling, gardening, and animals. His compassion extended to rescuing and caring for all creatures, big and small. His deep connection to nature was reflected in the care he took to tend his yard and his dedication to his beloved dog, Sheila.

Ian's academic journey led him to Cuesta College and the University of California, Berkeley, where he further honed his intellectual curiosity. He was a lifelong learner, always exploring new topics and eager to understand the world around him. His interests in ancient science and medicine, as well as current events, made him a master investigator, carefully researching leads until all avenues were exhausted.

Ian was also a loving and dedicated family member, known for his ability to mediate and bring balance to challenging situations. He was particularly devoted to helping his father during his illness, assisting with daily care and providing support to his mother during trips to Santa Maria. He had a keen sense of empathy, a quality that reflected both his mother and father's influence on his life.

Ian is survived by his parents, Bob and Chris Hoover, his brother, David Hoover (Gina), his Aunt Lynn and Uncle Tim O'Neill, and his cousins Will (Audrey) as well as their children, Keegan and Avelyn, and James (Lena). Also, family members Faith, Alexandra, Gabriel, and Matteo Foster, and Shawna Tsinnie.

Ian's sense of adventure, boundless curiosity, sense of humor, and generous heart will deeply be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held on February 21, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Reis Family Mortuary in San Luis Obispo. Ian's Internment took place at San Luis Cemetery January 15, 2025. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ian's honor to Pacific Wildlife Care, P.O. Box 4613, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403.

Rest in peace, Ian. Your love of learning, your kind spirit, and your unwavering curiosity will live on in the hearts of those who had the privilege of loving and knowing you.

Cemetery Details

San Luis Cemetery

2 Higuera St
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Reis Family Mortuary and Crematory
991 Nipomo Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 544-7400
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Tribute Wall



“ -Sean planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Ian Beard Hoover.

-Sean - February 19, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ -Sean purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Ian Beard Hoover.



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“ Michael and Neveen Valletta planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Ian Beard Hoover.

Michael and Neveen Valletta - February 16, 2025 at 10:58 PM



“ Michael and Neveen Valletta purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Mr. Ian Beard Hoover.



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