



## Brian E. Vaccaro

December 11, 1977 - April 29, 2016

Portsmouth – Brian Ellis Vaccaro, of Portsmouth, died on Friday, April 29, 2016.

Brian was born on December 11, 1977 in Attleboro, MA, the son of Bob Vaccaro of Portsmouth and Jackie Ellis of Kittery Point, ME.

He was raised in Portsmouth and graduated from Portsmouth High School in 1996. Brian attended UNH and Keene State before completing a degree in Culinary Arts from McIntosh College. He worked in many Portsmouth area restaurants and most recently was providing home elder care for a family member.

Brian found a way to connect with nearly everyone he met and loved cooking and caring for friends, family and housemates. He hiked the Appalachian Trail from Springer Mountain, Georgia to Mount Katahdin, Maine, and biked more than the circumference of the earth during frequent rides around the seacoast. He loved to road-trip in his camper, and traveled from Key West to Alaska, Newfoundland to Mexico. Along the way he attended Burning Man and music festivals across the country. He played guitar and could frequently be found enjoying live music in Portsmouth. Brian's adventurous, passionate, always sincere and incredibly kind spirit will be missed by family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Brian is survived by his loving sisters, Amie Vaccaro of San Francisco, CA and Lynn Vaccaro and husband Jason Demers of Ann Arbor, MI as well as two beloved nieces.

A memorial service will be held at South Church Unitarian Universalist, 292 State St, on May 21st at 11am, with a reception to celebrate his life to follow at his home in Portsmouth. Family and friends are invited.

In lieu of flowers, consider making a donation to The Ramble or Seacoast Pathways.

The Ramble is an annual benefit concert organized by one of Brian's favorite bands – the Adam Ezra Group – and their non-profit organization RallySound that uses music to build community and inspire activism. This year, all donations go directly to Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund. Brian attended The Ramble on Salisbury Beach several times and one of his final wishes was to make a contribution.

To learn more: [www.getrambled.com](http://www.getrambled.com)

To donate: <http://tinyurl.com/rambleforbrianvaccaro>

Seacoast Pathways is a Portsmouth evidence-based recovery program for adults with mental health issues. It provides a variety of activities designed to help people reintegrate into the wider community through purposeful work and meaningful relationships. Brian's mom helped start this new organization and serves on the board.

To learn more or make a donation: [www.seacoastpathways.org](http://www.seacoastpathways.org)

Please indicate that your contribution is in honor of Brian.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

South Church  
292 State Street  
Portsmouth, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brian E. Vaccaro*

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September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Jackie and Bob and family,  
I was shocked and saddened when I heard the news, almost as if it was my own. I feel like I knew him and I cheered for him with good news and sunk with any bad news. I care more than you can know. We can never judge the secret battles he fought every day but we can know that he was one of the bravest person we ever knew and he worked fiercely every single day. Remember that you are not alone.*

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**Ruthie Kenick** - May 21, 2016 at 02:54 PM



“ *Jackie--*

*We have so many wonderful memories of Brian--boy scouts, So Church events, Little Harbour School, Little League, that crazy miniature Soap Box Race.... And among those memories are you and Bob being such good parents. Brian's character and kindness certainly reflected that, and Amie and Lynn's love, too. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Chris and Michael (Noon)*

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**Chris Davidson, Mike Noon** - May 17, 2016 at 03:33 PM

CA

“ Jackie,

*My thoughts are with you and your family. I am sorry for your loss. May you continue to find strength every day in knowing his vibrant personality and courageous life story will continue to touch many.*

*Carol Gasses*

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**Carol** - May 17, 2016 at 12:08 PM

MR

“ Ja,

*I was so sorry to learn of Brian's departure from this world. He was so brave as he faced life's challenges. It is sad that a family's love sometimes is just not enough. I believe our lost loved ones are watching and cheering us on. I trust that your faith will sustain you through this difficult time. Please be assured that the best wishes of the Bent Elbow girls goes out to you and yours.*

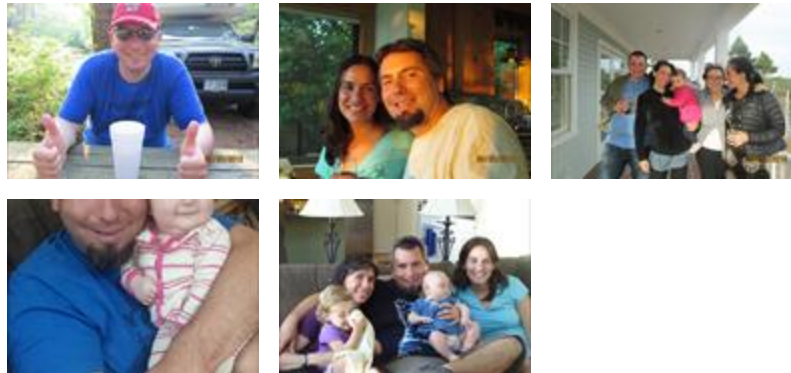
*Marion*

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**Marion Reidel** - May 13, 2016 at 08:10 PM

MA

“ 10 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Maura** - May 13, 2016 at 04:38 PM

DT

“ *Dear Jackie and Bob,  
It is still vivid in my memory the kindness and comfort you both extended to me one morning in South Church not too long ago as I grieved for my loss. And now....my heart goes out to you both. Please know that you are in my thoughts especially now. with much love, Dave Taylor*

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**Dave Taylor** - May 13, 2016 at 07:13 AM

LR

“ *Bobby, Jackie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart breaks for all of you. He will forever be remembered as such a loving, thoughtful, spirited, and friendly person. Our family has suffered a great loss but heaven has gained an incredible soul. I know his grandparents and my parents are welcoming him home. I am thinking of you and praying for peace in your hearts during this sad time. We love you and hope to see you at his memorial service to remember and celebrate his life. All my love and deepest sympathy, Cousin Lisa Romanini from Buffalo.*

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**Lisa Romanini** - May 12, 2016 at 02:49 PM

MS

“ How does a father comprehend the loss of a son.... so young with so many possibilities ahead of him. A spirit moved on before everyone here is ready..... So sorry for your loss , the pain and anguish of losing your child a part of your self. My heart is with you in remembrance of Brian's spirit. His smile, joy and his struggles.  
Love you Bob

*Mike Sauvageau*

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**Michael Sauvageau** - May 10, 2016 at 06:39 PM

NY

“ Eric and I met Brian and Maura at Blues and Brews in Telluride CO. We enjoyed the two of them immediately upon meeting. I am so sad to hear of Brian's passing. I will forever be reminded of our encounter and memories made when I am in Telluride.  
Sincerely Eric and Nancy Cortez, CO

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**Nancy Young** - May 09, 2016 at 08:32 PM

NA

“ My thoughts and sympathies are with the entire Vaccaro family. Although no words can ease your loss, I hope you find comfort in the days to come from each other. With love and remembrance,  
Nancy

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**Nancy Agatiello** - May 09, 2016 at 10:55 AM

RM

“ Jackie and Bob, sending you our deepest condolences at Brian's passing. I still remember him as a little boy playing basketball on Union Street with my son and the Fegala brothers. He was one of the nicest people I have met and was one of my favorites whilst employed at SMHC.

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**Ruth Medros** - May 08, 2016 at 09:01 AM

LV

“ 14 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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Lynn Vaccaro - May 07, 2016 at 10:09 PM

LV

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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Lynn Vaccaro - May 05, 2016 at 09:27 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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Lynn Vaccaro - May 04, 2016 at 06:25 PM

ER

“ Brian always made me feel comfortable and entirely at ease. I remember feeling socially awkward at more than one Christmas party. Brian provided a very safe and welcoming space to chat freely, with no judgement and unconditional acceptance. I am so grateful to have known Brian. I aspire to learn from him and become as kind as he was.

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**Emily Rauscher** - May 04, 2016 at 02:00 PM

TF

“ Tim and Carloyn Darling and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Brian E. Vaccaro.



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**Tim and Carloyn Darling and Family** - May 03, 2016 at 11:26 AM

TB

“ My heart goes out to the family. I feel your pain. I know all too well of this loss. Please if there is anything I can do to help. Brian was a beautiful person, I enjoyed having the boys play their band at my house. He was a very talented young man. There is little I can say to ease your pain, Family and friends will be your strength. My thoughts are with you through this time of sorrow.

*Theresa Boisvert*

*( Tim Darling and Korey Darling's Mom)*

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**Theresa Boisvert** - May 03, 2016 at 09:40 AM

NB

“ *In one of the stars I shall be living,  
In one of them I shall be laughing.  
And so it will be as if all the stars were laughing  
When you look at the sky at night.”  
Antoine de St. Exupery*

*Brian is one of the kindest I know. He lives in our hearts, our souls.  
Ave, Brian.*

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**nancy Burke** - May 03, 2016 at 07:56 AM

RS

“ *I am so sorry I'm so shocked. What a nice true heart he had. I was  
real good friends with him all through high school. Had a lot of fun  
with him, Tim, Joey, and Josh. Will miss B a lot.*

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**Robyn Sanders** - May 02, 2016 at 11:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Brian E. Vaccaro.*



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May 02, 2016 at 09:28 AM