

# Tributes for Michael

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Captain David and Fiona Fickling

**From:** D Fickling

**To:** 'The Cavaghans'

**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2008 5:06 AM

**Subject:** RE: Michael Studholme Cavaghan

Oh Wendy,

I'm so sorry to hear this. He was a lovely man, a great Captain, and a fine seaman. The time I spent with Michael and yourself on the Nandu Arrow provide some of the best memories of all my years at sea.

I shall be thinking of you on Friday,

Kindest Regards,

David Fickling.



## Dr. Stuart and Evelyn Fleming

**From:** [WILLIAM FLEMING](#)

**To:** [mike cavaghan](#)

**Sent:** Sunday, April 20, 2008 9:10 PM

**Subject:** Saddest news

Dear Wendy

The ether has been buzzing with messages relayed in the P&O network, so the shock sad news of Mike's untimely death reached deepest Scotland. My sincere condolences to you Wendy, as Mike was such a good man he is not replaceable.

Our time sailing together for P&O was unfortunately never long enough but I remember with great affection - and remain proud of keeping Sammy Bradford at bay when he was gunning for Mike who somehow required a brief rest in the ship's hospital. Everywhere he went, and you two certainly covered the globe, Mike engendered affection for his kindness and respect for his professional skill.

I am sure you have had lots of similar messages and I hope they will help to sustain you in these hard days. Evelyn and I are off to New Zealand to younger daughter's graduation as a Vet with a brief stop with an old shipmate in Brisbane. Had there been more time would have loved to catch up. Another time hopefully

much love

Stuart Fleming



Yvonne Ford-Cross

**From:** [yvonne](#)

**To:** [Mike and Wendy Cavaghan](#)

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 11:27 PM

**Subject:** So Sorry

Wendy, there are no words I can say that can possibly express my grief at your/our loss of Mike. I so looked forward to seeing you both again when opportunity and cash allowed. Sad how many years have passed since we last got together but I do know that, like Richard, he will always be there for you and his friends.

I am here trying to sort out the house as ever with the season coming on and I can only say that Menorca remains the very special place it has always been for me and so many of our friends. You need to know just how many people here, shocked as I am, send their very best thoughts and wishes to you - too countless to name - but from here to UK they send their deepest sympathies and fondest love.

Lorraine told me the news on Friday last - bless her, she has a lot on her plate also with Alan ill - and could only let me know verbally. Please add me to your E-mail list as, although not yet computer literate, I am at least with help now "on-line" and would love to hear from you.

I am not going to ask you "how are you feeling" because, having been there, I am sure the answer would be that the shock is covering any realisation of whether you "feel" anything other than numb. Go kick a rock and swear would be my advice!

Very much love and please know that there is always a place here for you - amongst friends. Please let me know when the tribute to Mike is organised and, if it might be next winter, I

would like to join you both on Noosa Beach. Have only ever been there with you both and Mel. So many years ago - 19 I think!

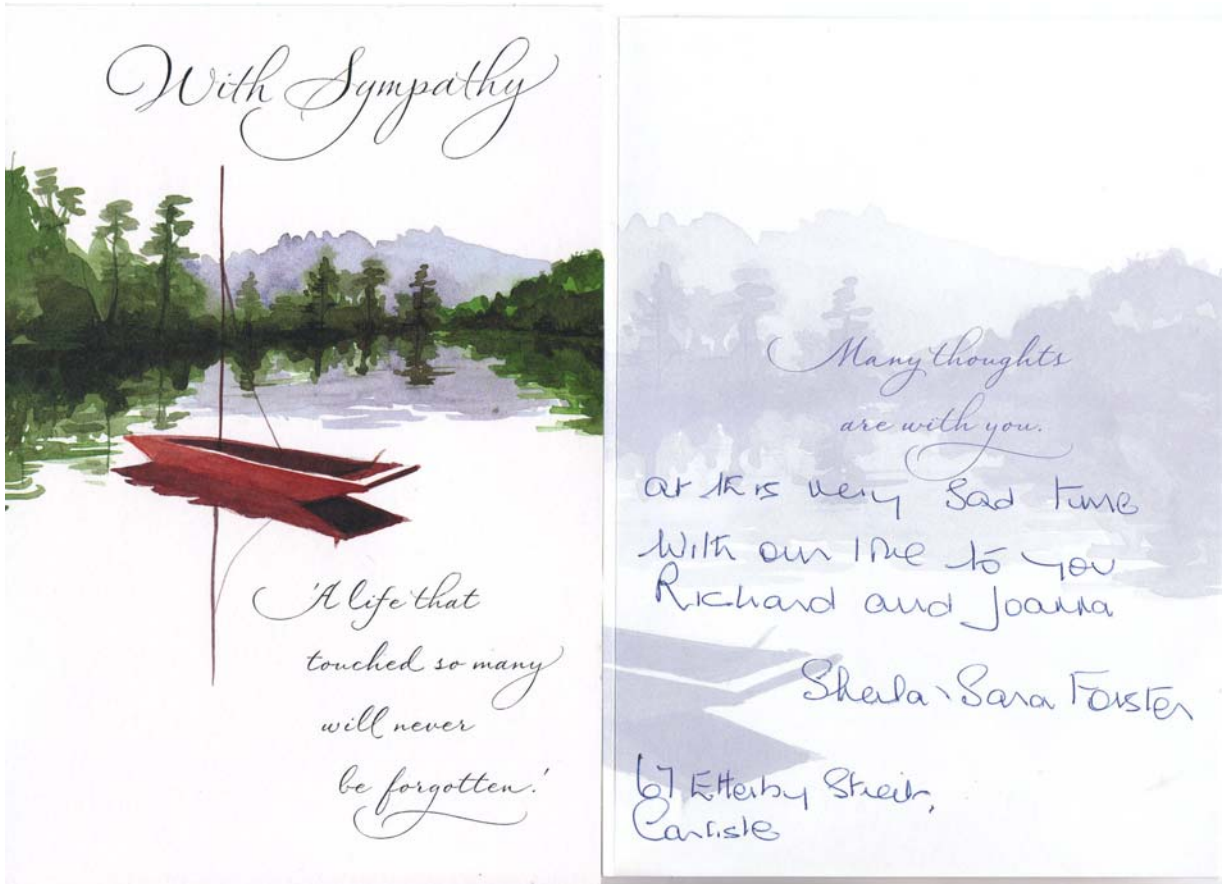
My thoughts are with you and mutual "family" on all sides.

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Sheila and Sara Forster



Gertie and Jack Fowler  
Derek and Maureen Fowler

From: **Derek & Maureen Fowler**  
To: **The Cavaghans**  
Cc: **Bev Shiells**  
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 5:59 AM  
Subject: Re: Michael Studholme Cavaghan

Dear Wendy,

Below is a message from my mother, but is really from us all.

Dear Wendy,

Derek has just given me news of Michael. My thoughts are with you as I reminisce - I have my booklet of 'Salty Tales' and Michael's great letters which I have always cherished, still tucked away in my bureau drawer.

I have lovely photos of the Happy Family gathering on 4th December 1988 at Talkin Tarn - just twenty years ago. Then when you both came here in January 1998, we had a heavy fall of snow just after you left, blocking all roads to St Bees and we were cut off for 5 days. Bread was brought to the village by boat from Whitehaven.

You are in my mind continually. Valerie and Derek as well as Jack and I send our love and understanding at this time.

Love

Gertie



Val Frearson-Lane

From: Valerie Frearson-Lane

To: The Cavaghans

Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2008 3:58 PM

Subject: Re: Michael Studholme Cavaghan

Dear Wendy

I read your message and letter with great surprise and sadness.  
You are in my thoughts, as is Michael.

I will stay in touch

With love

Valerie

# Alison Fudge

**From:** Ali Fudge  
**To:** 'The Cavaghans'  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 3:05 PM  
**Subject:** Michael Studholme Cavaghan

Dear Wendy

I am sorry I have not replied until now. After receiving your email I have been in a state of shock and have been so emotional.

My heart goes out to you and every day you are in my thoughts. He was an incredible man that I looked up to and respected as a Captain and a man. I remember last year visiting him on the Discovery in Limassol and we had a wonderful chat and catch up.

My Parents are over from the UK on holiday with me for 10 days as it is our Easter. They arrived last night and I broke the news to them as they had in fact booked a cruise on the Discovery on the 20th May I think it is so they were as shocked as I was as they were so looking forward to seeing Michael.

I know you and Michael were strong believers in Spiritualism and I am sure Michael (after his journey) will be by your side every day of your life.

I am going to plant my 'Michael tree' in my garden so I will never ever forget what a wonderful man he was.

Love to you always

Don't forget memories will last forever

Ali xxx

