



Colin P. Cotter

September 28, 1989 - July 31, 2020

Manhattan, NY - Colin Patrick Cotter was an epic force of chaotic-good until the witching hours of Friday, July 31st 2020. Colin's life ended prematurely, not by any choice or design of his own and with deep sadness and shock from his family and friends.

Colin was born in Santa Cruz, California and adopted by his loving parents Bruce and Betsy Cotter. He spent most of his early childhood choosing the opposite adventure as his sister, Kristen in all the Goosebump books, watching Ace Ventura movies on repeat and wishing he was a sumo wrestler. Colin later graduated from Exeter High School in Exeter, NH in 2007 after his family moved to Stratham, NH in 1999.

For the last 7 years Colin was living his best life in New York City, working in lighting tech and production management and frequenting Duff's, Lucky 13 and Elsewhere in his off-hours. He spent his Sundays longboarding alongside his girlfriend, Jessica, eating oysters, judging Bloody Mary's and walking the Kosciuszko Bridge together. Colin is credited with assisting Gerrold Vincent receive a Guinness World Record for body suspension at the Ripley's Believe It or Not museum in Times Square working as the piercer and rigger for the event. He ran live programming and performed backup vocals in the band No Survivors and rarely missed an opportunity to show up for his friends and fellow performers. Colin's insatiable drive to help and love others energized

his most recent work as a street medic in the Black Lives Matter movement. He was passionately anti-facist and was recently interviewed by Elle Reeve of CNN News where he's seen mask-on and megaphone in-hand calling for justice, hauling his medic kit through the streets of New York and picking up trash left behind.

Colin was not just a light, but a blinding nuclear blast in the lives of the people who loved him. He leaves behind his adoring girlfriend of 2 and a half years, Jessica Rayo of Maspeth Queens, NY; his father, Bruce Cotter and stepmother Diane Cotter of Felton CA; sister, Kristen Cotter and brother in law Sean Slattery of Las Vegas, NV; sister, Dawne Martin and niece, Tessa Reagan of Stratham, NH; His aunt and uncle, Caryl and Robert Cotter, cousins, William Cotter and fiance Kamani, Ely Cotter and wife Nikki, all of the San Francisco Bay area; aunt, Judy Tarter of Beltsville, MD; aunt Diane Cotter of Lee, NH and godparents Pam and Kevin Seabrook of Copperopolis CA, his extended family and his amazing misfit collection of close friends whom he loved unabashedly and unconditionally. Colin joins his mother, Betsy and grandmother, Gaye, who preceded him in death in February of 2018 and May 2005, respectively.

Colin Patrick will be interred beside his mother, Betsy, in Portsmouth, NH; date anticipated for the Spring of 2021. Colin's virtual services will be held Sunday, September 27th, 2020, the evening before what would have been his 31st birthday. Instructions to access virtual services forthcoming. A tribute show in his honor will be organized in New York date TBD and circulated widely. Services open to all who loved him. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the National Education Alliance for Borderline Personality Disorder (<https://www.borderlinepersonalitydisorder.org/how-to-help/>) and the Black Lives Matter movement (https://secure.actblue.com/donate/ms_blm_homepage_2019). Or scream into the abyss, because he would have liked that too.

Tribute Wall



“ *Colin P. Cotter*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Hey Colin. Facebook did that thing where it shows you the past on this day, and I've not been able to get to sleep since knowing that both you and Cups are gone. Mostly you, to be honest. I am always astounded that I have both some of the craziest and also most wholesome memories of my life with the same person. And certainly the fact that when I met you the second time around, you just told me "Yo, I wanna hang out with you, you seem like a real cool dude." I'm glad that I got to see you before I made this next big step in my life, and Shayna and I both miss you terribly.*



I love you, Baby Snakes. See you again someday.

P.S. I'm having schematics drawn up for the trebuchet you wanted to build to throw alligators at my new place in Florida... so that should be good for a laugh. <3

Jordan Arnold - September 27, 2020 at 03:08 AM

LP

“ Colin you will truly be missed! Meeting you i saw the love between you and your beautiful girlfriend as well as your dad! You truly were the light in their lives as you were to the world! You will be missed by so many others, as you impacted so many lives! I know you will watch over them all and perhaps guide them when they remember something you did or said. Especially watch over your dad as he'll really need this! 🙏🙏



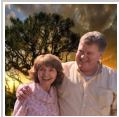
Linda Premus - September 25, 2020 at 06:00 PM

VC

“ VICTOR M COLLININO lit a candle in memory of Colin P. Cotter



VICTOR M COLLININO - August 30, 2020 at 04:46 PM



Thank you Victor - we appreciate it very much - Bruce

Bruce Cotter - September 10, 2020 at 12:34 PM

WM

“ I saw Colin and his sister often at my salon and it was always the Highlight of my day, whether it be to talk about new cool music or just listen to his mischievous stories about random whatever's that were going on in his life at the time you could see clearly he was bound and determined to leave his mark on the world and I'm certain he surely did. My heart goes out to his friends his sister his parents and all who loved him

Wendy Marois - August 26, 2020 at 10:01 PM

MF

“ I only met Colin once, On the day off is father’s wedding to my cousin Diane. He gave such a loving and beautiful best man’s speech. I was so happy for the whole family! I am so sorry to hear of his passing.

Deepest sympathies , Merry and Stan

Merry Finch - August 26, 2020 at 02:25 PM

BL

“ I met Colin when I was a freshman in high school, and while we only hung out a few times he was always a defender of his friends, if anyone ever needed help he was always the first one there to offer it. You will be sorely missed. People like Colin come around once in a life time but the memories they leave behind will last forever. My deepest condolences to his girlfriend and family❤️

Brittany L. - August 26, 2020 at 04:49 AM

AN

“ Colin was a big brother to me and was there for me when I needed comfort. Even if I didn’t want to talk, he would get me out of my head and make me smile. He was one of my best friends and I know he will be watching over every person that loves him. ❤️

Anna - August 25, 2020 at 10:04 PM

RA

“ Although I only met Collin once, I will always remember helping him with his best man speech at his Dad's wedding to my Sister. I told him to get his best Elvis on! He laughed and said, " Okay". Light and love Don and Roz



Roz Alley - August 24, 2020 at 06:41 PM

KS

“ Collin Cotter is our God Child whether here on earth or walking the golden bridge hes still our godchild we found him in utero when he was about 4 1/2 weeks old for his adoptive parents Bruce and Betsy Cotter he was made in Boulder Creek California his mother loved him she just was not capable of caring for him luckily Bruce and Betsy Cotter wanted to baby and we were lucky enough to be friends with them and to find Collen for his life was always beautiful his mother Betsy was adoring and his father Bruce knew exactly how to talk to him and be with him Again luckily we got to spend time with Collen when he came out to California almost 2 years ago with his father on an Amtrak train trip he came up and visited us with his father Bruce for two days God he was such a wonderful kid we loved him so much then we got to see him again last year when he came to his fathers wedding in Santa Cruz California we got to spend time with Collen and his girlfriend Jessica it was so adorable and you could tell how much Collen loved her by the light that shines in his eyes when he looked at her of course we'll miss him but knowing Collen he's leading people around showing them which way to go on that bridge and he's having a hell of a fun time doing it.



kevin and pam seabrook - August 24, 2020 at 04:03 PM

MW

What a beautiful man God made. Rest In Peace Collin. M&M in Somis Ca

marlene wait - August 25, 2020 at 11:35 AM

CA

This is so beautiful to read. Thank you so much for sharing.

Cassie - September 22, 2020 at 08:56 PM