



## Benjamin Saia, Jr.

May 29, 1959 - May 28, 2021

Stratham, NH – Benjamin Saia, Jr., 61, of Stratham, formerly of Peabody, MA died peacefully Friday, May 28, 2021 at Exeter Hospital after a lengthy illness with his life partner by his side. He was born May 29, 1959 in Revere, MA a son of the late Benjamin and Laura (Nazzaro) Saia.

He was raised in Peabody and graduated from Peabody High School with the Class of 1978. Ben was employed as a machinist, foreman and supervisor for Harmonic Drive LLC a high precision motion control product manufacturer in Peabody for 42 years until his illness prevented him from continuing.

Ben had a passion for gardening. He enjoyed watching things grow and mature. Ben and his life partner enjoyed to travel frequently. He enjoyed the simple things that mother nature would bring with each passing season. Ben was a people person with a sense of humor enjoying making people laugh and keeping them upbeat. He made his home in Stratham since 1992.

He shared the past 21 years with his life partner David Wilson of Stratham.

He also leaves his sister Trudy Ivas of Tewksbury, MA, nephews Brian Hoadley and his wife Christina, and John Ivas, his niece Jennifer Delaney and her husband Kevin, three great nieces Madison Hoadley, Emma and Avery Delaney and great nephew Michael Hoadley.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date and will be announced by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. In lieu of traditional remembrances, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society (<https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate.html>)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Benjamin Saia, Jr.*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Ben was among the first people I met when I first came to the Seacoast, and he went out of his way to make me feel welcome in the group. Whenever we all got together, he always made the occasion a memorable one (and usually with a sore belly from all the laughter). Truly one of the most humble, charming and funny persons I've ever been privileged to call "friend".*

**Brad Witham** - June 13, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *When I think of Benji, my heart smiles. He was a bright light in our lives, his laugh was boisterous and amazing. Knowing that Ben would be at an event, regardless of how solemn the event, you just knew that you'd have a good time. He was a gift to all who knew him.*

*Our hearts are heavy but Heaven is brighter now ... rest easy Benji, until we meet again ❤️*

**Margaret McGrath-Riley** - June 07, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ *You made me drunk with laughter ! You are everything and more that people are saying. I loved you so deeply, I feel your absence so deeply... I'm so sorry Dave and Trudy and to your families .*

**Cindi Neale** - June 06, 2021 at 11:10 AM

MM

“ We just loved Benny and will miss his beautiful smile, contagious laugh and outstanding personality. Thoughts and prayers to Dave and all of Benny's family  
Maureen & Tom Macaro

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**Maureen Macaro** - June 05, 2021 at 12:26 AM

LY

“ The only way I can remember my dearest friend was full of life and laughter! Ben, you have left a hole in everyone's heart that had the gift of knowing you!



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**Laurie Yule** - June 02, 2021 at 05:31 PM

BW

We were at that amazing Birthday party 11 years ago (can it be, already?!?! ) and the memories of that one evening STILL make both Lynn and I laugh out loud!

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**Brad Witham** - June 13, 2021 at 10:42 AM

BW

I first met Ben at the nursery as he was picking out flowers to plant. Their bright colors & cheerful disposition clearly reflecting Ben's infectious smile & easy laughter.  
May you rest in peace.  
My condolences to Dave and all who's lives were touched by Ben's joyful presence.

Lynn Witham

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**Brad Witham** - June 13, 2021 at 11:04 AM

WG

“ With sympathy, Vicki Gamage purchased the Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beating... for the family of Benjamin Saia, Jr..



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With sympathy, Vicki Gamage - June 02, 2021 at 12:11 PM

VG

“ Ben was an extraordinary person, full of life, always kind, thoughtful, funny.... He was very special to me. He always a smile and would light up a room when he entered. I was so blessed to have him as a friend. I am heartbroken. I will NEVER forget him. My sympathy goes out to his family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.



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Vicki Gamage - June 02, 2021 at 11:54 AM

SF

“ The bestest human is now gone. No one can ever measure up. Ben was the kindest, gentlest, most funnest guy ever. The world suffered a HUGE loss. He was so loved and appreciated. “May you build a ladder to the stars and climb on every rung and may you stay forever young”. I will miss my awesome and lovely Forever Friend forever. Sending light and love to David, who was Ben’s greatest love. I’m here for you for whatever you need. 🥺💔💋

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Sharon Languzzi, Orlando, Florida - June 02, 2021 at 10:01 AM

JN

“ Joe Yang and Nancy purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Benjamin Saia, Jr..



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**Joe Yang and Nancy** - June 02, 2021 at 09:09 AM

JC

“ Dave, I just heard about Ben. To say the least, I was taken aback. The last time I saw him was in sometime in May, puttering, as always, in the yard and garden. And, as always, he donned his beautiful smile and made me laugh with his wonderful humor. This picture of him captures his beautiful face and smile. To say that his spirit on this earth will be missed is an understatement. Heaven must have needed a fabulous gardener with warmth and charm, for him to leave so early in his life with you, My heart-felt condolences to you and the rest of his family.



*With sincerity,  
Janet Clark  
36 Balmoral*

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**Janet Clark** - June 01, 2021 at 06:00 PM