



## Ian A. Keith

December 7, 1978 - May 12, 2019

Portsmouth - Ian Alexander Keith, 40, of Portsmouth passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2019 after a long illness. Ian was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts on December 7, 1978 and grew up in Hampton, graduating from Winnacunnet High School in 1997.

He is survived by his parents Donald and Betsy Keith of Portsmouth and by his two sisters, Sarah Ingram of Hampton and Emily Keith of Portsmouth. He last worked with Columbia Sportswear of Kittery, Maine and is best remembered for his intelligence, wit and loyalty, highlighted by his prodigious knowledge of popular music from the 1950's to the present day. The promise of a full and rewarding life was severely curtailed as he battled depression and alcoholism and the family request that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in his name to Partnership for a Drug Free New Hampshire or any charity of your choice.

Friends and family will gather a later date to celebrate his life.

# Comments

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“ My dear friend, Ian. You have the Biggest heart. I love you dearly and am saddened to find this news, albeit almost a year after your passing.

He was a good friend, and ferociously had the back of those he loved. He was smart, funny, handsome, and loyal. I pray his soul is at peace. My sincere condolences to his family. I'm just so sorry. Prayers for you all. I will always remember him, and will hold on close to the good memories.



**Melissa Tedeschi (Missy Neal)** - March 26 at 07:37 AM

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“ Condolences to the Keith family I love you all. -Nevins family

**brian nevins** - May 28, 2019 at 08:49 PM

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“ Donald and Betsy...so very, very sorry for your loss. The years have separated us, but Paul, Nicole, Justin and I still have wonderful memories of our young families together. Please know that our hearts and prayers are with you and with your girls.

Chris and Paul St Jean, Naples, FL and Plymouth, MA

**Christine St Jean** - May 26, 2019 at 11:07 AM

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“ I graduated with Ian. He was always polite and fun to have in my classes. Praying for your family.

**Classmate from Class of 1997** - May 21, 2019 at 11:42 AM

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“ I was lucky to work with Ian at Columbia for 2 years. He was extremely helpful to me as a newbie to the world of retail. Ian really showed me the ropes. He was masterful dealing with the customers. I always enjoyed chatting with him during slow times in a shift because he was so very interesting. He will be missed. My condolences to all his family and friends.

**Heidi Oliver** - May 19, 2019 at 10:35 PM

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“ I'm so very sorry for your loss . I worked with Ian at Columbia for 5 years and enjoyed our conversations. He was such a hard worker and so knowledgeable about so many things !! He was kind and thoughtful and helped me out a lot while working there .



**Michelle Melvin** - May 19, 2019 at 04:38 PM