



Graham R. Bunce

September 6, 1953 - June 10, 2022

Hampton – Graham Richard Bunce, 68, of Hampton, passed peacefully, Friday, June 10, 2022 at High Pointe Hospice House in Haverhill, MA with family by his side after a lengthy battle with Polycystic Kidney Disease and subsequent health issues. He was born in Tulsa, OK, the 6th of September 1953 a son of Barbara Williams Bunce and the late A. Thomas Bunce.

Graham was raised in his early years on the seacoast of New Hampshire and spent his teenage years with his second family in Crawley, England where he attended Ifield School and Cambridge Polytechnic. He returned to New Hampshire and graduated from the University of New Hampshire.

He worked as a financial planner in Kansas City, MO and Boston, MA for 32 years before starting Speak 4 Use, a company to help people with disabilities, particularly veterans, live more independent and active lives. He then worked with One Sky Community Services of Portsmouth, leading a team that helped developmentally disabled young adults find work and housing. His huge heart set the course of a career that across all of its iterations was all about connecting with people, caring for people, and helping them make the most of their lives.

He was an avid sailor, traveler, and adventurer: skiing, scuba diving, eating and drinking his way across the world. He loved his family more than

anything, always prioritizing his children's and then grandchildren's sports, recitals, and events over anything. He was also community oriented helping to get the new track built at Winnacunnet High School, working on refurbishing the town's playgrounds, a board member of the NH Chapter of City Year, and even running for State Representative.

He shared 41 years of marriage with his beloved wife Jennifer (Mack) Bunce. They met in 1976 on Tax Day at a bar on the UNH campus. Graham, righteous over the cost and bureaucracy of higher education had picked a large rock to make his point through the Dean's window, locked eyes with Jennifer, who talked him into giving her the rock until tomorrow. She lost the rock that night, but the next day was the first of a 46 year love story. Jennifer and Graham shared life, love, travel, children, adventure, loss, more love, and a kidney.

In addition to his wife and mother he leaves two daughters Kiley Charlton Bunce of Hampton and Kristina (Bunce) Zigler and her husband Christopher of Hampton, their children, Spencer, Zoey and Imogen, his sister Elizabeth Clausen of GA, his adored family in England that include his Aunt Margaret Williams and her children Gareth and Alison Williams, sisters-in law Kathleen Mack of RI and Frances Merritt of GA, dearest friend John Colt of MI, as well as cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father in 2020, his daughter Lara Spencer Bunce in 2008, his brother Christopher Bunce and his Uncle Graham Williams.

A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 AM, Monday the 27th of June at Bernie's Beach Bar, 73 Ocean Blvd., Hampton Beach, NH. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. The family requests that flowers please be omitted in lieu of donations made to the Lara S. Bunce Memorial Scholarship, c/o Dollars for Scholars, P.O. Box 1593, North Hampton, NH 03862.

Assistance with the arrangements was by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bernie's Beach Bar
73 Ocean Blvd.
Hampton Beach, NH 03842

Tribute Wall



“ *Graham R. Bunce*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Jennifer, Kristina and Kiley,
Sending love to you all. I remember when
Graham and you took me, Jack and Charlotte
out on the boat when we stopped for a visit on
our way to Baxter State Park. We saw the
ocean sunfish, minke whales and talked about
Graham's interest in learning to use a sextant for navigation. What a
fun time that I won't forget. Also remembering how Dad thought the
world of Graham and the weekend we hung out at Dad's house.
These make me smile. Love you all and sending my best. Love Dan*



Dan Pessel - July 01, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *Jennifer, Kiley, Kristina,
What a wonderful smile. My heart is broken for you. So very sad to
hear. While they were way too far and between, I so enjoyed those
family moments, Jennifer, with you and Graham at your mom's
house. Hugs to you all at this at this difficult time.
With Love,
Peter and Adriene Pessel.*

Peter Pessel - June 27, 2022 at 05:38 PM

SP

“ Dear Jennifer, Kiley, Kristina, and other family members and friends,

Please accept my deepest sympathies and condolences for your loss of your beloved husband and father, Graham. Although I unfortunately never had the privilege of getting to know Graham well, I liked him the times I met him, felt his spark of life, and was very aware of the love and devotion you and your community had for him - which tells everything about the person he was.

I am wishing you peace and love, Skip Pessel

Skip Pessel - June 27, 2022 at 05:14 PM

LM

“ *My wonderful cousin. Thank you for taking me sailing, staying in touch, being the kind, intelligent, beautiful man who always put others first. Love & miss you. Linda*

Linda Megill - June 22, 2022 at 10:38 AM

EW

“ *Sleep well my friend*

Ed Walshe - June 21, 2022 at 03:02 PM