



## Erik Matthew Irish

July 30, 1974 - May 8, 2020

PORTLAND—Erik Matthew Irish, 45, passed away on May 8, 2020. He was born July 30, 1974, the youngest son of Rodney and Judith (Edison) Irish.

Erik was a gentle soul with a wonderful sense of humor. He was quick to laugh even when facing some of life's inevitable challenges. Erik was a devoted son and brother, but his truest calling in life was apparent when he started raising a family with his high school sweetheart, Christine Brown. He was a natural stay at home Dad; teaching his children to ski, constructing a chicken coop next to the barn, a chalkboard in the basement, or a zip line in the backyard. Erik wanted his kids to develop a range of skills and an appreciation for nature, education, and the sheer joy of play that were so important in his own nature. Whether he was skiing at Sugarloaf, boating on Casco Bay, or just relaxing by the campfire at Little Sebago Lake, Erik was most at peace surrounded by family, friends and the call of the wild. In the last few years he spent treasured time in Montana with his girlfriend, Jessica Kapsner.

A graduate of North Yarmouth Academy, Erik went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Granite State College, subsequently managing an apartment complex in Brunswick, and as a project manager in Portland.

He is survived by the three children he adored, Madeline Irish, Abigail Irish, and Cameron Irish; his parents, Rodney and Judith Irish; his brothers, Mark Irish and partner David Schmittou, Jeff Irish and partner Michelle Petrie; and his nephew, Benjamin.

A memorial service will be held at a later date to be announced. Arrangements are in the care of the Windham Chapel of Dolby Blais & Segee, 434 River Rd., Windham, ME 04062.

# Comments

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“ Rod and Judy: I was so saddened to hear of your loss. You are in my prayers.

Drew Swenson

Drew Swenson - May 18 at 06:36 AM

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“ Rod & Judy, So sorry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Colin & Maureen

Colin McBride - May 16 at 01:28 PM

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“ Dear Rod and Judy,

So very sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you.

May your memories bring you comfort.

With heartfelt condolences,  
Anne Romano

Anne Romano - May 16 at 09:31 AM

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“ Rod and Judy, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your son. I'm keeping your family in my prayers.

Sherrill McAloney Brown

Sherrill McAloney - May 16 at 06:21 AM

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“ Rod and Judy,

Dave and I have nice memories of meeting Eric in Florida and in Maine. Dave also has good memories of Erik on a fishing trip with he and other fellows in the North West Territories of Canada.

We are so very sorry.  
Dave & Judy Smith

Judy Smith - May 15 at 10:41 PM

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“ Rod and Judy,  
It is with sadness that we learn of the loss of your son, Erik. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Our heartfelt condolences.  
Pat & Donna Maiorino

Pat Maiorino - May 15 at 04:24 PM

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“ Dear Rod and Judy,  
So very sorry to hear of Erik's passing. I remember him well. Prayers of healing for you and all the members of your family. Affectionately, Lisa Fraughton Varela

Lisa Varela - May 15 at 10:39 AM

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“ Rod and Judy, My heart goes out to you and your family. I wish you all well and will be thinking of you.  
Dennis and Pam Eagleson

Dennis Eagleson - May 15 at 10:18 AM

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“ So sorry to read about this sad news. Rod, Judith, you have our heartfelt condolences.--Marion and Bernard

Marion Puglisi - May 15 at 09:52 AM

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“ Judy, Rod and family- How sad to read of Erik passing away. We remember him as one of the little guys on Country Charm Rd. Cherish the memories of good times together. Sending hugs to you all.  
Angelica and George Barrett

Angelica barrett - May 15 at 09:41 AM

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“ Dear Rod and Judy, I am so very saddened to have learned of Eric's passing. My heart breaks for you and I can only hope and pray that you can find peace in knowing that he was a wonderful man and the love and memories will be with you always.

**Cindy Decker** - May 15 at 08:33 AM

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“ Dear Judy and Rod,  
Words cannot express the sadness we feel for the loss of your son Erik.  
Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family  
Moe & Lorraine Bisson

**J MAURICE L BISSON** - May 15 at 07:52 AM

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“ Dear Judy and Rod we are so very sorry to read of Erik's demise . We remember him as a happy little boy playing as the “big” boys were either swimming or playing ball, always wanting to be included, as any little brother would.  
Our deepest condolences, Jim and Bonnie Atwell



**Bonnie atwell** - May 15 at 07:48 AM

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“ Judy and Rod, I am so sorry that you have lost your son Erik. I cannot imagine the pain you are feeling. I remember when he was born and I held him at your home in Falmouth. I'm so, so sorry.

**Joyce Corkum Logan** - May 15 at 06:46 AM

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“ I tried to share a memory. Not sure if it went through. My love and prayers to you.

**Martha Johansen Sharp** - May 14 at 08:36 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this most difficult time. I have such fond memories of Eric and Matthew spending hours on my kitchen floor with their LEGO sets and their race cars. He was a joy and a lovely little boy. So very sorry . Peggy and John Laforge

**peggy and john laforge** - May 14 at 11:24 AM

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“ I just wanted your family to know that I am praying for the Irish Family you are in our thoughts.  
Lisa sturgeon Lewis

**Lisa Lewis** - May 13 at 07:25 PM

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“ Deepest sympathy to Rod & Judy and the Irish family. With love, Jane Bull

**Jane Bull** - May 13 at 06:38 PM

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“ I miss Erik more than words can say. His love and friendship forever changed my life and I'll always be grateful for that. I cherish every minute I was able to spend with him. My heart goes out to all his family and friends.

**Jessica Kapsner** - May 13 at 03:22 PM