



John Bradford Bayliss, Ph.d

November 23, 1938 - April 8, 2016

Dr. John B. Bayliss was born in Joslyn Center Boston MA, November 23, 1938 to William Bradford Bayliss and Ruth “Billie” Millard-Demming Bayliss. His mother was a diabetic and unable to conceive until after they adopted their first child. John entered this life a “miracle baby.” His mother died when he was a teenager. John grew up in California. He graduated from San Francisco State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1964. John served in the U.S. Navy for four years and lived in Texas, Washington State, Massachusetts’ cities in Jamaica Plain, Amesbury, Newton, Brookline and Hampton Falls, NH.

John’s father was a family man who loved taking the family on camping trips and fishing. John did not like fishing. However, he acquired a phenomenal appreciation for literature, which made him a good clinician. He immersed himself in writing plays, although none were published. He became very active in the Newburyport Theater. John became proficient in explaining and demonstrating how people could give life to their ideas because he understood playwright and classic literature.

John Bayliss received a doctoral degree from Boston University in psychology with a focus in English. He had the professional credentials of a PH.D. John was also a professor of psychology and psychologist in the Counseling Center at University of Massachusetts (UMASS) Lowell. Dr. John Bradford Bayliss

was a psychologist in private practice in Chelsea, Massachusetts and later Amesbury, MA. He served on the Rotary Board of Directors from 2012 – 2013 and was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow in 2013.

John met his wife, Lorraine Vavra, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker at McLean Hospital at a conference in 1997. They were married on September 22, 1999 by his father who resided in California. He is survived by his wife Lorraine Vavra, stepmother Mary Lou Bayliss, and adopted brother Jim, and stepbrother Andy Bayliss. Those who pre-deceased him in death are his father and mother, William Bradford Bayliss and Billie Bayliss, his half brothers, William Bayliss and Donald Bayliss.

John loved people, reading, movies, theater, classic jazz and singing. He practiced and felt the loving power in Buddhism. Lorraine shares, “when I think of him, I remember his wry sense of humor and kindness to everyone- there was not a mean bone in his body, and he looked at all people and situations with a sense of awe, encouragement and love. He looked with a humanistic perspective on all aspects of life.”

Services will be private.

Tribute Wall



“ *He was a consummate narcissist. He was a verbally and emotionally abusive psychologist. Yes! There are narcissistic shrinks.*

Jane Doe - October 26, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ *John Bradford Bayliss, Ph.d*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I knew John in the 70's when he worked at the Cambridgeport Free Clinic and the Museum School. I was a lot younger but we became friends. I met him through a poetry group I attended as a teen ager. He was friends with the hosts of the group -- Carol and Roger in Brookline.. He had a blue volkswagon van with the license plate "Marby." Marby was the character of one of his plays. He made a lasting impression on me. He was very kind.*

Martha Rhodes - June 11, 2017 at 04:05 PM



He was a very good & kind man.

JB OLeary - December 28, 2019 at 10:26 PM



The good die Young...

JB OLeary - December 28, 2019 at 10:27 PM

JD

He was verbally and emotionally abusive to his young, attractive female clients.

Jane Doe - January 26, 2020 at 05:58 AM



“ *He changed and saved my life so many times and in so many ways. I'm devastated to have missed my opportunity to share my happiness and success with him, for which he was ultimately in no small way responsible, decades ago. My eternal gratitude to him, and thoughts and prayers for his family, close friends, loved ones...*

Rockweedgirl Hadlock - September 02, 2016 at 08:37 PM

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“ *Although I haven't spoken with John in years, he was a tremendous role model and friend to me as a child (from his days in Dallas). I miss our conversations about sports and life and send his family and friends my deepest of sympathies.*

David Sheinbein

David Sheinbein - July 11, 2016 at 04:12 PM

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“ *I would like to send my thoughts & Prayers to Dr. Bayliss Family. Dr. Bayliss was a great Man and Help me a great deal going thru some very tough times in my Life. Thank you Dr. Bayliss for all you did for me may you RIP you will be. Missed !!*

*Sincerely,
Tom Mathews*

tomscabin@mail.com - May 12, 2016 at 09:56 PM

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“ *My sincerest sympathies to Dr. Bayliss' family. He was a wonderful friend to the Chelsea Senior Center. He will be missed.*

*Tracy Nowicki
Chelsea, MA*

tracy nowicki - May 04, 2016 at 01:54 PM