

Tributes for Michael

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Roger Allard

From: [Roger Allard](#)

To: [The Cavaghans](#)

Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2008 10:42 PM

Subject: RE: Mike

Wendy,

On behalf of all of us at All Leisure I would like to express our profound sadness at the loss of mike.

Many of us (including myself) enjoyed his professionalism wit and time and care he took in talking to everyone he came across. He was one of true genuine men I have had the pleasure of knowing.

I will be planting a tree in his memory at my home and will send you a photograph. If there is anything I can do at this difficult time please let me know.

My thoughts are with you
With kindest regards
On behalf of the whole crew

Roger

Roger Allard
Chairman
All Leisure Group



Esperide Ananas

From: <esperide@tim.eu.blackberry.com>

To: "The Cavaghans" <cavaghan@bigpond.net.au>

Sent: Sunday, April 20, 2008 7:36 PM>

Dearest Wendy,

I can't even start to tell you how sad we are to hear this.

I send you thoughts of love and support from Falco and all of us.
We will always carry Michael in our hearts.

If you want us to help him in this important passage please email me his picture with birth and death dates and places. And if there is anything we can help you with please let me know.

We hope to be able to hug you soon.

Much love,

Esperide



Jenny Anderson

From: [Jenny Anderson](#)

To: cavaghan@bigpond.net.au

Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2008 1:50 AM

Subject: Emailing: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Dear Wendy,

I have just heard through the P&O "grapevine" that Mike has died. I am so sorry to hear the news.

I sailed with Mike on the Oriana in 1966/7 when he was Junior Second Officer, and I was a Female Assistant Purser, and have found three photos which I thought you might like. The first and second photos are taken in Honolulu when a few of us hired one of the jeeps, and in the picture are David Dornam, Leslie Morrow and a nursing sister whose name I can't remember. The second photo is the same jeep with the nursing sister and me! The next one is of a group of us at some pour out. The other two are of a tree I have planted in a small orchard in our village as a "Michael tree". It is a Victoria Plum. The orchard has been in the same family since Elizabethan times, and has just been given to the village who are trying to restock it. It is at the end of our garden and very pretty, although the grass looks very overgrown in the photo. It is in Kent, in a village called Littlebourne near Canterbury.

Mike was great fun, and I was very sorry last time we sailed on the Discovery to find that you and Mike were joining the ship just as we were leaving in Barbados, it would have been lovely to meet him again. I also was on board Oriana and invited to the Wake to mark the end of the Orient Line flag.

We lived in Melbourne for 3 years in the 1980s, and our three sons went to school there, two to Melbourne Grammar and one to Christchurch. We had a marvellous time. One of our sons now

lives in Sydney, so we travel there from time to time, and last time we were over we went to Noosa which we thought lovely, and hired a four wheel drive and drove up Forty Mile beach and over to Fraser Island.

Best wishes

Jenny Anderson



Sir Peter and Dame Elizabeth Anson

From: pandeanson@aol.com

To: cavaghan@bigpond.net.au

Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 6:06 PM

Subject: Michael's Ship has sailed

Dear Wendy,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Michael was a great seaman and a great Commander. His ships were all immaculate and happy. This will be his legacy.

With all our love

Peter and Elizabeth

Charles and Jenny Arkinstall

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1st May 2008

Dear Wendy

Jenny & I were shocked and saddened to receive the news of Michael's death and send you our most sincere condolences. We remember him so well as in the picture at the top of your letter, fit and tanned in his pristine white uniform, that his early demise is a particular shock although it is some years since we had the pleasure of sailing with him on the Minerva.

I have particular fond memories of you both going back to Genoa quite a few years ago now when retirement was a distant horizon but it was the beginning of what I believe was a wonderful period in Michael's career as he seemed so well suited to Minerva (both of them) & to enjoy the experience so much, making countless friends along the way.

We do indeed wish him Bon Voyage and to you too as a new chapter in your life unfolds.

With our very best wishes,

Charles Arkinstall

Captain Dick Ash

From: [Richard Ash](#)

To: cavaghan@bigpond.net.au

Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 6:06 PM

Subject: Capt. Mike

Dear Wendy,

I have just learned of Mike's sad passing away, and would like to offer you my most sincere condolences at this, your most difficult.

I have many fond memories of both you and Mike, from the good old ICSN/JSM days, which I treasure, knowing as I do that they can never be repeated.

As I strive nowadays to improve the standards of our Filipino seafarers, I always have a mental image of Mike striding onto the bridge when the Pilot had boarded, full of confidence and charisma, all spic and span from head to toe. I was always so proud to be part of his team.

Yet, when I recall those happy days and nights of shipboard camaraderie, I also think of Mike, with his booming laugh, his willingness to listen and his reticence to judge. I can see in my mind's eye now, Mike leading the likes of Monster and myself up the road in Port Alice, one wet Saturday afternoon, at a full charge, like a group of marauding Vikings, Peach Schnapps and all!

Wendy, I know you must feel devastated at present, and I am unfortunately not able to offer you anything in real terms of solace, other than to ask you to focus on all those wonderful years you had together, and to be proud in the knowledge that Mike truly was, a man for all seasons.

Yours most sincerely,

Dick Ash.

Sir Robert and Lady Hazel Atkinson

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My dear Wendy

28.04.08

Thank you for your letter bearing the sad sad news of Michael's death. I can imagine how desolate you must be feeling. I need hardly say what joy he brought to everyone who met him. I am so glad we had that brief meeting when he was taking over on Discovery, his last voyage.

You made such a happy pair and your love for each other showed through. always. Having been widowed myself, there is much I could say but you have a great personality and will remember all the wonderful times you had together. I won't say more because you will be inundated with letters of sympathy so please do not trouble to respond to this note. Let me just say that Robert and I were shattered to hear your news and our hearts go out to you at this time..

Strangely enough, we have just planted a lovely lilac tree – now to be called Michael's Tree, and I will send you a photograph when it is on blossom.

With deepest sympathy
& much love from us both.

Hazel.

P.S. Apologies for my
efforts on the
computer! Black
ink must have run out

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Nirvana Azzopardi

From: [Josephine Balzan](#)

To: [The Cavaghans](#)

Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2008 12:25 AM

Subject: RE: Michael Studholme Cavaghan

Dear Wendy,

You cannot imagine how sad your news made me.
I am so, so sorry and want you to know that you are in my thoughts.

I cannot think of anything else to say, moments like these tend to leave us speechless.

Take good care of yourself,

I send you lots of love

Nirvana

