



## Robert J. McComiskey

June 3, 1983 - October 21, 2020

CANAAN – Robert J. McComiskey, 37, of Canaan and Island Pond, Vt., died on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020, at the UVM Medical Center in Burlington, Vt.

Rob was born on June 3, 1983, in Pueblo, Colo., a son to Robert D. and the late Julie (Stanach) McComiskey. He was raised in Colorado and later Canaan, and was a 2002 graduate of Canaan Memorial High School where he excelled playing baseball.

He returned to Colorado after graduation and began a life-long journey in the world of food service and hospitality, especially barbecue. He learned much of his trade at the Steamboat Smokehouse and later worked in Fort Collins, competing and refining his skill all the while. He later returned home to the northeast kingdom to work with his family to establish Hobo's Restaurant in Island Pond, which has become known far and wide for outstanding barbecue fare.

Rob was an avid history buff, especially for the Civil War period, and he loved to read all sorts of cookbooks and watching food shows on television. The culinary world, especially barbecuing was his passion and life. He was also an animal lover and enjoyed them all.

He is survived by his parents, Robert D. and Heidi McComiskey of Canaan,

Vt.; his daughter, Mollie Abigail Chase; two brothers, Joel McComiskey and partner, Mary, of Steamboat Springs, Colo., and Tristan Manosh and wife Brandi, and their daughter Aliese of Gardnerville, Nev.; two sisters, Kyleigh Denio and husband Adam of Tilton, NH, and Tamera Morgan of California; as well as his many colleagues and friends at Hobo's Restaurant, all of whom he considered as close as family

Rob is predeceased by his mother, Julie Stanach, and his grandmother to whom he was very close, Nadia McComiskey.

A graveside memorial service will be held at the Alice Hunt Cemetery in Canaan on Friday, Oct. 30, 2020, at 11 a.m.

Expressions of sympathy in Rob's memory can be made to the Coös Animal Sanctuary, P.O. Box 345, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Cemetery Details

## Alice Hunt Cemetery

VT Route 114  
Canaan, VT

# Previous Events

## Graveside Memorial Service

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Alice Hunt Cemetery  
VT Route 114  
Canaan, VT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bob and Heidi - Please accept our heartfelt condolences in your time of grief - we are thinking of you and your family - Connie and Roland Yandow*

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**Connie Yandow** - November 02, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ *To Robert and family;  
My sympathies to all of you.  
You had a wonderful and caring son.  
Sincerely,  
Alain Dupont*

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**alain c dupont** - October 31, 2020 at 08:18 AM



“ *To Robbie & Heidi and the Family  
We are so sorry to hear of Robbie's passing, he was a real nice kid and we loved his cooking at Hobo's Restaurant. May he rest in peace. Our prayers are with you.  
Donald & Ginette Gagnon*

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**Donald & Ginette Gagnon** - October 28, 2020 at 06:49 AM



“ *My prayers are with his family. May you remember all the fun and happy times with Robbie and smile.*

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**Gj Denio** - October 27, 2020 at 03:49 PM

LC

“ My heartfelt condolences to Robbie’s parents, family and friends. I knew Rob as a kind, intelligent and passionate young man. We worked together at the Steamboat Smokehouse and shared a love for BBQ, Red Sox, VT, Civil War history, philosophy, etc. He made our world a better place and will be sorely missed.

Lee Cosgrove - October 27, 2020 at 12:58 PM

EB

“ Eric Brungot lit a candle in memory of Robert J. McComiskey



Eric Brungot - October 27, 2020 at 11:39 AM

 Pam Smith

“ Deepest Sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with you all

Pam Smith - October 26, 2020 at 05:20 PM

FC

“ To Robert D. and Heidi McComiskey our deepest sympathies and to all the family & friends, Francine & Andre Champagne



Francine Champagne - October 26, 2020 at 02:10 PM

RH

“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathy at this difficult time.

Richard and Sandy Hall - October 25, 2020 at 07:58 PM

JH

“ *A parent's worst nightmare is to have their child pass before they do. Robbie and Wendy, my heart aches for you, this is soul-shaking. Please take care of yourselves, hang on to his spirit and love.*  
*John Hankins*



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**John E Hankins** - October 25, 2020 at 03:44 PM

MO

“ *My deepest sympathies to all the family, way too young!  
You are all in my thought and prayers!*  
*Monique ouimette*



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**monique ouimette** - October 25, 2020 at 11:27 AM

LK

“ *We were sorry to learn of Robbie's passing. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

*Patty and Les Klinefelter*

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**Leslie Klinefelter** - October 25, 2020 at 06:49 AM



“ I met this chaismatic young man in his domain, Hobo's Restaurant, on a trip for the best BBQ I ever had. He was a very personable young man. I looked forward to seeing him again in the near future & also to have more of his delicious food. I am saddened to know I will not be able to do this again. I am heartbroken for my friends, Robbie Sr & Heidi. Robbie, Jr- RIP, PitMaster.

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**Carol Bond** - October 24, 2020 at 10:48 PM



“ Wonderfully polite and respectable young man. Will be missed among those who knew him. Les Hankins Jr.

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**Les Hankins Jr** - October 24, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ Much Love.



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**Judith Boutin** - October 24, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ So very sad for you...there is nothing harder than losing a child..no matter the age..

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**Georgiana Carr** - October 24, 2020 at 05:22 PM

SM

“ Rest easy Robbie. I'm keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.



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**Sarah Masters-Laflamme** - October 24, 2020 at 03:08 PM

SL

“ Rob and Heidi,

*We are so sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers to your family.*

*Scott and Conni*

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**scott leigh** - October 24, 2020 at 02:57 PM

RM

“ So sorry for your lost. The first time I ate at the restaurant he said I know you and I said yes you do, I'm Sarah Masters mom he was all happy. He sat down and we visited for awhile. What a great guy!

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**Rebecca Masters** - October 24, 2020 at 02:52 PM

RL

“ So Sorry for you Loss  
*Ray Lavigne and Kim Plumley*

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**Ray Lavigne** - October 24, 2020 at 02:04 PM

PL

*Dear Rob and Heidi,*

*To lose a son and a member of the family business is beyond any sorrow I can express in words. Please accept my condolences and know you are in my thoughts, as someone from Island Pond who got to know Rob over a cup of coffee at Hobo's.*

*Respectfully,  
Paul Lefebvre*

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**paul Lefebvre Lefebvre** - October 28, 2020 at 06:21 PM