



## Bruce F. "Zap" Aquizap

June 29, 1932 - June 16, 2025

Hampton – Bruce F. “Zap” Aquizap, 92, a lifelong Hampton resident, died peacefully on Monday, June 16, 2025 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on June 29, 1932 in Exeter, NH, and was the son of the late Roman B. Aquizap Sr. and Ruth V. (Fall) Aquizap. He graduated from Hampton Academy with the Class of 1951. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he proudly served 24 years, retiring in 1972 as a Lieutenant. During his time in the Navy as a submariner he served on the UUS Proteus, USS Sterlet, USS Tang, and most notably the USS Nautilus.

Returning home from the service, Bruce attended the University of New Hampshire where he received both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees. He went on to head the Cooperative Education program at Pinkerton Academy before moving on to his second career at the Seabrook Power Station as a Nuclear Systems Operator, retiring in 1998. It was then that he started his “retirement job” at the Home Depot in North Hampton where he worked for the next 20 years.

Bruce was trustee of the George Ashworth scholarship fund, a member of The Hamptons American Legion Post 35, Pease Greeters, the Gideons and was a founding member and elder of New Covenant Church. He enjoyed painting,

the beach, traveling, and wintering in Ft. Myers, FL with his late wife of 52 years Patricia (Silver) Aquizap. An avid cook, he loved working with his daughter Tori at her restaurant TNT Subs in Hampton, where he created "Bruce's Famous Chili".

Bruce cherished hosting family get togethers, including birthday parties, Christmas parties, and Holiday feasts. Always taking the lead while enjoying cooking with those he loved, he generously shared his preparation secrets gleaned through the years.

Surviving family members include his daughter, Victoria "Tori" Aquizap and partner Paul Duffy of Hampton; grandson Samuel E. Labonte of Hampton, Kim Carey and her husband Mark of Litchfield, Scott Aquizap and his wife Holly of Laconia, Jan Philips and partner Carl Early of NC, Jaime Aquizap and his wife Lisa of Concord, and Rahn Aquizap of Ohio, grand nieces and nephews, great grand nieces and nephews, and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by his son Richard Aquizap; brother Roman B. Aquizap Jr. and great nephew Christopher S. Aquizap.

Visiting hours will be held from 5-7 pm on Monday, June 30, 2025 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Services will be held at 1 pm on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at the First Congregational Church, 127 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton. Burial with military honors will follow in the High Street Cemetery, Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

# Cemetery Details

## High Street Cemetery

150 High Street  
Hampton, NH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
[info@remickgendron.com](mailto:info@remickgendron.com)  
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

## Service

JUL 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational Church  
127 Winnacunnet Road  
Hampton, NH 03842

# Tribute Wall

PR

“ went to Hampton Academy with Bruce sorry didn't know he had died. not many alumni left now I guess. he was a fun guy.

pat rice - December 31, 2025 at 08:46 AM

JL

“ Jennifer Lavigne lit a candle in memory of Bruce F. "Zap" Aquizap



Jennifer Lavigne - July 17, 2025 at 11:19 AM

JL

I did not know Bruce personally, but my father, Norman Lavigne knew him well. They were friends from childhood, both graduating from Hampton Academy with the Class of 1951. My Dad talked about Bruce all the time and what great friends they were. They were both submariners. My Dad just passed also, so I hope they are sharing happy submarine stories together now. Rest your oar Sailor.

Jennifer Lavigne - July 17, 2025 at 11:24 AM

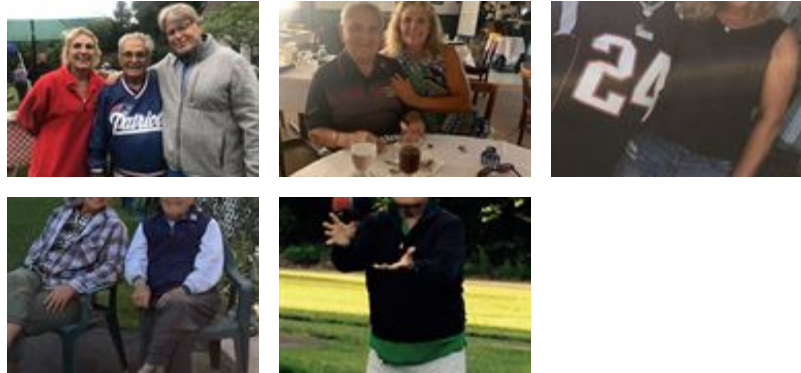
JK

“ One of a kind. A great patriotic American and community servant. I'm very thankful to have known Bruce. Condolences to Tori and family, Joe Korowski

Joseph Korowski - June 29, 2025 at 07:53 PM



“ 216 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - June 29, 2025 at 01:12 PM

NA

“ *Nautilus Alumni Association planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce F. "Zap" Aquizap.*

Nautilus Alumni Association - June 26, 2025 at 08:08 AM

NA

“ *Nautilus Alumni Association purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Bruce F. "Zap" Aquizap.*



Nautilus Alumni Association - June 26, 2025 at 08:08 AM

LM

“ When my Mom (Ruthie) and I opened Rutlin's Coffee Shop in Hampton falls, Bruce was a special customer of our early morning breakfast. He, Burt, John, and whoever else was in the restaurant at the time were always engaged in conversations each day....always a fun time. All these special men are now gone and sadly missed.

Linda Morrill - June 26, 2025 at 07:43 AM

TA

Oh I so remember how he went to your restaurant very faithfully . ❤️🙏. He loved you all so much, thank you for your kind words 🙏

Tori Aquizap - June 27, 2025 at 10:30 AM

LB

“ So many breakfast's I cooked and served him and Pat at Rutlin's. Great guy! He is definitely one that I missed the most when we closed.

Lisa Robitaille Ballentine - June 26, 2025 at 07:13 AM

DJ

“ Dottie and Joe purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bruce F. "Zap" Aquizap.



Dottie and Joe - June 25, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Bruce F. "Zap" Aquizap.



June 22, 2025 at 04:09 PM



“ Maureen Randall Royal lit a candle in memory of Bruce F. "Zap" Aquizap



Maureen Randall Royal - June 22, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ Mark T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce F. "Zap" Aquizap.

Mark T. - June 21, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ Mark T. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bruce F. "Zap" Aquizap.



Mark T. - June 21, 2025 at 01:15 PM

MT

“ Bruce was a great friend to me for a long time, I always loved to see him and we would run into each other alot. Bruce was a great person and friend with a big heart and was always nice to everyone he encountered. You will be missed greatly.

mark thomas - June 21, 2025 at 01:08 PM

TA

He loved you too Mark ❤️👍  
I'm know you ran into him a lot at Home Depot also . You have helped us so much , thank you for that , my dad loved his lawn 🤔❤️👍.  
Tori

Tori Aquizap - June 27, 2025 at 10:34 AM

VE

“ Fair Winds and Following Seas Sailor. Thank you for your service

Valerie Ellmer - June 21, 2025 at 06:09 AM

WB

“ With love, Teri & Billy purchased the Comfort & Sweetness Gift Crate for the family of Bruce F. "Zap" Aquizap.



With love, Teri & Billy - June 20, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce F. "Zap" Aquizap.



June 20, 2025 at 12:53 PM

AL

“ Spent many Wednesday morning's at Hoaty's in a Men's Bible Study. Bruce shared many stories about his faith and service in the Navy. His faith was 100% on Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

Arthur LeBlanc - June 20, 2025 at 10:16 AM

TA

Amen to that 🙏. He loved those Wednesday breakfasts with all of you at Hoaty's  
God Bless

Tori

Tori Aquizap - June 27, 2025 at 10:37 AM

PD

“ Spent many a day and night at Pease as a Pease Greeter along with Bruce. I was Navy as well and loved trading stories with him. His were much more interesting, like going under the ice to the North Pole. Bruce was always ready to lend a hand and was part of the flag presentation at many flights. He was a valued friend who I am sad to see passed. Fair winds and following seas my friend.

Paul "Doc" Dachsteiner - June 20, 2025 at 08:51 AM

TA

He loved those Troops coming home . That meant so much to him to be A Pease Greeter ❤️🙏. Thank you for your service Doc.

Tori 🙏

Tori Aquizap - June 27, 2025 at 10:40 AM

CF

“ Oh Tori, I am so sorry for your loss. You could see your dad’s deep love and pride whenever he spoke of you and he was so grateful for everything that you did for him, both up here and all the work you did on his place in Florida. I admired his strength, his courage, his resilience, and his deep faith. I will truly miss him.

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**Cheri Ferber** - June 19, 2025 at 08:43 PM

TA

Thank you Cheri . ❤️ ☐  
He will definitely be missed 100.

Tori 🙏

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**Tori Aquizap** - June 27, 2025 at 10:41 AM

BS

“ Our condolences Tori. He sat right in front of me in church, I will miss seeing him there. His love for the Lord was so real and lovely. He was so proud of his little girl! May the circle be unbroken by and by.

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**Bev Stoughton** - June 19, 2025 at 08:16 PM

JR

“ Well, where should I begin? First of all you know I love you so much and I'm so sorry of your wonderful amazing dad having to leave us, but we know that he's in a better place and that he's happy and please rest assured and know that you took such good care of him above and beyond in his later years were truly amazing because of you, And Paul💕 as far as saying a few words about Bruce there are too many beautiful things to say about that angelic man. He was a living angel down here on earth to all that knew him, and all that didn't know him all the greetings at Pease Air Force Base and so much more, he dedicated his life to our country for our freedom. He was a loving husband and father. He was a great friend just a beautiful living soul that made this world a much better place with his unconditional love for all of us💕 and so much more, he dedicated his life to our country for our freedom. He was a loving husband and father. He was a great friend just a beautiful living soul that made this world a much better place with his unconditional love for all of us you will be so missed Bruce, but we can't be selfish because you deserve to be at peace. Now you lived a good long life and gave us all so much happiness I'll never forget your beautiful chili cook offs wonder how many awards you want for that I so enjoyed working at TNT sub with you and Tori lotta hard work but a lot of fun happy times except the time I got locked in the cooler during a busy lunch, rush I was very relieved when Tori found me in there half frozen 😬😞 I was very relieved when Tori found me in there half frozen thank you for always having an open door for all of us at your house and a big smile and the best hugs in the whole world so happy I got to see you a couple days before you went to be with Jesus you were sitting up in your chair and I brought you some jelly donuts you were just as happy as could be smiling away visiting with your family and you look so good I couldn't believe when I heard that you had passed. I thought you were gonna be around for a little bit longer, but it was your time🌟🌈 you were just as happy as could be smiling away visiting with your family and you look so good I couldn't believe when I heard that you had passed. I thought you were gonna be around for a little bit longer, but it was your time we will think of you always remember you with smiles and laughter

*and I think the good Lord for blessing me with such a wonderful, beautiful friend 🌸 and I think the good Lord for blessing me with such a wonderful beautiful friend. You are a monks one of the nicest people I've ever known in my life and I'll love you forever and always 🌸 can't wait to see you again someday Bruce and we all get to our final destination 🌈 don't you worry we're gonna take good care of Tori💕*

Julie Roy - June 19, 2025 at 01:11 PM

TG

“*Bruce was a remarkable and kind man. I had the pleasure of his friendship these past twelve years. I loved listening to him talk about his military service. He was a wealth of knowledge. He will be missed by many in our Florida community and family. RIP my friend.*

Teri Goodwin - June 19, 2025 at 10:00 AM

TO

*Teri n Jeff 🥹 yes he will definitely be missed, we got the video of his last talk of operation sunshine, we are lucky for that .*

Tori - June 19, 2025 at 10:34 AM

RC

*Among the best of shipmates. I always enjoyed his gentle humor.*

Roland Cave - June 19, 2025 at 12:52 PM

SA

*I'm so blessed that Holly and I had the chance to visit with Uncle Bruce just days before he passed, He was energetic and seemingly full of life. He had a big influence on my life, and he will be missed dearly!*

*Scott & Holly Aquizap*

Scott Aquizap - June 19, 2025 at 01:56 PM

DR

*I had the pleasure of talking with Bruce last winter on a few occasions. He was proof of the fact that with age comes wisdom. He had a way of explaining things that made them easy to understand. He was a Great man with an inner peace. He will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.*

*Dave & Judy*

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**David Rittenhouse** - June 20, 2025 at 09:25 AM

PH

*I knew from the old High School I was school mate the class of 1948. Phyllis Stickney Hefler. Springfield. Ohio*

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**Phyllis S. Hefler** - June 20, 2025 at 11:16 AM

LB

*Tori and Paul - The entire Nautilus Alumni Association is heartbroken about Bruce's passing. He was a great representative of Nautilus's PANOPO crew and will be sorely missed at our reunions. The memories and stories he shared with us at these reunions entertaining, instructive and so valuable as oral history for younger submariners. I first met Bruce at a reunion a few years ago but quickly learned to appreciate his humor, personality and memories of Nautilus. He was the epitome of a great military veteran. His departure on Eternal Patrol is not only very sad but his absence at future Nautilus reunions will be felt by us all. NAAI sincerely hopes you will be at the next reunion to hear the bell tolled for your Dad. NAAI and the entire Nautilus family will never forget him. Lonnie Barham, President, Nautilus Alumni Association.*

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**Lonnie Barham** - June 26, 2025 at 07:56 AM