

March 9, 2016

Hello sweet friends,

We wanted to send you a quick note to say that my mom, Kay, passed away on March 2, 2016, after a yearlong battle with ovarian cancer. Today is her memorial and celebration of life.

If you'd like to read a bit more about my mom, here's the obituary I wrote about her:

<http://www.brianandmalisa.com/momobit>

Here's a front page article from her local newspaper:

<http://www.brianandmalisa.com/momarticle>

I have been experiencing waves of emotion over the past week. Tears alternate with laughter with my family and we move from sadness to joy and then back. My friend Meg says, "It's God's mercy that it comes in waves. If it came all at once in a flood, we would drown." So true.



*My mom and I dancing at our  
Boston wedding reception in 2008*

Thanks so much for your prayers for us.

Loving our Adventurous Lord,

*Brian & Malisa*

p.s. While Malisa and I have been grieving with our family and caring for our kids and Brian's dad, ministry has continued. We are so thankful to lead such an amazing team of staff and students. We have lots of great stories to share. More details soon, but now, A few highlights:

- We took a group of 10 student leaders away for an overnight to focus on helping them be refreshed and rejuvenated to help them practice sabbath. It was a rich weekend for all (Malisa and I got to spend a few hours with them which was very encouraging).
- That same day, we sent off a group of over 20 to our annual Spring Break evangelism training conference in Florida.
- A group of about 20 headed to Maine. This group was mainly international students who were helping at a refugee center this week.
- For Brian, it has been fun to watch Craig and Brian who are two Lacrosse guys who I led to Christ last year continue to grow and develop - and beat the Naval Academy Lacrosse team in double overtime two weekends ago. Such a fun game to watch from the sidelines.