

Tributes for Michael

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Subject: Michael

Dear Wendy,

Please may I say how very sad I am to hear the terrible news about Michael.

I had been meaning to get in touch with him for some time - I had no idea of his illness - but had seen some of his writing, and just thought it would be good to ask if he might remember me. I only met him once, over 40 years ago. It would I suppose have been about 1962 when he came to Hong Kong on his first visit to the Colony. A P&O colleague I knew slightly, I think it was perhaps June Hetherington, who was his cousin? wrote and asked me to show him Hong Kong. I had been a Woman Assistant Purser with the company and had gone to Hong Kong to join my father. Michael came in as a cadet in either P&O SALSETTE or SALMARA. Sadly, I can't remember full details - maybe I went over to Kowloon and collected him, but I have a feeling he came to Victoria and we met at some pre-arranged place. "Big-sister-like," I showed him as much as I could in a day and he returned to his ship in the evening. A very happy day: I had a lovely time, and I hope he did, too. We didn't keep in touch and I never saw him again, but I remembered the occasion and perhaps he did, also. Anyway, a happy memory of a delightful young man who clearly fulfilled all his promise. Would that could be said of everyone.

I am so very glad to hear he had such a wonderful life, and fully deserved the loving beautiful wife you clearly have been, and all his loving family too.

Although we have never met, and almost certainly never will, please believe I am thinking of you and sending you my thoughts in sympathy with your loss. I am only glad you have such a wonderful family around you.

Kind regards - from

Carola Ingall

(which was my name even then - I did marry but was not so fortunate as you in my marriage, and now use my maiden name again).