

Service March 17, 2019: Ed A Child of God and a Seeker of Truth

It has been a privilege to know Ed and his Friends (Sunita, Beebe and Chris) and be the one asked to preside over his final service. I have been blessed with getting to know his friends and all who love him, his cousins Ellen. I was thankful for the opportunity to meet, Mike (Beau), Jerry and Rebecca. They came all the way from Alaska, and their trip was timed with divine preciousness. His final two days would not have been the same, without the gift of friendship, stories, and support. To remain friends for 49 years, all the way back to college, is an amazing accomplishment. Ed knew the meaning of being a friend.

I had known Ed casually over the last few months of 2018-19 in Connecticut, but I wondered if I really KNEW him. There was a sense of mystery over his coming to Boston to live on a houseboat. His hoped-for adventures of sailing south along the Atlantic coast and eventually to Texas was Refreshing, Brave, Astonishing, Incredible and hopeful all rolled into one package. His purpose was to share his Faith in a living loving God with all he would meet.

Yet, I realized in a powerful way these past two weeks during his illness and planning this service that Ed, was indeed what you saw on first impression. "A Child of God, a Genuine Kind and Cheerful Man, and a seeker after Truth, the "Spirit of Truth more precisely." Ed was a Child of God, who had made many connections and traveled widely. Coming to New England, I believe was an act of Faith, and sense he was looking for something. I know that his partner Sunita was partially an answer to prayer. I hope that he found love and peace and blessing too.

Ed was God's Child Mystery we all understand. He had a big eyes, a genuine smile, and an emphatic response of Yes or No, to what he wanted. His personality was delightful, simple, in a genuine and authentic way. I have learned that his approach to people was not random but intentionally, Ed wanted to make a connection, at the soul level. His way of reaching out to others reminds me of Jesus's process of doing ministry "As He Passed By".

Jesus spread good cheer everywhere he went. He was full of grace and truth.

Jesus was never in a hurry. He had time to comfort his fellow men “as he passed by.” And he always made his friends feel at ease.

I believe that the same could have been said, about Ed. He never appeared to be worried, or hurried, or unnerved by the daily tasks of living. Maybe part of that reason, was he was a private man, even in all his travels and connections. I learned that he cultivate the knack of how to connect through the eyes and through listening. You did feel that he was really present.

How could that be possible? We listened to the song, Magic from Oliver Newton John, and there are hints of an answer. Was Ed's life guided and watched over from childhood. I know that he attended Roman Catholic Schools and was a seeker from age 10 or so. He asked the nuns hard questions about Truth. Did Ed understand his role in a unique way in the world? I think so. His faith, in the God, was unquestionable. He believed that he would experience all things that came to him, as part of the human experience which included his cancer. He did fight hard, and was positive and optimistic until the signs were clear. Then he had absolute confidence about his destiny into eternity. I know that the angels were all around and together planned his exit in a sudden, dramatic, and loving way. To be on that journey for even a short time has been an amazing experience to me.

There has been magic in the planning of this celebration time, too. For so many people, to share stories. Ed, love community and friendship, though, it was in at least four different places. New England, Texas, Alaska and California. It has taken phone calls, emails, and photos, from all 4 places and more to understand what made ED tick as a Child of God. I know that is true as we are live streaming and all over the country people are connected in ways that would not have happened and I know Ed is very pleased about that experience for all of us.

Ed's life is about people and more importantly about sharing The Love of God the Father – Creator, and the Love and Ministry of Jesus our brother and Creator Son, The son of God, with people where ever Ed traveled. He traveled extensively, I know a few places, others can add more, internationally, Nigeria, Hungary,

Romania, New Zealand, Australia, Amsterdam, Budapest – Hungary Road trip to South America, Canada and the trip of his own life journey from Greater Boston, to Texas and to Alaska, California and finally the last few months in Connecticut. Always Ed, brought his spirit and his passion for the Urantia Community of Believers with him.

I think a very brief definition of the book of the three concentric circles and its belief system is important. (Spirit of Truth, integration of science, religion, and psychology, a believe in the soul consciousness, a specific understanding of our path from this world to Eternity finally reaching Paradis. This faith includes a belief in Spirit helpers and Angels that strengthen and gives confidence in life after death. Ed had No Fear of death)

(Barbara Maier) I am the President of the Northern Lights Society of Alaska, which Ed helped start and supported in all ways. Said,

So this morning as I get this news from Beau and Tony, I am sad, but knowing he is now on another wonderful ascension career. He started the Anchorage study group and was faithful to us and others. And to me he was the Archetype of cheerfulness and helpfulness. He has been sorely missed here in Anchorage during this last year.

Soul Consciousness

One of Ed's favorite quotes provided by Ron Craig,

Notwithstanding the failure of both material science and spiritual standards to discover the existence of the human soul, every morally conscious mortal KNOWS of the existence of HIS soul as a REAL and actual personal experience. (This is because the soul has a consciousness itself)

Ed was a friend and friendship is an enduring and spiritual quality, it is the quality that transcends time.

Ed's Wanderings was to share this faith -- Ed's early years were spent in Boston. He went to Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, before moving north to Alaska. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Ed attended all the IC's from '99 through '08. He traveled twice to Africa with the International Fellowship Committee and during his second trip in Nigeria, along with fellow Alaskans Barb Maier and Marilyn Connor, they realized the need for more UB's and younger adults to pack them. As a result the **2x2=MORE** project was launched to help finance younger readers to travel two by two and experience the benefits of being exposed to a different culture while sharing the revelation and its teachings. Ed was a generous supporter of these efforts.

Karen Larsen ,Ed was truly a living example of our Master and teacher Jesus, he always had a smile and a kindness of words for all and in any situation..I wish him a joyous resurrection day <3 And send prayers and thoughts to those closest to him, and their loss.

Jorgey and Paul Krupa

Our dear sweet friend,

We first met in Alaska (quite by chance) over a decade ago, at a UB study group. It was our **last night there**, before returning home; the Angels must have worked doubly hard that day, because somehow, we were led to the only study group in Anchorage, of which you were a part. It was a wonderful night, and at the close of the evening, we extended an invitation to everyone attending the meeting that night, to visit us in Massachusetts should their journey ever direct them there.

The following year you called, said you were close by, and asked to come by. We were thrilled to see you again! This was the first of several visits over the years that we had the opportunity to share quality time with you. We immediately saw in you the many spiritual fruits which had taken root in your heart and soul ~ your gentleness, your kindness of heart, your ability to love with no limitation. You seemed to be surrounded by a cloud of peace and joy, and it was always such a pleasure to be around you. Your faith in your Father was boundless, and you had such a sureness about you that all would be well. There was never a question that you were faithfully following in the Master's footsteps, and now, that journey has led you that much closer to Him.

Ed's life was a testament to his belief in people, love of land and sea, and flowers, music, belief in the "Spirit of Truth" that can be found in all faiths and people who are seekers.

MORNING GLORY:

Love Climbs.

Spreads and grows.

Once we are present.

We never leave.

Only grow, reproduce and climb higher and higher,

We caress the world and reach to the heavens, with our love.

In the morning we will bloom.

Awake the Glory of Life.

Meditation of Song and Prayer

Chanting in English and Hindu as a way of experiencing what he lived particularly this last few months.

words describe to you: BHoor Prana Life Force - Running through all things.

3. BHUVAH “Enlightment” This pertains to the absolute Consciousness of God. God is self conscious as well as being conscious of all else, and this is able to govern and control the universe. The universe is a large cosmos. There are xx 195 planets around our universe before we make our way to Heaven, And Ed wanted to travel to all of them.

7. Va – Re -Ny -AM (Desire for our soul to be peaceful) Signifies our acceptance of God and is translated “Who is Worthy” We may ever be ready to obtain all the material riches of the world more often than not, they are a disappointment once they have been achieved. God is the one who once realized and achieved has the ability to satisfy. To seek after the Will of God and to become God’s servant is more important to seekers, of all faiths, than material riches. I believe that Ed practiced that in his life. Always. He could be very materialistic GENEROUS his trip to Niger to Bring Books and make a connection with young people being one example.