



REMEMBERING Huia Martin

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Tribute from Nunes-Pottinger Funeral Service & Crematorium Ltd.

The Nunes-Pottinger Funeral Service & Crematorium Staff send our condolences to family and friends.

Tribute from Barbara Yardy

Relation: Friend

I was very sorry to hear about Huia's passing. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. He was a great friend of the Hidlebaughs. Our condolences go to the Martin family.

Tribute from Penny Lou Burnett

Relation: friend

So sorry to hear about your loss of a wonderful man.

Tribute from Ron Charles Morgan

Relation: Friend

Deepest sympathy and condolences to all the family . Huia's many friends in New Zealand are all feeling for you with the sad loss. My first meeting with Huia was in a flatting situation at University in Hamilton. He obviously benefited from instructions I gave him in cooking and household chores which you would have witnessed in later years Yvonne. Great times and many lifetime friendships developed from these years . Huia often entertained with his guitar to add to many of the gatherings at this residence.

Huia joined the rest of the group playing Senior Rugby for University where he excelled as a prop and a most valued team member.

There was some study and Huia graduated and sought a teaching position. Upon viewing the vacant positions available I did advise him that there was one option that stood out-at Mercury Bay. He was easily convinced that the position looked very attractive so he would apply. My advice was to visit and meet the principal which he did and he was consequently appointed.

During his tenure he often spoke of the beautiful dental nurse Yvonne . He finally proposed and I was delighted to be best man at their beautiful wedding at Matamata .

Whilst at Whitianga Huia helped resurrect the local rugby team where his leadership and many positive personal attributes impressed many. This admiration is reflected in the many beautiful comments posted on a local social media site-Whiti Chit Chat. Of note are the beautiful comments

from ex students from nearly 40 years ago. Huia was awarded life membership of Mercury Bay Rugby Club an honour he treasured. His brother John and Marriane also made a major impression and contribution in the Mercury Bay area and their son Dallas and Joanne continue the Martin legacy to this day..

The facebook page posting Huia's passing has attracted numerous lovely comments and many folk have personally added their thoughts and asked for their condolences to be passed on. This does show the high level of esteem and regards he was held in . Many had not managed to catch up with the visits but still held great memories and thoughts for you fine folk.

Huia will be missed by many but his legacy will remain as will the great times and memories experienced. Kindest regards and love to you Yvonne and the rest of your beautiful family.

Arohanui Ron Morgan and Mike (Blink) English.

Huia continued to impress with a most valued contribution at Hikutaia School and played for Paeroa Old Boys Rugby Club. During this time he gained representative honours and also returned to represent University of Waikato.

Whilst Huia and Yvonne took up positions in Canada and we did loose them for a period but always looked forward to a visit and catch up. I did have the absolute please of visiting the beautiful area they reside in and loved Oliver and the folk i met. I continued my trip wit Huia to Vancouver where Expo was on and enjoyed the many fine attractions and displays of both Expo and Vancouver .Huia was completing a degree at Summer school and I joined him as a fellow student for meals at the University and parked a camper in the car park which certainly kept expenses down,

Tribute from Cheryl & Ernie Dumais

Relation: Friend

We are so sorry to hear of Huia,s passing. We have had many good times with Huia, teachers sing-a-longs, unique food experiences involving burying chicken and vegetables in a fire underground, clever and entertaining skits, etc. we are grateful for his contribution to our community, and happy he chose to come to Canada. Our condolences to Yvonne and family .

Tribute from Mike Roberts

Relation: work colleague, rugby team mate and friend

Very sorry to hear about Huia's passing. He was a great colleague, team mate and friend throughout the years I knew him. His contributions to education, community, rugby and family are proudly remembered and will be missed by everyone. His smile, hard work and positive outlook blessed us all.

Tribute from Curnow Sandra

Relation: Roland is a founding member as well and Huia was his well loved coach ā•āī•

Sending the family and friends our deepest sympathy on the passing of Huia. He was the loveliest man and will be missed. RIP Huia

Tribute from Cheryl Dennill

Relation: Friend

We are so sorry for your loss, Yvonne and family. Huia was a kind and caring teacher, and he always had a smile and positive words when chatting around the community.

Sincere condolences from Wayne and Cheryl Dennill

Tribute from Lorraine Stayberg

Relation: Teaching colleague

I first met Huia in 1990 when all the teachers were locked out of schools for a month. Everyone was broke and frustrated with the situation. Huia wrote songs and sang them to all of us to cheer us up. He had everyone laughing. He brought so much humour and fun to every occasion. What an amazing contribution to the lives of many!

Sincere condolences, Lorraine Stayberg

Tribute from Diana Warkentin

Relation: Went to school with his children

Hailey, my heart hurts for you and your family. Your dad was such a nice guy and whenever I saw him he was smiling his beautiful smile that lit up his entire face. You are all in my thoughts

Tribute from Cindy and Mal Bearman

Relation: Friend and colleague

We will always remember Huia's beautiful smile, the twinkle in his eye and his soft chuckle. Our thoughts and prayers are with Yvonne and the family at this difficult time.

Tribute from Guy Cooper

I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Coach Huia. He was an incredible influence on my life during my years at SOSS from 1994 to 1996. His dedication to hard work, fair play, and toughness left an indelible mark on all of us who had the privilege of being coached by him.

Coach Huia was not just a mentor on the rugby field, but a life teacher who instilled values that have stayed with me throughout the years. His commitment to excellence and his honourable character were truly inspiring, shaping not only better athletes but better individuals.

Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time Yvonne, Hailey, Brad and Julia. Coach Huia will be greatly missed by everyone who had the fortune to know him.

Tribute from Monique Pharand

Relation: Co-worker

How difficult to say Aurevoir... Throughout my entire teaching career after moving to Dease Lake, his unfaltering objective to support, guide, and believe in students served as my guiding light. I offer my sincere condolences to you Yvonne and your family.

Tribute from jerry and sandra albo

Relation: fellow educator

Yvonne and family it is a sad time to lose your dear loved one. When last we talked you were concerned by his health issues but he kept his Humor, joy and care in dealing with what life brings. Our prayers are with you.

Tribute from Roxy Simpson

I may not have known you personally but to know your wife, Yvonne, speaks volumes about your goodness, kindness and humanity. Your legacy lives on in her as a symbol of grace, charm and spirit. My warmest thoughts to you and to the wonderful family you have who will carry you in their hearts forever.

Tribute from Dwayne and Darlene Svendsen

Relation: Colleague and friend.

We were so sorry to hear of Huia's passing. He was a true friend and devoted colleague who served his community well. Huia's smile and caring attitude will be sadly missed by all. Heartfelt condolences go out to all members of Huia's immediate Family...the Man may be gone but the memories will live on!

Tribute from John and Mary Suttie

Relation: Friend

Huia was a great friend and colleague and I first met him when he came from NZ. and started working at SOSS around 1980. Later we were reunited on the Tuc el Nuit staff. He had a great sense of humor and a very easy way about him that made him so likeable! Huia helped others when they needed it and shared his wisdom and insights when asked. There are so many positive things to say about about him- he will be missed by many. Our sincere condolences to Yvonne, Hayley, Bradley and Julia and all the extended family members from Oliver to New Zealand.

Tribute from Ian Butters

Relation: Fellow devotee of the dark arts of rugby

The world is a lesser place in the absence of Huia Martin. He was the model of a gentleman athlete and the kind of person we could all aspire to emulate.

Tribute from Lesley Schwass

Relation: cousin of Yvonne's

Much love prayers and sympathy to you Yvonne and family from your cousin Lesley and her family

Tribute from Sharon Ewin

I'm very sorry to hear of Huia's passing. Please accept my sincere condolences.

