

# Tributes for Michael

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Helen Rees

*From: [WWHelen@aol.com](mailto:WWHelen@aol.com)*

*To: [cavaghan@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cavaghan@bigpond.net.au)*

*Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2008 8:41 PM*

*Subject: Re: we miss you.....alot!*

*wendy*

*i just read this, and forwarded it to david*

*i am in a state of shock, among other things, but i am also thinking mostly of you.*

*my heart is pounding and i wish i were close to you now.....your email says it all, and you are, without a doubt, an extraordinary woman. that we knew, the minute we met you only months ago.*

*michael was exceptional.....as are you. how sad this is, even though we got to know you briefly both of you are in our hearts.*

*i am sending you a great deal of love  
Helen*



# Jan Reilly

We are and then we are not.  
Like the blowing out of a candle  
or the closing of a door,  
we go to sleep  
so that we may waken in the morning -  
and if we did not sleep,  
we could never know  
the joy of awakening.

Helen Steiner Rice

SORRY, I DIDN'T HAVE WENDY'S  
ADDRESS, BUT PLEASE PASS ON  
MY SYMPATHY. I ONLY GOT  
THE NEWS FROM MARILAN LAST  
WEEK, AS SHE WAS THINKING  
KEN WOULD HAVE TOLD ME, & VICE VERSA.  
TAN.

*With deepest sympathy  
and the hope that  
these words will bring  
you comfort in your time  
of sorrow.*

to  
NEWDY, GAIL & ALL YOUR  
FAMILY.  
WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY,  
JAN. (REILLY)

Gael Ritchie

From: "Gael Ritchie" <gael\_ritchie@yahoo.co.uk>  
To: "WendyCavaghan" [cavaghan@helloworld.com](mailto:cavaghan@helloworld.com)  
Sent: Thursday, 17 April 2008 08:10:00 PM  
(GMT+1000) Australia/Brisbane  
Subject: Mike

Dear Wendy

I have just heard the news about Mike, I am really sorry to hear this, he was a great Captain and a good man. I am glad that I travelled with you both on Minerva and M2 and have many fond memories from these times. I am also glad that I was on your last trip on Minerva 2 when he was giving his talks and we have a few parties too! ( it was my last trip with Swans also)

If you come to England let us know and I will try and get a few old faces together.

Thinking of you

Gaelx



## Captain Fabien Roche

**From: Fabien Roché**

**To: 'The Cavaghans'**

**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2008 7:14 AM

**Subject:** RE: Michael Studholme Cavaghan

Dear Wendy,

I was so deeply saddened to hear of this news yesterday. I will be raising a glass thinking of you both on the 24th of April. Mike will definitely remain in our hearts and memories.

With my fondest regards and thinking about you both.

Fabien (Fabs).



Jo and Paul Rozsich



## Jill and Gilbert Rutter

From: "Gilbert Rutter" <[grutter@alleisuregroup.com](mailto:grutter@alleisuregroup.com)>

To: <[cavaghan@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cavaghan@bigpond.net.au)>

Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2008 12:19 AM

Subject: The passing of Michael

Dearest Wendy,

You and your family are very much in the thoughts of Jill and me, as you mourn the passing of one of nature's gentlemen.

Mike was just that, a gentleman. During the three short years it has been my honour to have known Mike, I never knew him to raise his voice in anger. He was not just a colleague, he was a mate. Someone you could confide in, and indeed share problems, be they personal or business. His advice was much sought by his shipmates, and he had a profound sense of humour, which was readily shared on those long stand bys, or passages in the wastes of the Antarctic.

His position as the ship's Master sat easily with Mike, He was confident in his ability to command, and he knew he had the confidence of his subordinates, who looked on Mike as the ultimate professional seaman. Mike was particularly proud of his fifty years in his chosen profession. Celebrated last year, it was indeed a milestone, and will not be surpassed by many of his contemporaries.

Mike enjoyed life to the full, and had that rare quality in being able to share that enjoyment with people he met. It was indeed my sincerest honour to have known him both as a colleague, but also as a friend.

May he proceed upon his lawful  
occassion, with his new command

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All our love,

Gil and Jill Rutter



## Captain Christopher Rynd

**From:** [Kit Rynd](#)

**To:** [cavaghan@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cavaghan@bigpond.net.au)

**Sent:** Sunday, April 20, 2008 3:59 AM

**Subject:** FW: [Fwd: FW: Tribute to Capt Cavaghan]

Dear Wendy,

I have received your news and it is with great sadness that I do so. I was just waiting for the next sighting of the Discovery to call Mike up and wish him well and invite him over.

I am now on my own way back to Australia from Europe and would like to call upon you on my visit to the Sunshine Coast.

Sincerely

Christopher

