

Tributes for Michael

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Peter Easton

From: [Peter Easton](#)

To: cavaghan@bigpond.net.au

Sent: Friday, May 09, 2008 11:57 PM

Subject: *His ship has sailed*

Dear Wendy

Mary and I are saddened to hear of Michael's departure. He was certainly the most dashing and adventurous of all the clan. When I was a very small boy, Michael would always bring back some present for me from his voyages. I remember a furry hat from (I think) China – and a green articulated bamboo snake from Hong Kong which I have still.

I'm sure all the family are equally grateful that we were able to have our most recent reunion with Michael. I look back on it now as our celebration of a very wonderful man.

Our thoughts are with you.

Love from Peter and Mary Easton



Jeni Edgley and Andrew Kitchener

From: "Missy Bloggs" <rainbownews@hotmail.com>

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

Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2008 11:05 PM

Subject: RE: Michael Studholme Cavaghan

Oh Wendy,

We have been caught up with 'life'had a frantic couple of months presenting (for the first time in donkey years) our first live professional show with Deb Webber a psychic who is No. One rating in NZ on a TV series called Sensing Murder. Which we did two shows of last weekend on the Gold Coast highly successfully.

About to leave for 5 months on Magnetic Is to help Sasha (eldest) deliver her second babe...and to help look after their restaurant/gallery - and look after no. one grandson. I was deleting emails from my busiest email account - where I get a lot of junk mail..... and found this tonight.

Andrew and I are shocked, horrified and aghast. It was so unexpected my dear Wendy. We just expected you 'two' to keep on keeping on and can't imagine how you are feeling. Very, very sad news! We had no idea. We would have come up to visit you or see you or do something if we'd opened this earlier. My God what a beautiful soul has passed. You must be devastated. Whilst we didn't have a lot of contact, we LOVED Michael.

Both of pray you are 'faring' ok....which we also know...is impossible at this time. We are sending our warmest love and biggest wishes that you are surrounded by family and friends and whilst you'll never 'get over it' we hope you can adjust to a life without your beloved....in some way.

All our love,

Jeni and Andrew

(Hideaway...and beyond...what happy times we had there)

PS We just kinda expected you and Michael to be a team and be there ALWAYS. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx



Gennaro and Joanne Esposito

From: <jojorino@libero.it>
To: "cavaghan" <cavaghan@bigpond.net.au>
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2008 5:28 AM
Subject: Re:Michael Studholme Cavaghan

Dear Wendy,

Have just read your email. You cannot believe how sorry we are to have received such sad news. Our thoughts are with you in this difficult period of your life. He was such a fantastic man; I adored him! A man so full of talents, a wonderful writer, a fantastic sense of humour & most of all, a great commander... I read (& re-read) his annual xmas letter from time to time (I even sent it to my mother to read, as its just so entertaining, & it says everything about Mike & his worldly outlook of life in general, always with a pinch of humour added to soften the blow... We have truly lost a great man, but trust me, he will NEVER be forgotten. He will be missed by all, but his spirit will live on.

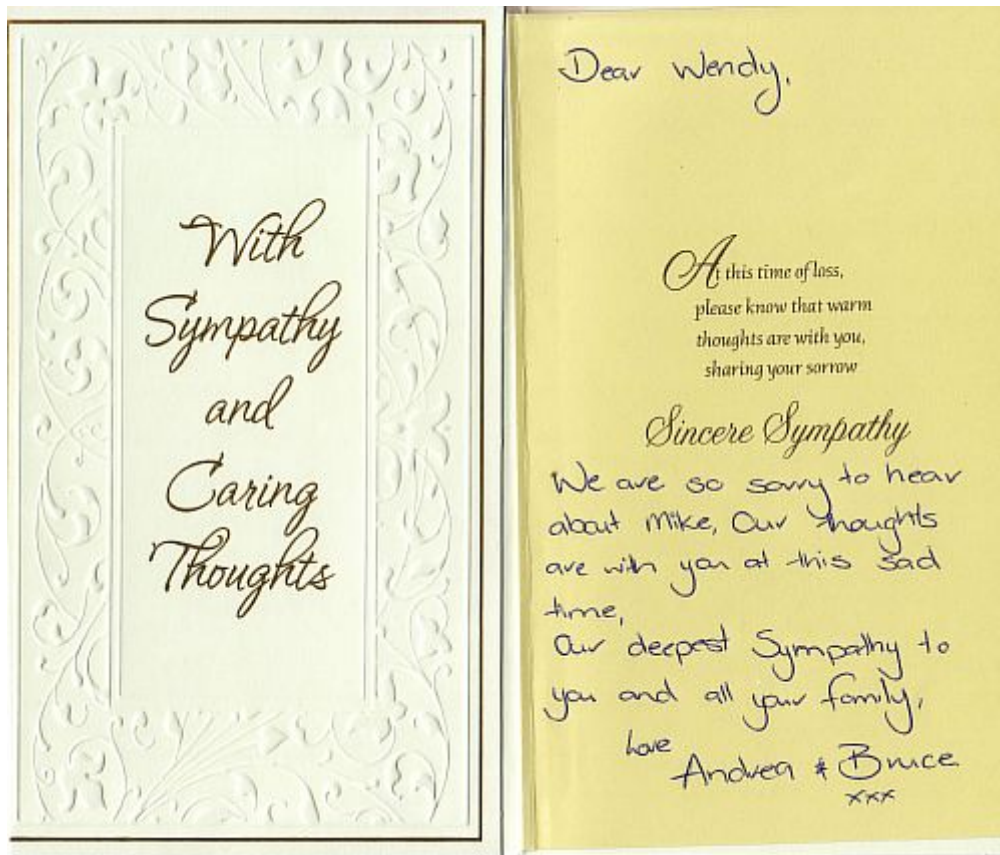
Our heartfelt condolences to you & all the family. By the way, am planting an almond tree in our garden in the name of Mike, so we will always be reminded of him. If I manage to work out how to transfer photos from the digital camera to the computer, will send you a photo...

Again, our condolences to all the Cavaghan family, please stay in touch, Wendy... We think of you often...

Love Joanne, Rino & Isabella
(Gennaro Esposito
Chief Engineer, Minerva II)



Andrea and Bruce Evans



Richard Evenhand

From: [Evenhand, Richard - Managing Director V.Ships Leisure UK](#)

To: cavaghan@bigpond.net.au

Sent: Friday, April 18, 2008 10:40 PM

Subject:

Dear Wendy,

I am so sorry to hear of Mike's final sailing and can only pass to you and all his family my heartfelt condolences.

Mike was a wonderful man and a true gentleman. I find it difficult to contemplate the loss that you must feel and wish you all the courage you may need.

The last couple of days I have been recalling many fond memories of Mike from when we first worked together on the Minerva and of Mike's seamanship, his superb leadership and people skills, his great humour and by no means least, the friendship he offered and the great affection that I held for him.

You always felt better for having been in Mike's company. When I visit Minerva next month I will feel his loss all the more as my last visit to the ship was whilst he was in command. I will raise a "unit" to him in the Wheeler Bar.

I will plant a tree for Mike. I know that many others I have spoken to will also plant a tree. And there will be no shortage of good memories and the laughter that went with them.

Love
Richard

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