



Tara Adams Quinn

July 12, 1959 - March 10, 2014

Tara Adams Quinn died on March 10, 2014, due to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). She was 54. She will be remembered for her courage while coping with this devastating disease.

Tara was born in San Francisco on July 12, 1959. She spent her early years growing up in Greenwich, CT, and later on Gibson Island when her family moved to Maryland. She attended the Gibson Island Country Day School, the Severn School, and the Maryland Institute of Art. Tara was an accomplished artist. She founded and ran Quinn Sails, for over 20 years. On September 16, 1995, she married Sean P. Fisher.

Tara enjoyed sailing and racing her J-22 sailboat. She had an intense passion for the outdoors, especially bow hunting, offshore fishing, and waterfowl hunting. Tara had an exceptional love for all kinds of animals and had rescued several. She was a member of Ducks Unlimited as well as the Pope and Young Club.

She is survived by her loving husband, Sean P. Fisher; her parents, John and Shirley Quinn; brother, Colin Quinn; sister-in-law, Kelly Fisher-Botoulas; nieces: Teal Quinn Slayden, Lindsey Quinn Wriedt and Rachel Botoulas; nephew, Peter Botoulas; and Sean's parents, Linda and Gerry Sugrue and Francis and the late Ronald W. Fisher. She will be forever missed by family

and friends.

A celebration of life will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, March 21 at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Centreville, MD, where a time of remembrance will begin at 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions in Tara's memory to the ALS Hope Foundation, P.O. Box 40777, Philadelphia, PA 19107, www.alshopefoundation.org.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
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Centreville, MD 21617
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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Tara Adams Quinn*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 06, 2023 at 10:38 PM



“ *My first ALS symptom occurred in 2016, but was diagnosed in 2018. I had severe symptoms ranging from shortness of breath, balance problems, couldn't walk without a walker or a power chair, i had difficulty swallowing and fatigue. I was given medications which helped but only for a short burst of time, then I decided to try alternative measures and began on ALS Formula treatment from Aknni herbs centre, It has made a tremendous difference for me (Visit ww w. aknniherbscentre.c om). I had improved walking balance, increased appetite, muscle strength, improved eyesight and others.*

cory merlon - May 21, 2024 at 08:20 AM



“ *Tara Adams Quinn*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Tara Adams Quinn*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Tara Adams Quinn

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ news travels slowing here to West Virginia, and I just learned of Tara's untimely passing. I had the pleasure to teach Tara in HS as well as having coached her in a powder puff football game, what a treat!!! Tara was the best!! She will be missed

Peter Dewald- teacher Severn School 1976-1982

peter dewald - August 25, 2014 at 03:23 PM



“ *"Tara-fying Quinn" is what we called her. Not because she was terrifying to us but because we were so enamored by her. She was my older sister's best friend and my girlfriends and I thought she was the bomb. I loved her raspy voice and her crooked and easy smile. I loved the way she would fling her shiny, sun-streaked brown hair, parted on the side hanging down over half her face. On a night out she'd throw on a splash of red on her lips and add a string of pearls turning instantaneously from plain to good-to-go. She was fun and fiery. I remember she called my sister by her last name. She'd walk into 105 Water Street and yell "Harquai, Where are you? C'mon let's go!" Then they'd peel out of our white gravel driveway in her 240Z. I will always remember her this way.*

Melanie Harquail Matelich - March 26, 2014 at 09:57 PM

TF

“ *She was simply the finest example of humanity. God bless you my friend.*

Timothy Flynn

Timothy J Flynn - March 23, 2014 at 06:17 AM

“ I was fortunate to grow up on Gibson Island and even more fortunate to have experienced a friend and neighbor Like Tara Quinn.

The Quinn, Nelson, and Reynold's families spent over 20 Christmas's and Easter's together laughing, drinking, eating, and sharing good times. Tara was part of the catalyst that made it all come together. Her laughter, unique personality, and love for her family made sharing good times and Holidays with her a purely a joy.

One Christmas Eve, Tara posted at our house wearing brand new hip boots, a new camo jacket, and a new 1187. She had opened all of her Christmas presents the night before so she could hunt Christmas morning.

As the parent of a five year old, I can only imagine what Shirley and Jack went through trying to throttle this kid back at times.

The way she gave to her parents, brother and our family was planned, thoughtful, and real.

All of Tara's friends won by simply having her in their life.

During the 70's and 80's Banshee and Whale sailed the Chesapeake Bay together often sharing the same hook in the evening. The "rents" as she called them would gather in the cockpit on one boat and the kids as far away on the other.

Tara was always first in the inflatable and would pull start the old "Sea King" that would inevitably take us to freedom.... dry land.

My first real memory of Tara is playing TACKLE football with her on the Quinn's front yard in the late 60's or early 70's. Tara came busting out of the kitchen/side door all decked out in a full blown Green Bay Packers uniform. I'm talking helmet, shoulder pads, pants, cleats, and how can I forget the Bart Star jersey I'm sure she had just fought Colin for a little earlier. Tara always came to play.

Sometimes our paths would cross while riding our bikes to GICS.

One windy/Northeaster day Tara said you ride the yellow line and I'll ride against the seawall. That sounded great to me because I figured the one closest to the causeway wall would get soaked and the one in further away would be dry...boy was I wrong. The water would hit the bulkhead and shoot straight up in the air and then land

in the middle of the road, right on the yellow line.

One day at GICS while playing kickball Tara was pitching. She called me to the mound and said kick the ball foul into the harbor. I looked at her funny and wondered why she had asked me to do that. She went on to explain that the wind was blowing out of the North and the balls would blow across the harbor to her house. After school we would race to her house and fish the balls out of the harbor. They usually ended up for sale in her store later on.

There were no stores on GI but Tara had one in her attic. One day she told me to come over after school and to "bring my allowance". I rolled over to the Quinn's on my Schwinn Stingray riddled with anticipation. What I saw in Tara's attic was the closest thing to a 7-11 you have ever seen. You could buy huge Charms Pops in almost any flavor, penny candy she had bought at Dawson's in SP, GI Joe dolls with custom parachutes made out of spinnaker cloth, Red Eared turtles, Box Turtles, Painted turtles, and worms to feed them. Tara sold arrowheads, art, beer cans, fishing lures that she would retrieve off of logs in the lake, sea glass, gum, driftwood, etc. etc. Tara was always the first one to organize a football game, a softball game, a Frisbee golf game, or a swim in the lake.

A Point party wasn't a Point party without TAQ.

We would shoot skeet until our barrels were glowing red...literally. Tara tweaked our Easter routine from the parents hiding the eggs and the kids searching for them to the kids hiding them and the "rents" searching for them. It was great! Tara would commentate. It was amazingly funny listening to her describe Shirley and Jack looking for eggs she had hidden in some ridiculously challenging places.

There are simply too many good memories and not enough time to convey them all.

TAQ may the four winds blow you safely home.

Dana Nelson - March 22, 2014 at 07:33 PM

SW

“ *That was a lovely Celebration of our dear friend Tara last night. Memories of her zest and spirit will keep her in our hearts forever*

:-)

Scott Wilbur - March 22, 2014 at 03:52 PM

MB

“ *Sean and the rest of the Quinn Family,
So sorry for your loss. Tara was one of the 1st people I met when I moved to Annapolis in the mid- 80's. I'm sorry we lost touch over the years. So much fun, and so many stories. Wishing you, your family, and especially Tara much aloha and fair winds. She will be missed by many.*

Mark Bandy

mark bandy - March 21, 2014 at 09:46 AM

MG

“ *Tara was one in a million. We are flooded with fond memories dating back to the Island, Severn School, fishing offshore and just having fun together. She left her handprint on our hearts. With deepest sympathy to Sean, Shirley & Jack, Colin, and her many, many friends. Mary Jo & Fritz Grell*

Mary Jo & Fritz Grell - March 19, 2014 at 10:10 AM

ES

“ 6 files added to the album *Severn Field Hockey*



Erin Stringfellow - March 18, 2014 at 05:28 PM

EC

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Jack and Shirley for your sorrow. Tara will always be fixed in my mind that day one summer on Skippers Row, when we chatted easily and happily. She was fresh, full of youth, unpretentious, without any touch of pettiness, honest, open, and free. A dear girl. Sincerely, Elinor Cecil*

Elinor Cecil - March 18, 2014 at 04:38 PM

GW

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Greg Waltjen - March 18, 2014 at 07:17 AM

KH

“ I was a classmate of Tara's at Severn School where we also played field hockey together. I have such fond memories of playing on that hockey team with her. Tara was a fearless competitor during the games and then, directly afterwards, she was a perfectly poised young lady at the "game tea." I have never known anyone quite like Tara. Tara was a beautiful soul and she will be missed by so many.

Kim Bassford Halsey

Kim Bassford Halsey - March 17, 2014 at 12:43 PM

TF

“ I had the wonderful fortune of being Tara's classmate at both Gibson Island Country School and Severn School. At Gibson Island, Tara was the only girl in our class (eight boys and Tara) which she handled so well that a newspaper article appeared in the local paper with our class picture and article on how well Tara was up to the challenge! Her natural gifts were many - - smart, artistic, athletic, a love for nature, and above all an engaging and witty personality! You made the world a better place Tara, and I will always cherish those times we had with you. My thoughts and prayers to you and your family and all of those who loved you.

Tom Foard

Tom Foard - March 17, 2014 at 08:15 AM

DW

“ I am saddened by Tara's passing. The memory of this skinny girl flying up and down the hockey field at Severn is still vivid in my mind. She was an intense athlete with a smile that one could never forget. My thoughts and prayers are with Tara and her family.

Don Wood

Don Wood - March 16, 2014 at 10:29 PM

BD

“ Tara was a beautiful person. Her enormous circle of life-long friends is testimony to her wonderful personality and genuine warmth. Her strong spirit will be long missed and fondly remembered by everyone who knew her. We were lucky to have her in our lives.

Bruce Davis - March 16, 2014 at 08:19 AM

TN

“ Tara had a huge impact on every person she met. she was just that kind of a girl. lots of great memories over the many years .she will be missed by everyone.
jack ,Shirley and Colin my heart goes out to you and your family

Thomas nelson

tommy nelson - March 15, 2014 at 10:35 AM

SW

“ I remember the first time I saw Tara in 4th grade with a blue sweater and a kilt. We grew up on GI and our two families were very close friends. We drove together to Severn for years, literally. We caught turtles, for Colin and hunted for arrowheads together. My deepest sympathy to Sean and Jack, Shirley and Colin. What a tremendous loss. I'm sorry.

Scott Wilbur

Scott Wilbur - March 14, 2014 at 07:25 PM

ND

“ I remember Tara growing up on the Island. She was a beautiful young lady. My prayers go out to all her family

Nancy Deringer - March 14, 2014 at 07:16 PM

CS

“ Tara was an unstoppable force, in a good way--she's still going her own way on a different adventure. My thoughts are with her family she has left behind. Shirley, Jack, and Colin...my condolences go out to you.

Carol Primrose Sullivan - March 14, 2014 at 02:58 PM

MS

“ Hugs and prayers to all of Tara's family and friends. She was a strong, beautiful, smart woman. Such a loss. ??

Madelaine Waltjen Shedlick - March 14, 2014 at 01:37 PM

DM

“ Oh my gosh where to begin. electrifying, what a smile, what a great laugh and sense of humor, an absolute talent on so many fronts... She could hold a room with her beauty as well as her personality. I feel blessed for having shared her life and Shirley and Jack. So many fond memories. She liked cream cheese and olive sandwiches, they had to be on "Sh----y white bread though" We fought over things like "who dropped that duck" and " Why can't I go to Bloodsworth Island with you and your friends hunting ... " "Cause you're a better shot than I am that's why" God speed Ta.....

Doug Megargee

Doug Megargee - March 14, 2014 at 11:58 AM

KT

“ Tara was such a special friend to me from highschool to forever...my thoughts and prayers are with her entire family. I am honored to have known her and the family and cherish our time together doing so many fun things. I know she is in a peaceful place now. Kim Todd

Kim Todd - March 13, 2014 at 07:11 PM

GW

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Greg Waltjen - March 12, 2014 at 06:41 PM

GW

“ 1 file added to the album *Tara*



Greg Waltjen - March 12, 2014 at 06:34 PM

WW

“ TO A FRIEND

*You entered my life in a casual way,
And saw at a glance what I needed;
There were others who passed me or met me each day,
But never a one of them heeded.
Perhaps you were thinking of other folks more,
Or chance simply seemed to decree it;
I know there were many such chances before,
But the others - well, they didn't see it.*

*Lem Ward
Carver-Gunner-Poet*

Willie White - March 12, 2014 at 03:07 PM

CJ

“ *Jack and Shirley and my good friend Collin
My heart goes out to you at this time of loss ,
Tara was so full of life and so much fun to be
around , when i worked on GI back in the mid
70's i met her and ur son , both became very
good friends , she even baby sat my two daughters and always had
a smile upon greeting her , i will always remember her and cherish
the time we had while living on the Island , may God bless your
family at this time , my thoughts and prayers are with you and your
family on such a sad time.*



Charlie Jerrell

Charles Jerrell - March 12, 2014 at 02:49 PM

TT

“ To the entire family, I feel so badly for all of you. You will be in my prayers and thoughts.

Tom Tompkins

Tom Tompkins - March 12, 2014 at 02:35 PM

DS

“ *Denver Sanner lit a candle in memory of Tara Adams Quinn*



Denver Sanner - March 12, 2014 at 12:45 PM

DS

“ Captain & Mrs. Quinn,

I am so sorry to hear about Tara, my heart breaks for your loss. I will always remember her huge smile and her wonderful laughter. When she walked into any room she was most of the time the center of attention. The reason I say that is because most women walking into a room don't carry shot guns over their arms. Tara loved to hunt and be outside. I also remember when I first met Tara, she was wind surfing across the G.I. harbor, nothing unusual about that, however the closer she got to me I notice that she had a 100 lb Chesapeake Bay Retriever sitting on the back of the board. The two of them went across the harbor in a 15 knot wind and she never once faltered. Rebel sat on that board and never moved until Tara would head back to the dock.

Just one of many many stories that I liked to share. Tara touched many lives, she will be missed dearly.

One last thing and I think that this is appropriate.

I am standing by the seashore.

*A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze
and starts for the blue ocean.*

*She is an object of beauty and strength,
and I stand and watch*

*until at last she hangs like a speck of white cloud
just where the sun and sky come down to mingle with each other.*

*Then someone at my side says, 'There she goes!
Gone where? Gone from my sight – that is all.*

*She is just as large in mast and hull and spar
as she was when she left my side
and just as able to bear her load of living freight
to the places of destination.*

Her diminished size is in me, not in her.

And just at the moment when someone at my side says,

*'There she goes! ',
there are other eyes watching her coming,
and other voices ready to take up the glad shout :
'Here she comes!'*

Rest In Peace Tara Adams Quinn, fair winds & calm seas!

*Capt. Denver Sanner
Harbor Master GIYS*

Denver Sanner - March 12, 2014 at 12:35 PM



Beautiful Captain.

Betsy Wendell - March 14, 2014 at 02:56 PM

SP

“ *You always made us smile ! Your in a better
place now ,we loved you and you will never
be forgotten.
Your Friends,
Charlie and Sue*



Sue and Charlie Prinz - March 12, 2014 at 12:08 PM

WP

“ Jack & Shirley,

my heart breaks for you both right now. way too soon and we all have such wonderful memories of Tara's infectious smile. she is at peace now and her memory will live on forever in our heart.

thinking of you both right

Will Passano

Will Passano - March 12, 2014 at 10:25 AM

MB

“ *I was privileged enough to share one of Tara's last deer hunts with her. That 4 hours sitting in the blind talking about her journey through life the past few years taught me a little more about Tara and a lot more about myself. We laughed as well as had some serious touching conversation. Tara shot a beautiful 8 point buck that afternoon and we both cried, knowing it may have been her last. What a special memory for me! Mike Blair*

Mike Blair - March 12, 2014 at 10:19 AM

DF

“ *I have many fond memories, her crazy dog Rebel, duck hunting with Tara and Colin @Deal Island where I learned the hard way not to shoot out of a tippy one-man canoe. Tara was always the ringleader, the storyteller, the entertainer who made long-lasting friendships come naturally. Although Tara has certainly moved on to a better place, what a loss this is for we who have known her.*

Doug Frazee

Doug Frazee - March 12, 2014 at 10:10 AM

TF

“ I went to high school with Tara. I occasionally would run into her in later years, and she always treated me like a long-lost friend. Tara was funny and talented. A very nice and special lady.

Tim Flaherty - March 12, 2014 at 09:41 AM

MO

“ omg a sad day in Annapolis, my dearest Tara , how much you will be missed, running in the mud with the boys, sailing and cussing like a true pirate , but when you put those pearls on a lady appears with kindness and wisdom.

thanks for being part of my life.
MOTORHEAD FRED

MOTOTHEAD - March 12, 2014 at 09:30 AM

AM

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss of Tara. I have known her since we both went to Gibson Island Country School and Severn School. My kids, Janis and Stacy remembered her teaching them how to ride their bikes on our house on the hill....so many many years ago.



ann a. musselman - March 12, 2014 at 08:58 AM

TF

“ Tara,
When I hear the sound of wild geese and look into the sky, I will think of you and know that love can never die.
Much love,
Mike, Stacey, Jack and Kalyn



The Barrow Family - March 12, 2014 at 07:33 AM

RT

“ *i remember the sail tape you gave me to repair my boat sail*

robert taylor - March 12, 2014 at 05:57 AM

CG

“ *Carol Glorioso lit a candle in memory of Tara Adams Quinn*



Carol Glorioso - March 11, 2014 at 11:48 AM