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Tyler Tillinghast Roberts

Tyler Tillinghast Roberts, author and professor of Religious Studies at Grinnell College, passed away unexpectedly June 3, 2021.

Tyler was a professor at Grinnell College for 23 years and authored "Contesting Spirit: Nietzsche, Affirmation and Religion" and "Encountering Religion: Responsibility and Criticism After Secularism."

Tyler was born in Hanover, New Hampshire, on February 10, 1960. He grew up in Stowe, Vermont, and attended The Taft School. He graduated from Brown University and received his Doctorate of Theology at Harvard Divinity School in 1993.



In his free time, Tyler loved to cook, bike, swim, and work in the garden. He was an avid reader and crossword extraordinaire. He loved music and in the years prior to his death was learning to play the guitar. As a native New Englander, Tyler loved to return to the ocean, visit family and friends, and watch the Red Sox play. Above all, he loved spending time with his wife, Shuchi, and his children, Madeleine, Emma, William, and Shivani, as well as a host of colleagues and friends.

Tyler is survived by his wife, Shuchi Kapila of Grinnell; his mother, Jane T. Roberts of Providence, R.I.; his sister, Amy M. Roberts of Scarborough, Maine; and his beloved children, Madeleine, Emma, Will, and Shivani. He was predeceased by his brother, Alexander S. T. Roberts, and his father, Wallace Roberts.

The service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday June 11, 2021, at the Herrick Chapel on the Grinnell College campus. A reception will follow at The Grinnell House. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a memorial fund in a support of furthering Humanities Education. Condolences may be shared online with Tyler's family at www.smithfh.com.