

Tributes for Michael

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Irene Paradise

From: Irene Paradise

To: The Cavaghans

Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2008 10:17 AM

Subject: Re: Michael Studholme Cavaghan

My dear Wendy:

What sad, sad news.

I have just returned home after 6 weeks on Discovery. While on board I was kept informed by Dudley of messages you sent. It was so upsetting.

So many of the officers and crew I was friendly with were morose and depressed, even my young steward who had a very special personal memory of Michael.

Some of us sat around talking about happy experiences we remembered involving Michael but with very heavy hearts. Before disembarking Dudley called me aside to say "it doesn't sound good" and I cried so much. All I could say was "pray for a miracle".

I can tell you that everyone on the ship who knew him were sending good vibes to you both.

We must now rejoice for the good life that Michael had and that we were all very privileged to have known such a wonderful man.

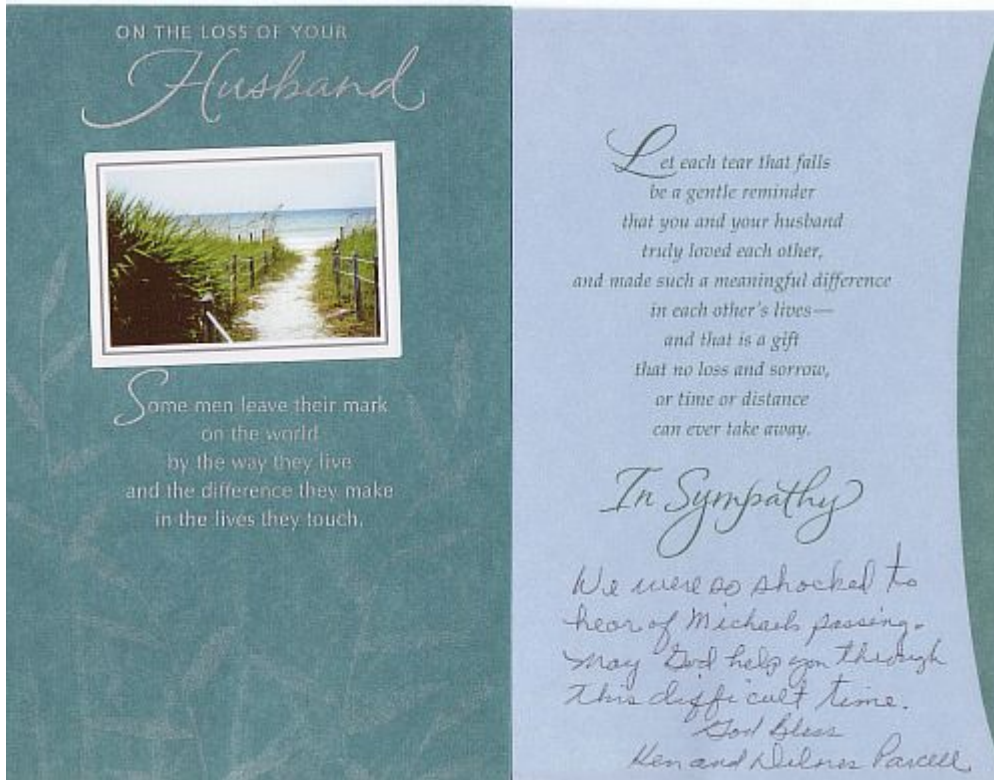
Be brave, Wendy, and know that so many friends around the planet are with you at this time. The darkness will lift and the sun will shine again

I shall certainly be planting a tree.

With love and best wishes

Irene

Ken and Delores Parcell



Keith Parsons

From: [Parsons, Keith](#)

To: cavaghan@bigpond.net.au

Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2008 7:48 PM

Subject: Sincere Condolences

Dear Wendy,

You may not remember me, I think we have only met on one occasion, but I wanted to let you know how sorry I was to hear your news this week.

I was fortunate enough, back in the early 90's to receive Mike's C/V when we were trying to find the perfect Captain for Minerva, a job which I still believe was made for Mike. Having come from P&O Cruises myself, his was a name I was familiar with but up until that point we hadn't met. I think Mike had left P&O around the time I joined.

Anyway, it was the start of a great partnership between Mike, Swan Hellenic and V.Ships and I know he will always be remembered by everyone associated with the Minerva with great affection. He was a real gentleman in every sense and will be missed by us all.

Please accept my sincere condolences Wendy and I wish you every strength during this very difficult time.

I will certainly have that glass of wine tonight, or maybe two and I'm now going out to buy a tree!

Very best wishes to you and your family,

Keith Parsons
Group HR Director
V.Ships

Katie and Kirsty Perrett

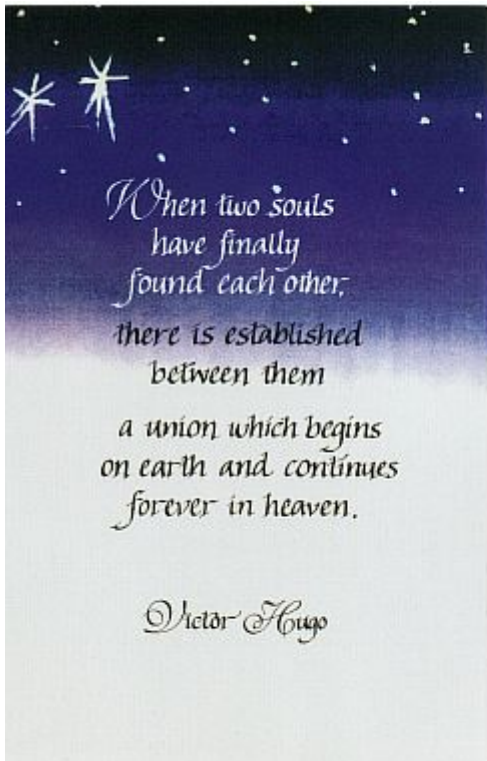


To my Dear Wendy,

This has been a sad and happy day for you. It was wonderful to see how so many people really felt about our Miguel. I think he was very happy to be able to participate in the dual celebrations, for participate he did. His energy was strong at times, particularly when we were all on the deck with the balloons. It faded as the balloons climbed into the heavens. I'm very glad we could all be there for your birthday.

Love always

Katie xxx



To my Dear Wendy,

Saying goodbye to someone you love is one of the hardest things we ever have to do. Miguel was our brother for 33 years, a man you could always depend on, and who we truly loved us for ourselves.

I'm glad we were able to spend time with him during his last few weeks right through to the end. It gave us a chance to let him know how much we loved him, and most important, it allowed us to say goodbye.

It was a privilege to be there as he slipped the mortal coil, and I will treasure the time that we had with him. He will remain a part of my heart, along with Marcus and Danny.

You have three sisters who love you and will always be there for you.

Love always.

Katie xxx

25-04-08



Pam Perry

From: [Pam Perry](#)

To: [Mike Cavaghan](#)

Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2008 5:22 AM

Subject: Re: Michael Studholme Cavaghan

Dear Wendy

I thought I would wait a week or so before writing – it always seems that you receive a rush of letters, emails etc and then it all goes very quiet. I was so very sad to receive your email saying that Mike had sailed for the last time. I spoke to him not so very long ago. He called from Ushuaia regarding Swan Hellenic cruise books etc, saying that he needed them to help remind him of various cruises so that he could carry on writing his books. I regret to say that, due to the pressure of work – it has been quite intense getting Minerva up and running again – that I still hadn't done this by the time I received your email. It wasn't deliberate; we've just been so very busy. I'm sorry.

Mike was a splendid captain, a lovely man and I'm very pleased to have sailed with him – and with you – if only for a short time. I hope he managed to achieve his 50 years at sea. I am about to plant two trees in my garden – a magnolia and a fruit tree – and will think of Mike when I look at them. A lovely idea - A photo will follow in due course.

Best wishes,

Pam (Perry)



Robert and Robyn Peutherer

From: Robert Peutherer
To: 'The Cavaghans'
Sent: Sunday, April 20, 2008 4:22 PM
Subject: RE: Michael Studholme Cavaghan

Dearest Wendy,

How shocked and upset we were to hear of Michael's passing. Robyn and I send our deepest condolences and we are thinking of you at this time.

Be assured it will be an honor and privilege to plant a "Michael Tree" at Port Stephens next time we are there.

You certainly were his "Chief Officer" and best mate.

With our warmest love,

Robert and Robyn

Alessandro Pino

From: [Pino, Alessandro - Planning & Operations Manager](#)

To: cavaghan@bigpond.net.au

Sent: Friday, April 18, 2008 8:05 PM

Subject: Capt. Michael Cavaghan

Dear Wendy,

I was deeply saddened to learn of Michael death and I would like to express my sincere sympathy to you.

Please accept my heartfelt condolences at this difficult time.

With sincere sympathy.

Alessandro

Geri and Ron Pleuse

From: gerioron@bellsouth.net

To: [The Cavaghans](#)

Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2008 11:29 PM

Subject: Re: Michael Studholme Cavaghan

Dear Wendy,

Ron and I were so very saddened by news of Michael's passing. We feel so fortunate to have known him. He was just one of those people that to know him was to love him.

I know with your spiritual awareness that you are trying to dwell more on how blessed you were to have and love each other. But I also know the pain must be excruciating at times. The words of a grieving mother come to mind: I would not suffer any less for it would mean that I had loved him less.

In my own life, I have found the pain of losing a loved one can have a transformative affect. It touches the deepest part of us, the part that "knows" the Truth: that love cannot be destroyed or lost; that we are forever one with those we love.

It was such a great pleasure for us to get to know you and Mike a bit. We so enjoyed your company. Whenever we talk to people about our Antarctica trip on the Discovery, Ron says, "And the captain was right out of central casting." And he was every bit as kind and warm as he was charming and good looking.

We are on a 73 day cruise that left Fort Lauderdale March 11 and will arrive Lisbon on May 23. Then we are taking a river boat cruise in Portugal and coming home on the Queen Mary 2. Be back June 8. No immediate plans after that. I will probably do some lecture cruises. An Australian publisher has picked up my book to publish and distribute in Australia, New Zealand and Asia. Maybe one of these days, I will have reason to come over there and do some lectures. It would be wonderful to see you again.

In the meantime our love and prayers are with you, and with Mike.

Peace, love and blessings,

Geri & Ron



Karine Pouwels

From: "Karine - Crew Manager Deck & Engine Pouwels"
<karine.pouwels@vships.com>

To: cavaghan@helloworld.com

Sent: Wednesday, 16 April 2008 11:06:36 PM (GMT+1000)

Australia/Brisbane

Subject: Mike

Dear Wendy

It is with deep sadness that I have learned that Mike has passed away.

I present you my deepest condolences and wish you all the courage necessary to go through this terrible time.

Best regards,

Karine

Teddy and Mick Pretty

From: studiopretty

To: [The Cavaghans](#)

Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 7:32 PM

Subject: Your letter

Dear Wendy

Thank you for your lovely letter - I read it to my mother who is almost blind now and I had a very big lump in my throat. She also was very moved and managed to see the lovely photos of you and Mike.

We were thinking of sending flowers but will certainly now be planting a tree in Mike's memory - a lovely idea.

We will be thinking of you on 24th and be there in spirit.

If you are coming over here at any time please get in touch - we would love to see you.

With much love

Teddy Mick and Ethel



4 Hereford Road
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15th April

Dear Wendy

We were all so sad to hear the news from Robin that Mike had died. You must be feeling completely devastated - it was good that your sisters were there and also that Richard was able to be there.

The best thing from our point of view is that we saw Mike last year at the reunion and he was in such good form. We will always remember that and all our memories of him.

With much love from

Teddy Mick and Auntie Ethel. xxx

Betty



----- Original Message -----

From: robinprotheroe@aol.com
To: cavaghan@bigpond.net.au
Sent: Saturday, June 28, 2008 11:54 PM
Subject: A Tree for Michael

Dear Wendy

Thank you so much for writing to inform us of Michael's death, and our apologies for our delay in replying. We were, of course, very saddened by the news, and you have been very much in our thoughts.

Michael was a very special man, strong, determined and capable, but at the same time gentle and caring without being sentimental. Elizabeth and I will always remember his smile, and the sense that, when you were with him, you were the only people that mattered. And it was lovely always to be remembered and greeted with some personal remark on joining and leaving the ship. In the old days before RC chaplains were shipped, I knew I could always rely on Michael's full support when I did anything for the crew. I am sure that the fact they were so happy and purposeful owed everything to the network of good relationships he created. And you will know how popular he was with all the passengers.

The last few months of Michael's life must have been very hard indeed for you all, though also a precious time. You made such a handsome couple, and brought such joy and vitality with you, and we are glad he had you with him through the tough times, too, and that you both had the support of his brother and children.

Through The Woodland Trust we have today dedicated a tree to Michael in Great Knott Wood, Lakeside, Windermere. We love The Lakes, too, and shall send you a photo when we manage to get up there again – in the meantime we hope we may receive something from The Woodland Trust to send you, to join the other 'Michael trees'.

On one memorably happy occasion when we dined with Michael, he ordered Oxford Landing Sauvignon Blanc. We really enjoyed it, and whenever we see it – often – and whenever we drink it – as

often as possible! – we always think of him. And we shall now raise our glasses to him with affectionate memories.

We both send our love – and the hope that your own loving, happy memories will give you strength in the dark days

Robin and Elizabeth (Protheroe)