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Riding an ultra-light titanium bicycle and driven by the desire to fulfill a dream cut short, Boston resident Matt Klainer rode 4,202 miles from Seattle to Gloucester.

The recent Tufts University graduate ended the trek by dipping his bike's front wheel in the Atlantic Ocean yesterday afternoon.

"I'm doing it because my father was planning on doing it last year and passed away about two months before he set off," Klainer said. "He was unable to complete his lifelong dream, so I set off to do it for him."

Klainer raised \$10,000 during the eight-week ride. The money will go toward a scholarship his family is setting up in Jeremy A. Klainer's memory at the University of Rochester Graduate School of Nursing.

Matt Klainer said the most beautiful part of his trip was seeing the Grand Tetons rise above Wyoming.

"The most magnificent moment was riding through my hometown, Rochester, and seeing my mom for the first time on the ride," he said. They rode together for five miles along a favorite route of his father's.

The low point was struggling across the Great Plains, he said. "There were a few days in South Dakota with 110-degree heat and headwinds and eight-to-10 hour days. . . . I felt my father with me and pushed on."

Caption: TRIUMPH: Matt Klainer celebrates at the end of his 4,202-mile ride, which he undertook in his father's memory. Staff photo by John Wilcox

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