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Ms. Mary Syms
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Dear Marcy,

We were so sorry to learn of your father's passing last week. Bob Jacobs and I, and the Trustees of the Gomez Foundation for Mill House, send you and your family our heartfelt condolences.

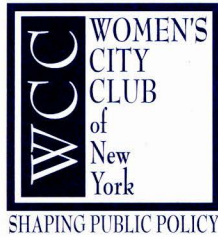
Please know that you and they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Warmest regards,

Ruth K. Abrahams
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November 19, 2009

Dear Marcy:

All of us at the Women's City Club were saddened to hear the news about your father's passing.

Going all of the way back to when you were a child in his television commercials, we saw how close the two of you were. Your devotion and respect were evident. To this day you honor him with your leadership and contribution to the New York City community.

The entire Board of Directors joins me in sending you and the rest of your family our deepest condolences.

Sincerely,

Ruth E. Acker
President



An Expression of Sympathy



Mary

*To express sympathy in the loss
of your loved one...and to let you know
that many thoughts are with you.*

Marilyn Adraneda



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Marcy, Bob, Niles -
A donation in Memory / Honor of Sy
has been made to FINCA which I thought
appropriate - starting a small business
for tailoring, sewing etc.
You know my thoughts are with you my friends.
With affection & With Sympathy -
Cheryl

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as a Father, Philanthropist,
Friend, and of course, a
brilliant businessman.

Words are impossible to find
at a time like this.

I pray that the wonderful
memories you hold in your
heart forever will help you
heal and bring you comfort.
Your father will always be
with you - just in a different
way. How fortunate you
are to have had such a
MAGNIFICENT FATHER!

With deepest sympathy,

Judy & Les
AGISIN

Dearest Marcy,

With love, all things endure,
for though they may pass from this earth,
they live on in the hearts
of those who have loved them

With Deepest Sympathy

I read of the tragic passing
of your beloved father, and my
heart broke for you - and your
entire family. Although I only
knew your father thru his
outstanding reputation, I know
what a fabulous man he was

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of
Sympathy*



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Dearest Syms Family,

I am so sorry for
your loss.

"Sy" was such an
"educated mench" Thank You!
Sy.

How Lucky we all are
to know such a great man!

*To let you know
that caring thoughts
are with you
at this difficult time.*

My deepest sympathy,



I LOVE SYMS!



Ms. Arlene Aron
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THE SYMS FAMILY

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To the family of Mr. Sy Syms -

For many years, Mr. Syms supported the Village of Neve Shalom Wahat At-Salam. His gifts went toward bring Jewish and Arab young people together giving them a chance to know peace, build friendships and change the world. He made a difference, and his work will continue far into the future thanks to the children he touched.

We are sorry to hear of your loss and wanted you to know how important his support has been to us. With Kind Regards,
Deanna Armbruster

Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam ("Oasis of Peace" in Hebrew and Arabic, respectively) is the only community in Israel where both Jewish and Palestinian families of Israeli citizenship live, work and raise their children together. Founded in the early 1970s by Father Bruno Hussar, the "Oasis of Peace" has been nominated five times for the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of its efforts to create a genuine and durable peace by teaching trust, mutual respect and understanding.

The Primary School at Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam was the first bilingual, binational school in Israel. The internationally recognized School for Peace has brought together over 40,000 youth and adults for binational dialogue through encounter workshops and training programs that teach others facilitation. The Father Bruno Hussar Pluralistic Spiritual Center brings together Jews, Muslims, and Christians for interfaith dialogue programs focused on the spiritual dimensions of peacemaking.

Founded in 1988, the American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam is dedicated to dialogue, cooperation and a genuine and durable peace between Arabs and Jews, Palestinians and Israelis by encouraging, supporting, and publicizing the projects of the "Oasis of Peace."

The American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam is a not-for-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status under IRS code.

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FAMILY OF SY SYMS

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*with
sympathy*

Dear Nancy,

Please accept our deepest sympathy on the passing of your Dad.

I truly enjoyed working with Sy. His love for his family was epitomized in planning for the integrity of his estate, always confident that the business would be left in able hands.

There is a headstone in Ireland that may say it best on the passing of a loved one,

"Death leaves a
heartache no one can
heal, love leaves a
memory no one can
steal."

Sincerely,
Bob & Pat Annone

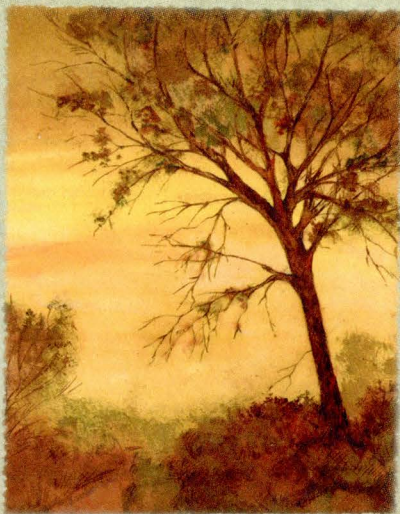


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*May Memories
of Your Dad
Comfort You*



*"To remember
is another way to love."*

Dear Marcy.

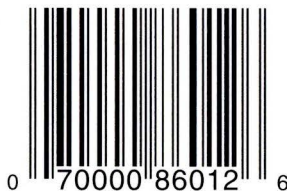
Every time you recall
your dad's laughter,
every time you find yourself doing
something he taught you
or repeating something he used to say...
every time you think of him,
you bring your dad
closer to your heart.

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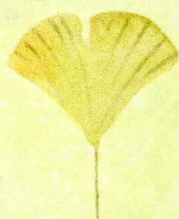


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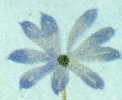
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memories



Shalom
Mary Margaret

Sorry for your loss
Noy

Providence

SORRY
FOR YOUR LOSS
CARLOS JAQUEZ

Sorry for
your loss
Derek

As you share
this time of sorrow as a family,
may you draw
strength and hope
from one another
remembering your loved one's
life together.

It will be greatly missed
Gary

Bless Your Family
Jessica

Deepest sympathy
Laurie LaGrone

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Tally
Manner

Sorry for your loss
Sharon

closeness

Sorry for your loss,
Maurice

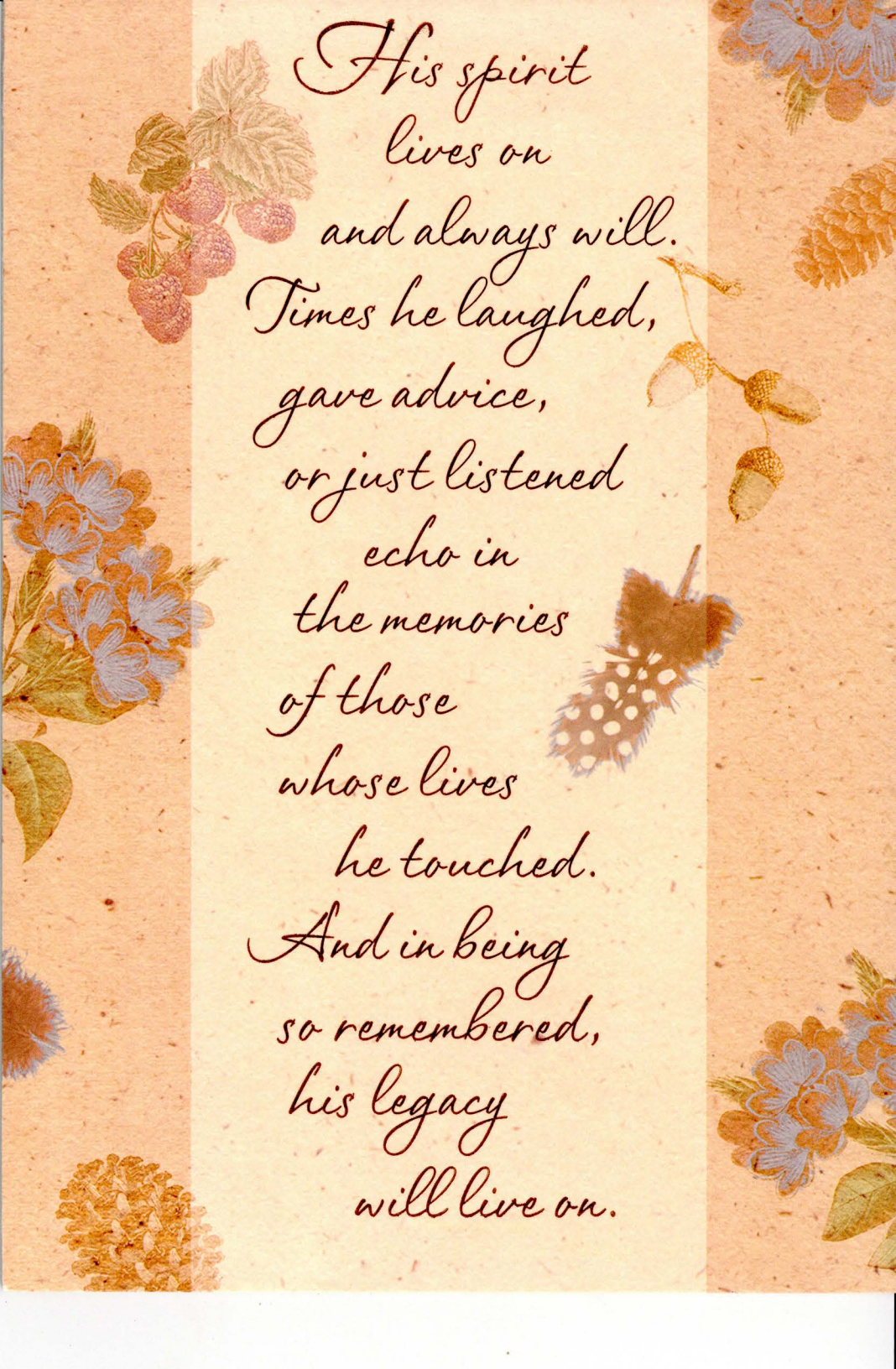
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His spirit
lives on
and always will.
Times he laughed,
gave advice,
or just listened
echo in
the memories
of those
whose lives
he touched.
And in being
so remembered,
his legacy
will live on.

TO MARY & Family

May it comfort you to know
that death cannot diminish
the important ways
your father
touched your life,
that grief cannot take away
the good times you shared,
that sorrow will fade in time...
but memories remain forever.

With Sympathy

Ken Astor

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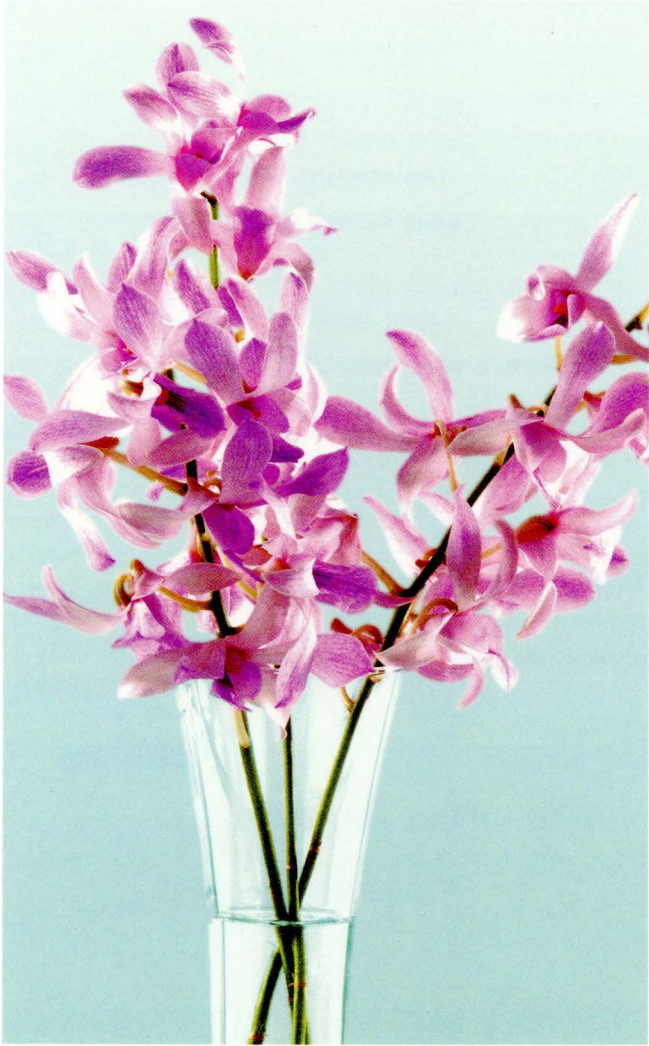
Dear Marcy,

We are very saddened by your Dad's passing. He was a leader in our industry but even more, he was an inspiration for what a person can accomplish with the blessings of success. As manufacturers, we were proud to be selling Syms whenever your name appeared on Channel thirteen or when friends on the YU Board spoke with respect about Sy or so many other times and places when his charity surfaced. His desire to do good was everywhere.

We hope you will be comforted by happy memories, by the deep admiration of all in our industry, and by the legacy of honest dealings and high integrity which your Dad left. May you and your family have only happy occasions for many many years.

With sympathy,
Barbara and Harvey Arta

To You and Your Family
With Sympathy



Marcy

May your memories
of the wonderful times
you shared
with your loved one
comfort you and your family,
today and always.

Your father was a remarkable
man and will be remembered
by many.

My thoughts are with you
and your family.

Alice Bagdi

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Dede Bartlett
Thompson

November 18, 2009

Dearest Nancy -

We wanted to join your many Forum friends
in letting you know we're thinking
about you in the days and months to
come. Your father must have been an
extraordinary man and his passing
will leave a space in your family's life.
We all hope that your many wonderful
memories will ease the passage.

Dede Thompson Bartlett

With sympathy and prayers -

Dear



Dear Marcy,

I was saddened to learn of
your Dad's passing.

What an accomplished man
he was and I'm certain
that he was very proud

of you!
My thoughts are with
you.

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Fondly
Barbara

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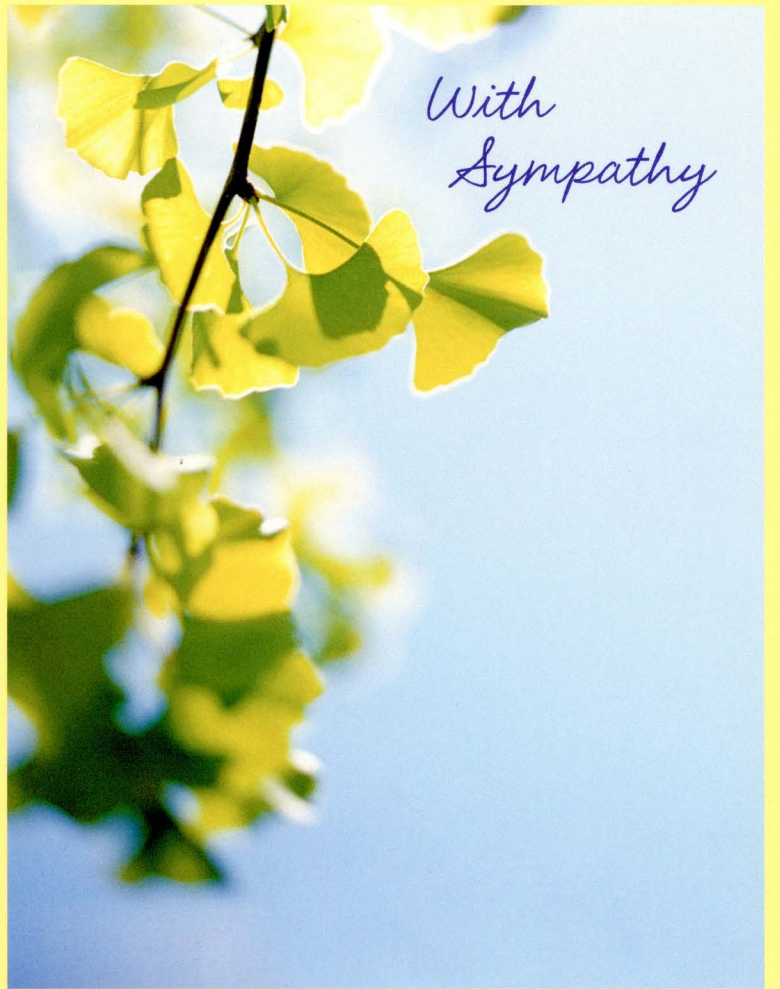
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Marcy Symms
120 East 87th Street
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*With
Sympathy*



Marcy,

May beautiful memories
sustain you during
this time of sorrow.

With sympathy
on your father's passing.

Bonnie Baest
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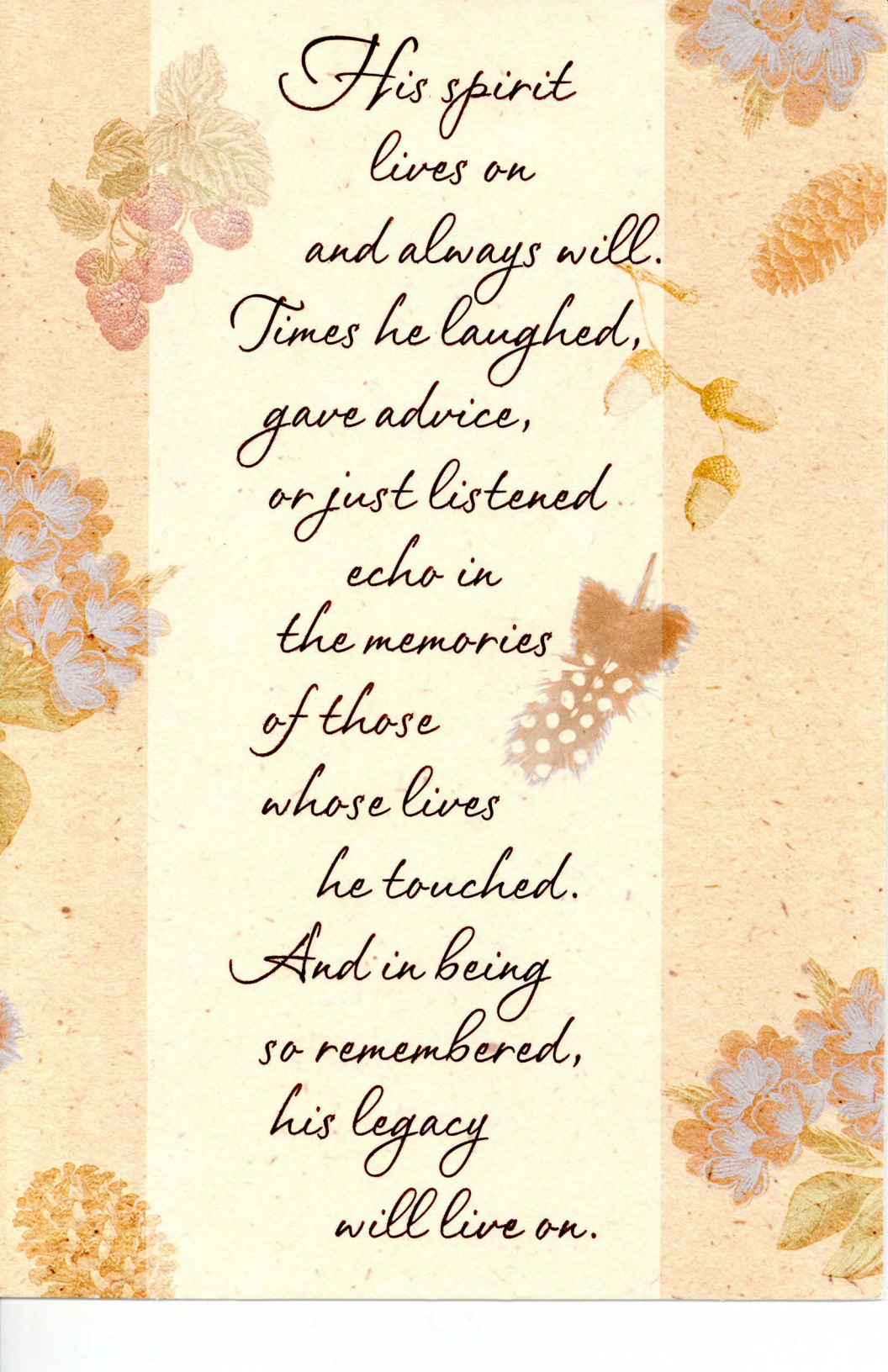
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AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE
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מכון ויצמן למדע

November 24, 2009

Ms. Marcy Syms
Sy Syms Foundation
One Syms Way
Secaucus, NJ 07094

Dear Ms. Syms,

On behalf of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science please accept this sincere note of condolence upon your husband's passing.

Through his generosity towards so many important and deserving charities, Sy has set an example for generations to follow. We will not soon forget his dedicated support for the Weizmann Institute, and more broadly for higher education, both here and in Israel.

Mrs. Syms, again our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, and may family, friends and wonderful memories be a comfort to you during this difficult period, and his memory be for a blessing among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Sincerely,

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The Metropolitan Opera

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Broadcast Campaign Director

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Ms. Marcy Syms
205 West 57th Street
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Dear Marcy,

It has been a very long time since we've seen one another. The last, I believe, was with Dijon, and well before your daughter. In the ensuing years, it was a pleasure to have met your father and to have seen him several times at the Opera House.

Please accept my deep sympathy for your family's profound loss. I knew a fair amount about your father's business acumen, if for no other reason than I, too, am now an educated consumer (brilliant marketing). The article in the *New York Times* seemed to capture the maverick quality your father brought to retailing. He seems to have been an original, and a very successful one at that. Certainly a fine gentleman.

Your father and Lynn were frequent visitors to the Met, and I trust his enjoyment of opera was reflected in his generosity to the company, for which everyone remains deeply grateful.

With heartfelt condolences to you and your entire family,

Sincerely,



Stacy and Antoine Bernheim

Dear Gary,

We were so sorry to hear of the passing
away of your father. Please accept our
condolences and know that you and
your family are very much in our
thoughts - Warm regards,

Antoine

In the loss
of someone
so special
in your life...





Dear Marcy,

Warm thoughts
are with you now
and

in the days ahead.

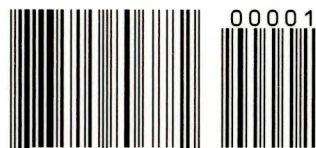
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the loss of your Dad.

I've been thinking
of you.

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November 23, 2009

Ms. Marcy Syms
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Secaucus, NJ 07094

Dear Ms. Syms:

I offer my heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of your father. His generous spirit touched so many. We are grateful for his long-standing support of WBGO and his membership in our Jazz Leadership Society.

On behalf of the board of trustees and staff of Newark Public Radio, Inc., please accept our deepest sympathies.

Sincerely,

Cephas Bowles
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Sharing in your loss...



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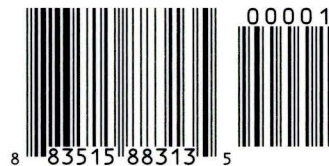
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about the passing

...and thinking of you

with sympathy

at this sad time.

of your Dad. I hope
you can treasure the
many happy memories
My thoughts are with you
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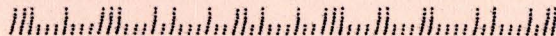
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Some People Make a Difference



A MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY
BY EMILY MATTHEWS

Some people make a difference
just by being who they are,
Their inner light shines bright
and touches lives
both near and far,
And even when they're gone,
they still forever play a part
In the smiles,
the priceless moments,
that are treasured in the heart.





In memory —
and in celebration —
of someone
who made this world
a brighter and better place.

With Warmest Thoughts
and Deepest Sympathy

Dear Mary,

I was sorry to hear about
your dad. I think we shared
the same feelings towards our
Dads. I lost my father
last year and I miss him
all the time.

Barry

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Dear Marcy,

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you through this sadness.
Hold on to all your
wonderful memories.

My heart is with you
and your family. Please
send my condolences
to all.

Fondly,
Jen

WITH OUR
Sympathy





To express
our sincere sympathy
to you and your family
and to let you know
we are thinking of you.

Your loved one has gone to a place
where the only tears are tears of joy,
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Every tear that falls.

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ON THE
Loss of Your Father



*As time passes,
gradually we move
toward the day when
the comfort of our memories
is greater than
the sorrow
of our loss.*



No words can take away
the sorrow you must feel.
But hopefully,
the cherished memories
of your father
will help give you strength
in the days ahead.

In Sympathy
Queen & Lynn

Mary,
We are so saddened
to hear of Sy's
passing.
Queen

Gibson



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I N S Y M P A T H Y

Many thanks
I am so terribly
sorry. Ay was a wonderful
man. As I have known him
for many years I know what a
wonderful, generous heart he had.
Bless you dear Mary as you go through
this very difficult time.
With my kindest regards
John



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ARE WITH YOU IN
YOUR TIME OF SORROW.

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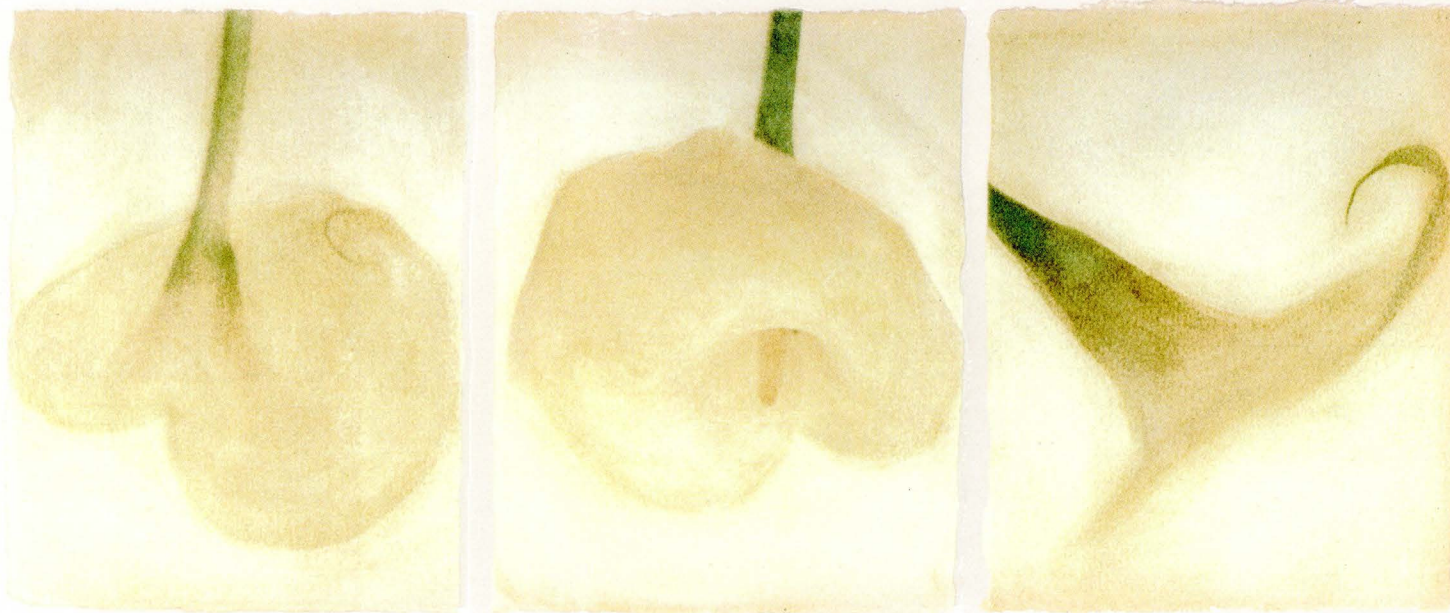
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OF YOUR
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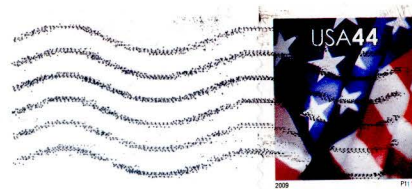
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YOU WILL CONTINUE TO
BUILD ON HIS
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WITH LOVE,
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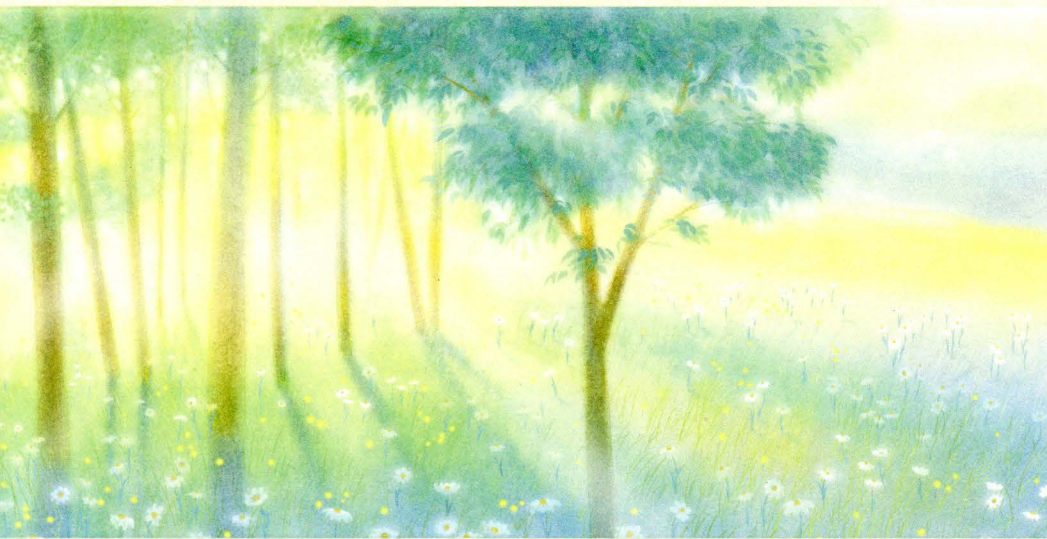
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FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY



WITH Sympathy

It was an honor and privilege
to have known Sy. I learned so much
from him over the last twelve years.
I will always fondly remember the many
times I had the opportunity to work side
by side with Sy, doing what he loved to do,
selling suits to customers, in the Mens
Tailored Clothing Department in Park Ave.
He will be missed by so many.
With deepest sympathy,

Marc Suchak

Marcy + Family,

Your family has lost

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11/23/09

Ms Marcy Symo & Family
Dear Marcy,

Nancy and I are saddened
by Sys passing. He was a very
Special person to Us!

He provided safety for us,
when I was in dire need. (always make
in Italy) "He would say!!"

I know that he is in a better
Place, and will be remembered in our
Prayer.

Keep-up the Legacy, I know that
he will be watching you!!
Love, Salvatore J. Cesarani.

Sympathy



Dear Marcy, 12-3-09

Please accept my
condolences on the passing
of your father.

The anniversary of my
father's death was Dec-1. That
date will never come + go un-
remembered. My mother's death
was 12-09. Dec. is not a happy
season for me. I think of both always.

And so it may be for you,
that anniversaries of deaths will
pierce your heart in one way
or another. We have not spoken
of your family for a long time so
I have no idea of the colors of
your loss. Whatever your relationship
was with your father, his passing
leaves a mark on your spirit.
May that mark become a peaceful
one as your life moves forward.

I have inquired via email as
to organization + address to which
I might send a donation in your
father's memory. →

If you ever feel like
being in touch, I
would welcome your
on-going friendship in
times of struggle, loss, joy
achievement, + daily
routine. Whatever.

Love

Amela

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last
name do
you use
in your
personal
life -

JANE CHESNUTT

my dear friend,
you've been so much on my mind.
When your father is a retailing icon who
also was extraordinarily generous, this
can't be any thing like the "normal"
funerals I've experienced, which are quite
difficult enough. So I wish for you
some time to simply grieve for your
father. And while I know I've told
you this before, I'll tell you again,
neither my husband nor I will ever
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Syms Family

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that many thoughts
are with you
during this difficult time.

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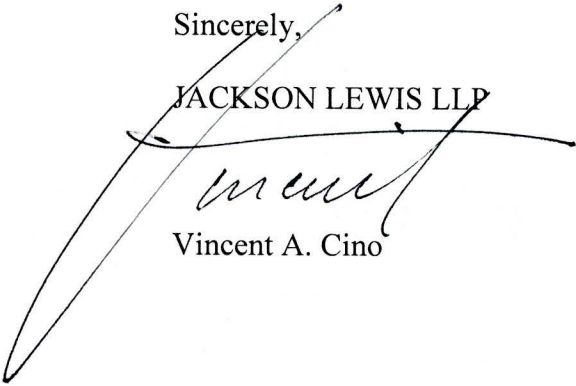
Marcy Syms
Syms Corp.
One Syms Way
Secaucus, NJ 07094

Dear Marcy:

Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of your dear father. He was a fine man with an entrepreneurial spirit who obviously was an inspiration to many. Having lost my mother several months ago, I know the pain you must be feeling. Best regards to you and your family.

Sincerely,

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December 1, 2009

Ms. Marcy Syms
1 Syms Way
Secaucus, NJ 07094

Dear Ms. Syms:

WNET.ORT (THIRTEEN) has received a donation in memory of your father from Lee Goldstein who notes "In loving memory of Sy Syms. Our thoughts are with you. From Mark DiMassimo, Lee Goldstein and the entire DIGO Family"

This contribution will be applied to operations and production here at THIRTEEN. These donations help us to continue making quality programs like Reel Thirteen, Nature, Great Performances, American Masters, others.

Please accept our condolences for your loss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David G. Clough", written in a cursive style.

David G. Clough
Director, Endowment and Planned Gifts

DIANE MULCAHY COFFEY

Dear Nancy -

I was so sorry to read today of your father's death. I remember meeting you both years ago when we sat on the porch of Gracie Mansion & shared tea & cookies! I loved his spirit & sense of adventure & you have done such a wonderful job of carrying out his legacy - and actually having

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It was a terrific ordinary article in the paper this morning. It must have been very proud of you & all you've accomplished. It's sure you will miss him but remember the good times & all the challenges you conquered together.

Sincerely,
Diane

11-18-09/

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*May it comfort you to know that so many
people care and are thinking of you and
your family at this time.*

With my deepest sympathy,

Gary Cohen

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*May it bring comfort to know
that many thoughts and prayers
are with you.*

With warmest regard and sympathy,

Peter Clougherty



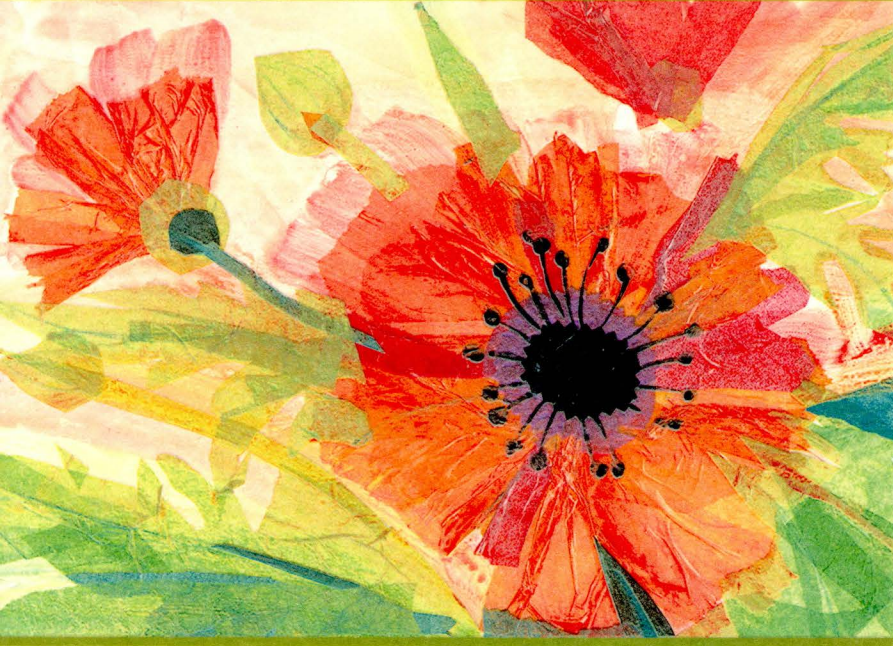
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Marcy,

I was sorry to hear about your father. Like many others, I will not forget his personal commercials.

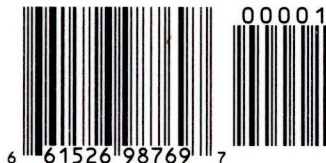
I know we haven't done much together in the last decade but you never know - I am keeping you in my thoughts.

Tony

Thinking of you
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December 1, 2009

Marcy Syms
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Dear Mrs. Syms,

I am writing to let you know that Executive Women of New Jersey Charitable Trust received a donation today in memory of your father from the following individual:

Sally L. Glick
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Basking Ridge, NJ 07920-3035

Please accept my sincerest condolences.

Sincerely,

Mary-Kate R. Collins, CMP
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