



Bruce H. Abbey

May 6, 1949 - July 11, 2018

Haverhill - Bruce Harlan Abbey, 69, of Haverhill, formerly of Newburyport, passed peacefully surrounded by his love ones on the early morning of July 11, 2018.

He was born in the Bronx and spent his childhood in Westchester County. He attended and graduated from New York School of visual arts with a bachelor's degree in fine arts.

After school he moved to Vermont where he constructed his own farmhouse and became the first Orvis salesman in the state. He went on to attend French cooking school on Beacon Hill and while enrolled meet his future wife Pam, the love of his life. He purchased his first restaurant, The Starving Chief in Exeter, NH, and later opening Ibis, his second in Pensacola FL.

Bruce and Pam settled in Newburyport, where he would work for Ruby wines for 28 years. During this time Pam would give birth to their son Logan and Bruce would go on to study and master the art of Japanese Tea ceremony, become a dealer of African art, and in his later years cycle his first 100 mile ride at the age of 67.

Bruce loved music, cooking for family and friends, and spending time in Italy.

He survived by his wife, Pamela Kennedy Abbey; son, Logan Morris Abbey; mother, Betty Abbey and brother, Leland Abbey.

At Bruce's request a private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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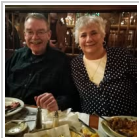
“ I was married to Bruce back in the early 1970 des, He was a wonderful man! Loved all his family. We homestead in Vermont. For 5 years. He has been on my mind. So sorry to hear of his passing. He will be missed. So glad he had his wife and son. I'm Claudia Taylor. Thank you! ☐

Claudia Taylor - September 27, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ Bruce H. Abbey

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ Pam, Peter and I were saddened to hear of Bruce's passing. It has been a long time and we've lost touch but we have found memories of good times together.

Peter and Beverly Coombs

Beverly Coombs - July 24, 2018 at 06:33 PM

 Joel Zeigler

“ I rode the Seacoast Century with Bruce & Chris a few years ago. It must have been the one mentioned as Bruce's first. Near the end, I bonked while Bruce & Chris went on ahead. Bruce was a true gentleman as many have said. I am astonished and very very saddened to lose him as a cycling rival and friend. Bruce held a lot of friends together. My condolences to you, Pam and Logan.

Joel Zeigler - July 21, 2018 at 08:20 AM

JJ

“ Brucey

We shared some great bike rides and some fun times at the Nbpt brewery, you were a wonderful person and A friend I could always count on, some people pass through your life and leave no footprints, but you left a footprint on my heart that will always be there, a gentleman a friend a truly kind and meaningful man , will miss you greatly.

Love Julie



julie jenkins - July 16, 2018 at 12:09 PM

BM

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences for the loss of Bruce. I knew Bruce first as a customer of his when he was with Ruby Wines and I was at Leary's Fine Wines and Sprits in Newburyport. I saw him every week for the 3 years I was there as the wine buyer and after I changed jobs I was always glad to run into him on the road in accounts we shared. I stood next to him at many an in-store tasting and we shared many a laugh. I knew him to be a kind and thoughtful man, a man of intelligence, energy and warmth, and a man of wit and curiosity about so many things in this world. He adored his family. Superb at his job, Bruce knew and loved wine (among his many interests) as much as anyone I've ever met in the 35 years I've been in the business.

Gone too soon, he will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Bob McVicker

Bob McVicker - July 16, 2018 at 09:23 AM

KH

“ As a neighbor for many years in Newburyport we were always hearing how the wine tasting was! Then Bruce's love for biking! Always looked his best in biking gear, we loved when he returned from a ride to tell us how far he went and what things he saw. He loved his family and every day of life. Our thoughts are with you Pam and Logan, he will be missed
Craig and Karen

karen holt - July 15, 2018 at 08:50 PM

TO

“ I was saddened by the news of Bruce's passing. Enjoyed meeting him at the bike shop, trading many cycling stories, and riding with him. I will think of him often while riding our local roads. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends. He was a great guy and always added to my cycling life. Ted Olsson

Ted Olsson - July 14, 2018 at 05:05 PM

ZM

“ Bruce, you left us too soon. I hope the great beyond heals you and you can now with your renewed soul can watch over, guide, love and protect your wife Pam and son Logan.
Pam And Logan, condolences on your loss of a loving husband and father. Know that he will be with you in your heart and show signs of love in the memories you share.
May the fond memories sustain you in your time of grief.
Know you have friends and family to support you, and do not hesitate to reach out.
We are saddened by this loss. Deepest sympathy, from Russ and Ziggy.

Ziggy McQueen - July 13, 2018 at 07:44 PM

BR

“ Pam and Logan - so very sorry for your loss... Bruce was one of a kind! A true gentleman and a great friend. He seemed to have the finer points of life figured out (good wine, a perfectly wrapped scarf and a fast bike), among many other things. But, most of all, Bruce was a kind man - I'll remember him that way and for his ability to just hang, listen and make people feel good. He is GREATLY missed by so many but his legacy lives on in all our hearts. A sad time for us all but with good memories we say goodbye. Much love to you all - Brett

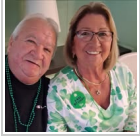
Brett Reily - July 13, 2018 at 12:48 PM

GT

“ A true gentleman, already missed by so many. xxx



Gill Thurston - July 13, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ Pam and Logan,

My heart was saddened today when I heard about Bruce. I worked with him at Ruby Wines for 14 years and am so sorry to hear about his passing. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by all. I used to love when he was planning his trips to Italy with you and he would come to my office and ask me to be his personal banker while you were away.


I know he was so looking forward to retirement and the bike shop. So very sorry for your loss. Thinking about you and saying prayers that you will be able to get through this very sad time together.

Debbie Nuguid

Debbie Nuguid - July 13, 2018 at 09:18 AM

DV

“ *My darling Bruce ... How. I will miss your snarky sardonic New York wit !!! You and Oam have filled my heart with the best of memories like your first date with Pam ...*

you took her duck hunting !!! Resulting in Pam asking me for fashion advice on what to wear on a duck hunting date ... heels  and pearls was my reply !!!

Laughing till we cried as Anthony told his more colorful firefighting stories !!

I will miss you

Denise

denise vinciarelli - July 13, 2018 at 08:42 AM

TR

“ Bruce my Friend you will be missed dearly. Riding together and especially on the Kringle Krawl with you “singing bells” I will miss chatting with you at the shop and telling everyone “you have to pedal” your best phrase!! Carrying out bikes and moaning they are too tight! You will always be with us but really missed.. Bruce I know your next ride will slow and smooth.. Rest my Good Friend.



Tom Reinke - July 12, 2018 at 08:45 PM

SB

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Steven Brigandi - July 12, 2018 at 05:22 PM

BE

“ Pam and Logan,
It's been a long time, but I just wanted to say:
Reading this obituary about Bruce and Japanese tea ceremonies reminded me of a small, but unforgotten comfort that his interest in Japanese tradition provided me. I will always remember the warm feeling I had at your house because of the way other cultures were embraced (mine, in particular). As a young child, I remember thinking that it was so cool that you guys actually liked what I otherwise knew to be "strange." After all, many of my early childhood memories surround that of an interculturally confused little girl who struggled to hide her rice-balls and bento-boxes in the cafeteria, while praying for her seemingly-weird-Japanese-mother to PLEASE pack her something "American." I know it has been decades since I have seen Bruce, but I will always remember this oasis kindly - and with a smile. May he rest in peace, and may you both find healing in your loss. Love, Beatrice

Beatrice - July 12, 2018 at 04:35 PM

Mary Adamik

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mary Adamik - July 12, 2018 at 04:18 PM

Mary Adamik

bruce love creating memories with his friends,,this is from a kris kringle bike pub crawl,,he will be missed by his bike friends

Mary Adamik - July 12, 2018 at 04:20 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - July 12, 2018 at 12:06 PM