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**Subject:** Re: Sad news for Jeffrey  
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Thx David. I will forward to Jeffrey. Sorry for your loss.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 10, 2013, at 9:50 PM, David Grosf <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Lesley,

Today I received the news below about a Dalton School alumnus, news that may be important to Jeffrey.

Sincerely,  
David

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It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Eileen Roaman on Monday, August 26, 2013.

Condolences can be sent to Eileen's mother Carol Siris Roaman '54 and her bother Brad Roaman '79:

Roaman Family  
146 West 57th Street, Apartment 64A  
New York, NY 10019

Below is Eileen's obituary.

The obituary in The East Hampton Star  
Eileen Roaman, 54, Was a Gardener, Artist, and Raconteur  
By Star staff | August 29, 2013 - 12:20pm

Eileen Roaman, a longtime resident of Accabonac Road in Springs, gardener, and former member of the East Hampton Town Planning Board and the Springs Ambulance Company, died of cancer at Southampton Hospital on Monday. She was 54, and had been ill for some time.

Ms. Roaman, who had recently bought a house in Sag Harbor, lived a life of grace, courage, and generosity, according to her family and friends.

An artist, paddleboarder, music lover, and yoga practitioner, she was also a superb cook and baker, and a brilliant raconteur, her family said.

She had an encyclopedic knowledge and appreciation of Broadway musicals. She was hilariously funny, and her enthusiasm, wit, and keen intelligence lit up every room she entered, wrote family and friends.

She was close to a cousin, Judi Roaman of New York City and East Hampton, and to countless friends who considered her one of the most dear, unique, and electric people" they had known.

After moving to a vintage house at the top of Accabonac Road, Ms. Roaman acquired the house next door and, after reclaiming the land, created a charming homestead featuring vegetable and flower gardens, fruit trees, chickens, and bees. It was featured in the 2011 book, *Hamptons Gardens*.

She was a member of the Long Island Beekeepers Club, and was a master gardener who had developed her own solar-powered cold frames, enabling her to produce vegetables throughout the year.

An enthusiastic supporter of local farms including Quail Hill and Amber Waves in Amagansett, Ms. Roaman also lent her support to Project MOST and the Springs Seedlings Project, a children's gardening project at Springs School.

She also quietly and steadfastly backed other community initiatives, such as the East Hampton Food Pantry and open space and conservation efforts, and served as an emergency medical technician for the Springs Fire Department.

In 1997, she was named by the East Hampton Town Board to the Springs Citizens Advisory Committee, and also served on the town's nature preserve committee.

Ms. Roaman was appointed to the town planning board in 2007 in a unanimous vote of the town board, and attended workshops to learn about green energy and building techniques, such as the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards.

She left the planning board in 2012, a year before her term would have expired. At the time she announced her departure she said in an interview, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have served the town, and I look forward to continuing to do so in any way that I can in the future. I love East Hampton it is an incredibly special place.

Ms. Roaman was born in New York City to Carol Siris Roaman and Martin Roaman on March 11, 1959.

She grew up in Manhattan and graduated from Hunter College, then worked in the television and music industries, including at "Saturday Night Live," for Lorne Michaels, and for Michael Zilkha of ZE Records. She was also an associate producer on "The Best of Dan Aykroyd."

In her 20s, she worked with the Coalition for the Homeless and with the Association to Benefit Children.

Besides her mother, a resident of New York City and East Hampton, Ms. Roaman is survived by her brother, Bradford Roaman, also of New York City and East Hampton. Her father died before her.

"She became the preferred godmother of nearly every child she met," her family said, and was a devoted aunt to her brother's two children.

A service will be held this morning at 11 at the Jewish Center of the Hamptons in East Hampton.

Best,  
Kathleen

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David Grosf

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