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Dearest Nancy,

There are very few moments as
hard and difficult and painful
as the one when you lose someone
you love - and a parent ...

I can only tell you how much
I care for you and feel for you.
I did not know your father
but the ceremony in Temple
Em'aniel was an incredible tribute
to a man that touched many,
and in many ways -

I did not know your father,
but I am blessed to know you.
And I see in you everyday.

the values, the caring
attitude, the responsibility
and the joy of life people
talked about ...

Only time helps
But you have our love, and
our friendship in moments like
this one, more than ever -

With all my love,

Deonise



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Office of the President

November 18, 2009

Ms. Marcy Syms
President & CEO
Syms Corporation
1 Syms Way
Secaucus, NJ 07094

Dear Ms. Syms:

I am writing to extend my deepest sympathies to you and your family. I was very sorry to read of your father, Sy Sym's passing. Although we did not have a chance to meet, your father was a man of great accomplishments. You must be proud to carry on his traditions. We are thinking of you at this time and remain grateful for your philanthropic generosity to the University through your father's foundation, the Sy Syms Foundation.

Again, please accept my condolences during your time of sorrow.

Sincerely,

Paul G. Gaffney II
President

/na

*With Sincere
Sympathy*



Marcy & family,

Wishing you peace
and the comfort
of warm memories.

I apologize this note comes
so delayed but I started
a new job and have been out
of the country the last month.
I am so sorry to hear about
your dad. Please accept my
heartfelt sympathy. He was
a great man in our industry!
Sincerely Paulotte Garafalo



A Prayer In Sympathy

Dear Marcy, Bob, Mules, &
Family,



*Thinking of you
today with deep and sincere
Sympathy.*

Love,

Georgine and Wally



Dear Mary,

I am writing to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family. I know how difficult it is to deal with the finality of your father's death, but it is your memory of him as a vibrant person and a pioneer in his field, who clearly loved life, that will live on with you forever.

Most sincerely,

Orlyn Gardner



Dear Marcy -

Please accept my condolences
on the death of your Dad. I was
so sorry to read about this. What
a wonderful life and career!

I hope all is well. All my
love and thoughts -
Julianne Pershke

11-23-09

MAXINE S. GILBERT
MARVIN S. GILBERT, M.D.
50 EAST 89th STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10128

Dear Marry

I was away last week, but was
saddened to read about your father's
death. I was very close with my
dad and know how sad you must be.
There is little I can say to ease
the sadness, but I do want you
to know that my heart is with you.

Maxine/S

P.S. My mother was with me in the
country when I read the obituary.
She thinks that he was a member
of the Free Synagogue - Mt. Vernon.
If that is true I want you to
know that Rabbi Leon Dick married
me & my wife Maxine

CARNEGIE HALL

Clive Gillinson
*Executive and
Artistic Director*

November 23, 2009

Ms. Marcy Syms
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Fax: (212) 903-0820

cgillinson@carnegiehall.org

Dear Mrs. Syms,

Please accept my sincere and heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of Carnegie Hall to you and to your family on the loss of your father.

All of us at Carnegie Hall admired Mr. Syms greatly, not only for his business success, but also for his civic engagement and his personal generosity. Please know that we are also deeply grateful to you for your support as a subscriber and member of our Patron program. In this difficult time, I hope that the beauty and transformative power of music will bring you some measure of comfort as you mourn your father's passing. Please accept our warmest expressions of sympathy.

Sincerely,

Clive

*May You Find
Comfort
in Memories*



THE GIFT OF TIME WE CHERISH.

THE GIFT OF LIFE GOES FAST.

THE GIFT OF LOVE WILL NEVER END

AS LONG AS MEMORIES LAST.



Kept him in our hearts.

We did visit with Ruthie
in her Fort Lee apartment
after Steven's tragic death.
We can't imagine how Steven's
and then Adrienne's affected
both of them and all of you.
Robert and I moved to Arizona
5 years ago after our son, Paul
and Kim moved here. Carol
still lives in Rutherford, N.J.

Our deepest sympathy to you.
Robert, Laura and Richard and
of course to Ruthie and Lynn.
Sy left a good name & may
his memory be blessed.

Betty & Robert

Dear Marcy,

Robert and I are so saddened
to learn of Sy's death. Our
families had a long history
together beginning when I met
Sy at NYU before our marriages.
Robert and Sy used to discuss
how to make money by selling
Cand of Sterno! Well, history
dictated a different road and
Sy used his amazing talent to
build a great business.
The last time we saw Sy was
when he came to visit our home
on Cape Cod with Lynn.
Unfortunately, we never got to
NYC to keep in touch. Time
flies by, but we always

19 November, 2009

Dear Mary,

I was so sorry to hear about
your Dad.

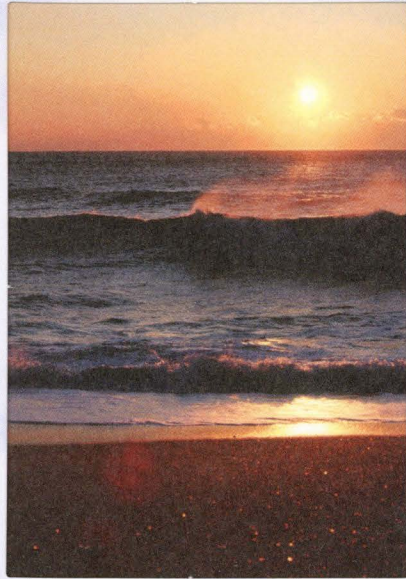
There are no words that can
properly convey my thoughts to
you, as I, too, have been down

this sad road.

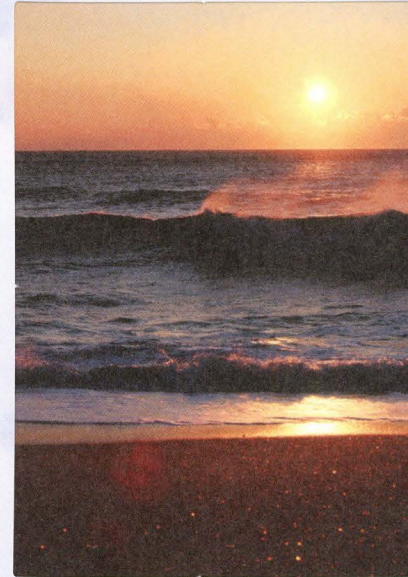
I can only pray, that the beautiful
memories can help to lessen the
pain and that those same
memories can, over time in some
small way, help to fill the void.

Warmest regards, 

In the Loss of Your Father



*Memories of
a father's love
mean more
as time goes by.*



*Memories of
a father's love
mean more
as time goes by.*

To: MARY



As you keep your father's love
in your heart,
remember, too,
you're surrounded by thoughts
of support and caring —
today and in all the days
to come.

With Deepest Sympathy

ARTURO GRANADOS

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*With Deepest
Sympathy*



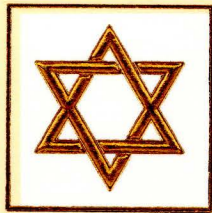
Dear Marcy and family,

May the sincere concern
of those who care
help you through
this difficult time.

My condolences to
you and your family
at this time of sorrow.

Best Regards,
Donna Greenstein

In Sympathy



Dear Marcy
and the entire Syms
Family,

Extending
deep and heartfelt
sympathy
to you
and your family.

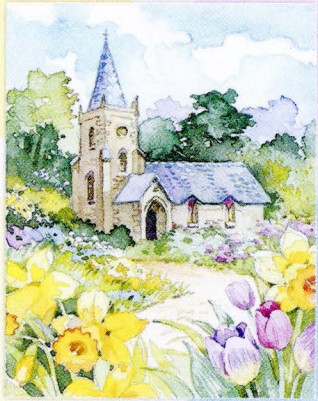


Our thoughts and prayers go out to
you and your family. A donation has
been made to PBS in your Father's
name.

Sincerely,

Lee Goldstein + Mark DiMassimo
and the entire DIGO team.

At this time of loss
May you know...
His compassion,
His grace,
His love.



With
Sympathy

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agone John

09'
Dear
Marey

May the love of God surround you
during this time of sorrow.

You're in our thoughts and prayers.

During my 13 years at Syms I had
many occasions to walk and speak with
your father I found those times special
in that I always learned something new,
and I loved when customers would come
over and ask for his autograph He truly
was a Rock-Star and I will always have
fond memories of him and those times that
we spent together

All my love to you and Mike
and your family this is a very sad
day for me Sincerely Wayne Golik

With Sympathy
IN THIS TIME OF SORROW



Dear Nancy -

In the love that surrounds you,

may you find strength...

in the memories you cherish,

may you find peace.

I was saddened to
read about Dad's death,
Mama. Please know that
we are thinking of you at
this difficult time.

Warmly, Sara

*May Memories
of Your Dad
Comfort You*



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

Dear Marcy, Bob, and Mites,

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.

With deepest sympathy,
Grant's Julie



"Henry Grethel"
<hgrethel@nyc.rr.com>

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To "Syms, Marcy" <marcysyms@syms.com>

cc

bcc

Subject The passing of a great man

Dear Marcy,

I have been out for several weeks with the Flu.

I wanted you to know how saddened I am to learn of the passing of your Father Sy.

He was a great man, a wonderful friend & a true leader in our industry.

All of us will miss him a great deal.

As it is often said about amazing people, there will never be another Sy Syms. I feel blessed & honored to have known him.

Marcy please extend my sympathy & regards

to your family for your loss. I wish you peace & good health during the months & years ahead.

Warm Regards

Henry Grethel

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Barry Grove

Marcy -

I am so sorry I sent this to your old address and that you didn't get it instantly. I hadn't realized you moved. Rick put me straight at Shiva. I was so glad to see you and hug you but I didn't want you to think I hadn't sent this immediately. Hope you are

Getting through the holidays, even as you
were dealing with Black Friday. Our
thoughts + prayers are with you. As
promised, I am sending you an opening
night invite for Time Stands Still.

Fondly, Benny

Dearest Mary,

I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your father. I know how close you were and I know first hand how hard it is to lose a father. I know too what a giant he was and a pioneer in his business. But I know too what an extraordinary daughter he raised and how great you have been in both looking after him and the family and simultaneously taking over the leadership of the business and making it your own. That is an enormous tribute to him.

Maggie joins me in extending our deep condolences on your loss as do the entire MTC family.

Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Fondly, Barry

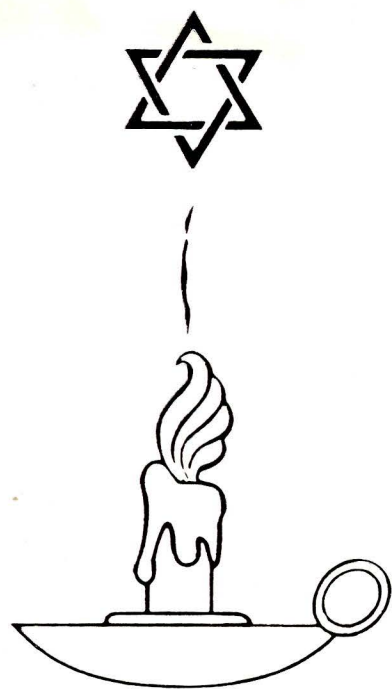
*Those We Have Loved
Shine On*



We look at the night sky
in the quiet of darkness,
and they are never far.
Those we have loved and cherished,
those who have changed our lives
in some small or profound way
are closer than we know,
because it is their light
that shines on our world.
It is the brilliance of their souls
that makes our night sky glow.

*May peace shine down
upon you
and bring you comfort.*

Maxcy,
During this time of
grieving, try to remember
the good times and things
you cherish about your Dad.
Wishing you the best.
Bill & Kimber Hamon



with deepest
SYMPATHY

*Thinking of you
and extending
sincere sympathy
in your sorrow.*

Ken Sparrow

Thinking of You

Dear Marcy-

*With heartfelt thoughts
and deepest sympathy.*

I was so sorry to hear of
your father's passing. I always
enjoyed our conversations when
he attended the Winter Benefit.

Much love,

Andy Hamington



In time,
may grief
become peace.

He was a giant and touched
many lives. But your loss
is special & unique.
My heart goes out
to you.

Cherie Hefner

Dear Mary-

With Deepest Sympathy,
I was so sorry to learn of
your Father's passing when I
was in Tel Aviv to speak
at a digital conference.

I hope your many good
memories and the love and
support of Family and
Friends is of comfort.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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November 20, 2009

Marcy dear,

Though we meet so rarely I think of you almost daily. As a non-media fanatic, I rely completely upon MSNBC and PBS. Thus, I proudly think of you and your father and all you have accomplished together each

JOAN HELPERN, EXECUTIVE-IN-RESIDENCE

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time I hear your voice simply honing in
on "an educated consumer."

what you have accomplished together is
both amazing and contemporary and as
relevant to now and to the future as it
was to the past.

My sincerest admiration and sympathy
to you and your family at this most recent
loss.

A stylized handwritten signature that appears to read "Joan". It features a large, elegant loop at the beginning, followed by a series of connected, fluid strokes.

(Joan Helperman)



a special person

REMEMBERED

and a beautiful life

HONORED



Dear Marcy, Robert & Lynn's Family,

I was deeply saddened on the passing of your father. Mr. Syms was a great man and I am sure that all of us who worked for him thought the world of him and will miss him very much. I know this is a difficult time for all of you, but as many people at the services expressed, your dad was ~~a~~ very much admired and respected, and I can truly say that I have never heard an unkind word spoken about him.

I have been thinking of your dad often these last few weeks as I pass the exit to your Secaucus offices and I always smile when I remember all the lunches I shared with your dad, Steve & Ron. Some were a little nerve racking but most all were very enjoyable because I learned so much. I also remember the times I

Sat in his office while he smoked away as we spoke about the men's tailored clothing business.

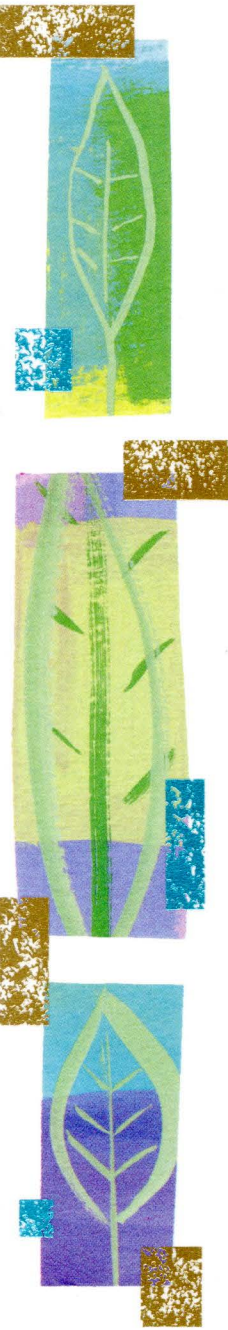
with sympathy

Please extend my deepest sympathy to your family. I wish I would have had the opportunity to express my condolences to you and Lynn the day of the service, but with the overwhelming crowd in attendance it was hard to see everyone. I did get a chance to talk to Robert even though it was very brief.

My thoughts and prayers will be with all of you.

Warmest Regards,
Neil Fark.

In Deepest Sympathy



Dear Harry Bob & Miles,

Wishing you

peace

at this time of sorrow.

Love,
Peg

alex.
jeanine



Dear Marcy,
with heartfelt sympathy

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy
on the passing of your father. You and
your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jeffrey Harris

Rabbi Marvin Hier
Dean and Founder

November 19, 2009

Ms. Marcy Syms
One Syms Way
Secaucus, NJ 07094

Dear Marcy,

On behalf of everyone at the Simon Wiesenthal Center, we send you our deepest condolences on the passing of your father, Sy Syms. Your father's accomplishments, both professionally and philanthropically, have left a lasting legacy. May you be comforted by the fact that the example he set will be carried on by his family for generations to come.

Cordially,



Rabbi Marvin Hier
Founder and Dean
Simon Wiesenthal Center

RMH/mk

With Sympathy



ברגשי צער

Marcy,

Our heartfelt thoughts
are with you
at this sad time.

We have so many fond
memories of Sy... his
love of Texas, his retail
skills, his love for his
family and friends, my
Dad among them. Our
thoughts + love are with
you and your family at →

this time of sorrow

*All our love
Andrea + Ken Hirsch*



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Dear Mary

I was sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Having served in a family business myself, I can understand the strong bonds that are forged by working together.

Our thoughts are with you in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Andy Hochberg



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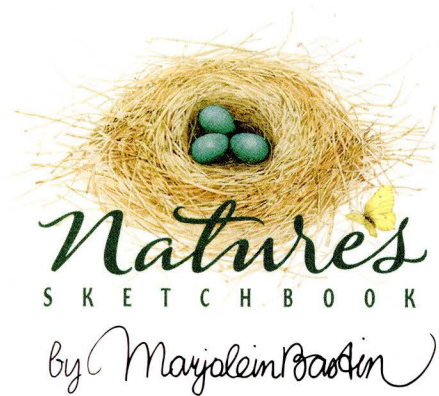


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with sympathy
at this sad time
and
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November 2009

MARCY HNATH MAGUIRE

Dear Marcy,

I had hoped I would have
seen you after your Father's funeral.
Taking care of my Mom and going to
the cemetery delayed me in New
Jersey to get back to N.Y.C. on time.
My heart goes out to you for all you
have gone through and have yet to
face. Attending the funeral gave me

a perspective of family dynamics.
We were honored to be there for you.
Know we are here for you now and
going forward. There are stressful
times but you will prevail! Because,
you are Marcy Symms!

In loving friendship,
Marcy

Nov 2009

Dear Mary,

Never are we more aware of

how much relatives and friends

mean than at this

time of sadness.

Your thoughtfulness did so much

to ease our sorrow.

The Family of

Michael Nicholas Hnath

Ann, Mary,
Bob & Michael

The flowers you sent
were absolutely
breathtaking and
honored my Father's
memory. Our family
is extremely appreciative
of your sentiment. We
know the importance
and influence of
Fathers! This was a
glorious sadness but
of course, the cycle of
life. I don't like
adulthood as much as I
thought I would.

Elizabeth Holtzman

Dec 1, 2009

Dear Nancy —

I was deeply saddened to learn the news about your father. He was a wonderful man and a visionary business leader.

I am sure the loss is very painful (I know how hard it was for me losing my own father) but I hope the fond memories and your pride in his many accomplishments will help alleviate some of the pain.

Please extend my condolences to the rest of your family.



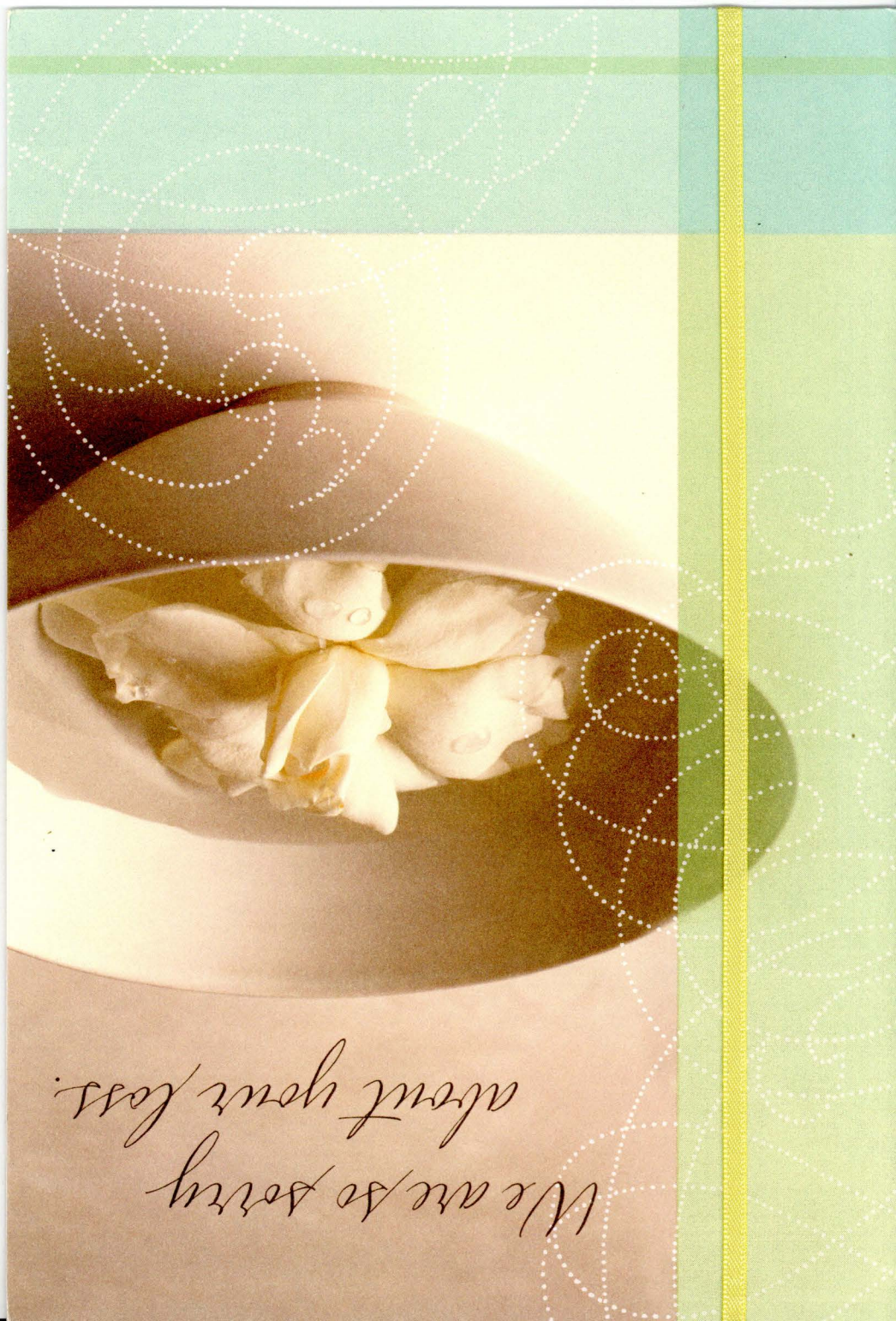
With Deepest Sympathy



With special thoughts
and deepest sympathy
to you and your family
at this time.

Jan Hopkins
+ The Economic Club of
New York

*We are so sorry
about your loss.*



Syms Family

We wish you
comfort now,
peace soon,
and warm memories
forever.

With Sympathy
Hughes Family

The Metropolitan Opera

Christine F. Hunter
Chairman of the Board

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New York NY 10023
Tel 212.870.7610
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operadc@crosslink.net

November 30, 2009

Ms. Marcy Syms
1 Syms Way
Secaucus, NJ 07094

Dear Ms. Syms,

I was so sorry to learn the news of your father's death. I had the pleasure of meeting him and Lynn for an evening at the opera house a few seasons ago. He was a generous friend to the Met for many years, and his commitment to the company will not be forgotten.

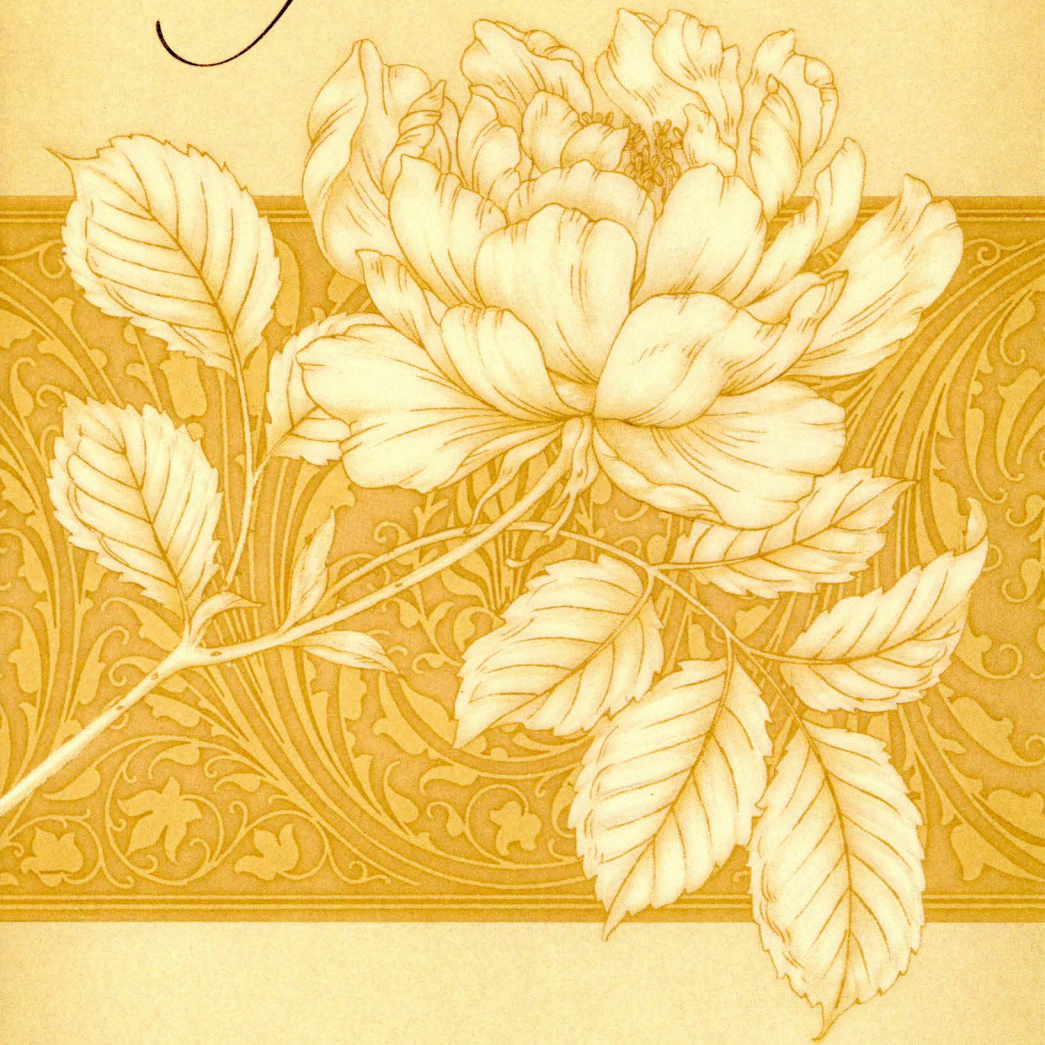
On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire Met family, I offer you and your family our most heartfelt condolences.

With deepest sympathy,

Christine F. Hunter

WISHING YOU

Comfort AND *Peace*



"A life well-lived,
fond memories...
the heart is comforted
by these."

MARCY

*Even in sadness, you must feel pride
in the legacy left by someone so special.
That spirit will continue to shine,
lighting the way for others,
leaving all of us an example to follow
and a remarkable life to remember
with grateful hearts.*

With Sympathy
AND BLESSINGS.

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November 20, 2009

Dear Marcy,

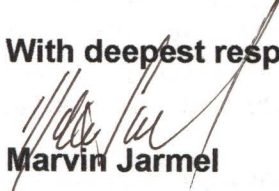
Although we have not been in touch for many years, I felt that I would be remiss in not extending my deepest condolences to you, your mother, your brothers and other family members on the loss of your Dad.

When we worked together on your Secaucus facility, I found him to be an exciting man to work for and always appreciated the respect he extended for our efforts to do a good job for your organization. I am sure he lived his whole life that way.

A loss of this magnitude never goes away, but is easier to live with when you remember the good he has shared with the world.

I know I will never forget his smile.

With deepest respect, fondly,


Marvin Jarmel