



## Brian A. Bard

June 29, 1968 - February 7, 2017

Brian Anthony Bard

Age 48, died on February 7, 2017 in his home in Pittsburgh, surrounded by loving family.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Bannan; son, Cypress Emerson (6); and step-children, Tova Rae (16) and Desmond Moses Engel (12).

Brian was born June 29, 1968 in Detroit, the third of four children to Dolores and Harold Bard. Although he lost his father as a baby, he had a busy, active childhood including many trips to the family's "up north" chalet, beginnings that led to his deep love of nature. An avid scholar and advocate, Brian received his bachelor's in philosophy from the University of Michigan in 1989, worked for Greenpeace in San Francisco and New York and in Germany for a year of further philosophy studies. He earned his master's in philosophy from San Francisco State University in 1993. By then a speaker of German and Spanish and reader of Greek, Brian pursued a doctorate degree at Binghamton University in the 1990s. There he met his first wife, Maria Santander, a relationship that led him to live for over a year in Chile and eventually brought him to Pittsburgh.

A self-taught software engineer, Brian's most important career

accomplishments were in the development of leading-edge software for Four Rivers Software Services Inc. (now Accruent), used in more than 2,100 hospitals and healthcare facilities across the U.S.

A listener, challenger, anti-establisher, and searcher, Brian cared about the big questions, dreamed about the "beau-teous mystery" and thought constantly about how to live best. To the prompt "I'm really good at," on the dating site that led him to Jennifer in 2009, he wrote: "Love, gardening, touch, hope, hangin on."

Brian received the devastating diagnosis of pancreatic cancer in October of 2015. He committed the last of the time he had to continuing his philosophy studies and to world travel in Thailand, Laos, Mexico and many U.S. destinations, all while receiving chemotherapy treatments. Throughout his illness he maintained his intense connection to nature and family: mountain and road-biking, running, camping, hiking, water- and cross-country skiing and being the most enthusiastic father and husband a family could imagine.

Brian is survived by his mother, Dolores Anderson; his sister and brother, Michelle and Stephen Bard; his brother-in-law, Louis Pivetta; and nephew and niece, Alexander Joseph "A.J." and Lisa Marie Pivetta; and cousins, Bruce and Kelly Krymow and their families. He also leaves behind Jennifer's parents, William and Sherry Bannan; Jennifer's sister, Tammy Kelly and her children, Andrew, Jacob, Samuel and Anna Kelly; along with many other relatives and dear friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Harold Bard; his step-father, Dennis Anderson; his Uncle Jo and Aunt Ginny Krymow; and sister, Cheryl Pivetta.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lustgarten Foundation or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

A Memorial Service for Brian will be held at 6pm on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at The National Aviary in Pittsburgh.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 12. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

National Aviary  
700 Arch Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

# Tribute Wall



“ Brian and I worked closely at Four Rivers, sharing a room when he first started. Passionate, brilliant, quirky, and so ecstatic when he had a fun problem -- He couldn't sit still; he would have to get up and pace the room while we debated different ideas. Then, the joy when he had an idea on how to solve it! He is one of those few people I continually think back on. How lucky was I, at the smallest of tech companies, to have crossed paths with this wondering philosopher? I am better for it. Brian, you were already missed, it breaks my heart to know our paths won't cross here again.

Warren - October 03, 2025 at 12:40 PM



“ Brian A. Bard

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ Brian A. Bard

October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ Kelly Krymow lit a candle in memory of Brian A. Bard



Kelly Krymow - March 03, 2017 at 08:28 AM

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*I treasure the adolescent family memories that my brother Bruce and I had with our cousins Brian and his brother Steve. I remember growing up how "cool" my brother and I thought it was to have male cousins our same age. It was like having another set of brothers stashed away in another state that you got to visit and play with 2-3 times a year during holidays. Remember looking in the window and seeing a litter of puppies rough-housing each other? Now THAT'S what I'm talking about. Brian I will miss you. Wish we had played some music together. To Jen and her kids, and to Brian's mom and brother and sister, we pray comfort for your grief, and strength, I love you all. --Kelly.*

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**Kelly Krymow** - March 03, 2017 at 08:45 AM