



Mr. Graham K. Hill

July 5, 1941 - June 4, 2014

Graham has been under hospice care since New Year's Day. About two and a half weeks ago, he gathered his thoughts together about an email to family and friends. Here is what he wanted to convey to you.

"I am so grateful that you have been part of my life.

To those of you who have welcomed me as family, I thank you wholeheartedly.

Thank you for your love and support.

Please focus your love and support on Monica after I have gone.

I am looking forward to seeing family and friends and loved ones who have gone before me. I've already begun to sense their presence nearby."

At about 2AM this morning, June 4 2014, while a favorite meditation tape played and I lay next to him asleep and holding his hand, he died. He was pain free and peaceful.

In lieu of flowers or memorial gifts, as an expression of love and sympathy, contributions to the Lung Cancer Foundation of America may be made at: www.lcfamerica.org.

Tribute Wall

TA

“ Dear Family,
I just came across this Obituary while trying to find contact info for my dear friend Graham. I have been out of touch with him for many years but was thinking about him recently, and was so sad to learn of his passing. He and I shared a love of painting, and when I saw the pictures of his paintings it brought tears to my eyes. I don't have contact info for Richard or Monica, and was wondering if someone could contact me through my email? I can be reached at happypainter18@outlook.com.
Thank you!

Tara - December 29, 2016 at 03:16 PM

SA

“ Dear Monica,
Graham was such an amazing person. The lives of those of us who knew him have been enriched just by knowing him. His love for you, and your love for him in return, was beautiful to witness. We will always remember him with a smile on his face and love in his heart. He will be truly missed. Our thoughts, prayers and love are with you.
Rich, Steve, Sue & Pete

Susan Arkenau - June 16, 2014 at 10:44 AM



Charlotte
Sutton-
hill

“ *Graham or Geng Geng, as I called him, was a truly great Grandfather. He was funny and always had a smile on his face whenever you would see him.*

Geng Geng loved telling silly jokes that would make you laugh because they were silly. like 'Touch the window, do you feel the pane?' as well as 'Did you hear the story about the 3 eggs, two bad' these are two of my favourites.

His drawing skills were remarkable, when he used to come to England and visit around Christmas, he would draw for my brother and I. I still have the drawings, a dolphin leaping out of the water and a family of dogs sitting by the fire on a snowy night. Geng Geng had drawn these for me in 2004. I cherish them. A few months ago he had drawn me a family of Emperor Penguins because they are his favourite bird, mine too.

I will miss him so so much and will always remember him.

Charlotte

Charlotte Sutton-hill - June 13, 2014 at 05:14 PM

VG

“ *Dear Monica:
What a heartbreaking loss! Graham was truly an important/significant presence to your life. He brought you much joy and warmth.*

He was a very lucky man to have been the beneficiary of your intense care and constant concern.

May your precious memories of your time together bring you consolation and peace.

*Much love,
Vicki*

vicki Guennewig - June 13, 2014 at 02:23 PM

EC

“ Dear Monica,

As you know, I only met Graham in the last few weeks of his life and yet all the qualities people have named below were palpable. His dignity, courage, greatly loving spirit and mischievous, fun energetic side. It was such a privilege to be with you both in this tenderest of times. Your love for each other filled the little room and beyond and has so clearly touched so many. What a gift you are/were to each other.

He was a prince of a man with a huge heart and may the love you have shared carry you through the next hours, days, weeks and months as you adjust to life without his physical presence.

In admiration or how you have walked this last part of the journey with Graham, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Cohen - June 12, 2014 at 10:49 AM

MP

“ Oh, my dear Monica, I am so sorry for your loss of Graham from this physical life! But I am also so happy that his going was as you describe it, so beautiful in it's own final way. You guys have been real heroes, exemplars of what can be so good and beautiful in people. Thank you.

My heart is with you, and it is with Graham too. Please accept the love I send you. It is really forever.

*Jack
(Jack Petith)*

Dear Monica,

I am so sorry to hear that he has gone but pleased that his last moments were with you sharing the love you both had for each other.

He was truly a lovely man and I am glad that I met him and had the opportunity to share moments with him. I have a good memories of him. Meeting him in London for your lovely wedding where he was so warm and welcoming. In Barcelona when Dad was already very ill, just fitting in and being supportive. An image popped in my head the other day of Tommy, James and Graham standing together giving Cata a shock as suddenly Uncle Tom was no longer a giant as the three of them stood towering over her. And now just recently at Ali's wedding where he was so amazing, considering what he was going through, he soldiered through it all in his usual charming manner. I have an image of the two of you dancing at the reception looking very happy. I am so glad we got to see him at the wedding which was such a joyous occasion.

Monica, my thoughts are with you and if there is anything I can do from this great distance please let me know. You are always

welcome here and we would love to see you if you need to get away.

much love and hugs,

pinky.

(Isabella Petith)

Dear Monica... I am so distressed to hear of Graham's death.. Though we live so far away from each other... I feel a real sense of loss..

My last memories of him are filled with his warmth and courage...What a contribution he gave to Ally's wedding !!!

He was truly a wonderful man...

I wish you had had each other for a longer time.... I know he was so lucky to have you with him and I know he felt that...

I can't begin to imagine what you are feeling at the moment....but be sure that many people are in one way or another sharing in your grief.

I am remembering Graham and thinking of you....

lots of love

bettie

(Bettie Gilpin Petith)

Dear Monica,

I was saddened to hear the news of Graham's passing. I am glad that I had the chance to meet him that day in Bristol at that wonderful hotel that looked over the Clifton Bridge. I felt he was somebody you could not dislike and was very happy for the two of you. I'm sure Graham's legacy of kindness will live on in all those who new him. I send my love along with Frances and the family.

*Tom
(Thomas Petith)*

Monica Petith - June 09, 2014 at 02:59 PM

NE

“ *Monica,*

I am so sad to learn of Graham's death. The two of you shared such a great love and I feel privileged to have witnessed it. May all that you shared give you comfort in the days ahead.

Sending much love to you,

Nelle

Nelle - June 09, 2014 at 05:44 AM

AK

“ *Dear Monica, you know my hear is with you at this very difficult time. So let me say one last thing to Graham as I am sure he is listening from above: "Thank you Graham for having given Monica so much happiness. I have not seen her live life so joyously for many years but from the day she met you." Monica, those good times will carry you through the painful days ahead.*

with all my love

Anita K

Anita Kehlhofer - June 08, 2014 at 06:27 PM

MR

“ Monica -- My thoughts and prayers are with you. I hope that your many fond memories of Graham bring you peace and comfort during this time. Sending you love and hugs, Maidie

Maidie Ryan - June 08, 2014 at 10:44 AM

RH

“ Monica, you have been the most wonderful support for Graham throughout the many difficult months of his illness. Through your love, strength, devotion and encouragement, for which he was deeply grateful, you gave him peace. My heartfelt sympathies are with you in your overwhelming sadness, Rachel

Rachel Hill - June 08, 2014 at 08:33 AM

TR

“ Dear Monica,

We were so sad to hear of Graham's passing. Even though Graham and you bravely prepared us all for the inevitable, it still comes as a shock. We will miss his wonderful conversation and sense of humor at the regular "international" gatherings at Palmano's. He will be there in spirit.

You are in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult transition.

Love,

Theresa and Mike Ryan

Theresa Ryan - June 07, 2014 at 10:27 AM

AS

“ Dear Monica

Thank you for letting me know so promptly of Graham's passing. Since his last communication with me and knowing he was in hospice care, meant that his journey was well run and close to the end.

Our sympathies to you and his family that is left. He so wanted to come and see us in NZ, especially if there was a game of Rugby going! As we watch tonight the England - NZ match in Auckland, I shall think of Graham and remember him as a great friend, loyal and fun.

I particularly will miss him and his wicked sense of humor; a "man for all seasons" is what the great Bard would have said, so true in every sense. A man to whom you could talk about anything and share your sorrows and joys. We will meet again some day and carry on as we did before. Go well Graham

Our thoughts go with you Monica

Tony and Sylvia Stephenson Auckland New Zealand

Anthony Stephenson - June 06, 2014 at 10:09 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Richard Hill - June 06, 2014 at 11:09 AM

ME

“Graham was such a warm, loving, creative, spiritual and special person.

Our family have particularly affectionate memories of a wonderful day that we spent with Graham in 2008 at Cape Cod. Graham couldn't have been a more delightful and attentive host. We lunched in Falmouth, followed by ice-creams in a traditional ice-cream parlor, and then went canoeing on the local lake, finishing off the evening with a barbecue – the day was idyllic. Cameron became totally smitten with 'Great-uncle Graham' on that day, and often mentioned that very special time.

Monica, we are so very thankful that Graham had the gift of you in his life.

With very much love from us all,

Mel (Graham's niece), Neil, Alastair and Cameron xxxx

Melanie - June 06, 2014 at 08:16 AM



“Graham was a true friend and confidant, but most importantly, he was an amazing Dad who gave me a life filled with wonderful memories. I will miss him madly, but will remember him with great love and fondness.

Richard

Richard Hill - June 06, 2014 at 03:47 AM

LB

“ *Monica, my condolences to you and all of Grahams friends and family. May you feel the comfort of God's arms wrapped around you during this difficult time.*

Lois and Hylan Boxer

Lois and Hylan Boxer - June 05, 2014 at 03:42 PM

TK

“ *Monica,*

I wanted to extend my condolences to you on this sad news. While I only met Graham once, I found him wonderfully witty and a pleasure to know. Aresu, the boys and I will be thinking of you.

Tony

Tony Kehlhofer - June 05, 2014 at 03:05 PM

CC

“ *Very sorry to hear about Graham's death. He was a terrific man -- friendly, smart and attractive, and I know you, Monica, took very good care of him in the long battle he had. I send my love and sympathy. Carol Calhoun*

Carol Calhoun - June 05, 2014 at 02:24 PM

CC

“Graham in addition to being a fabulous man was a very good artist. I am sharing some of his paintings and a photograph here.



Cece Cunningham - June 05, 2014 at 01:09 PM