



Timothy E. Boakes

June 11, 2020

On Thursday, June 11th 2020, Timothy Ernest Boakes, loving father, passed away at the age of 84 in his home in Coxsackie, New York.

Tim was born in South London, England, in 1935 and attended Balham Grammar School. During his youth, he had a keen interest in drawing and painting and won several Youth Artist awards at local exhibitions and The Royal Drawing Society.

Tim loved international travel and in the 1950s he visited several European countries with his twin brother Tony. His enjoyment for travelling was very much a part of his career and life. In the 1960s Tim worked for the US Government in London, Glasgow and in Washington DC. Later in the 60's, he moved to work for the United Nations FAO in Rome, Italy. Previously to this, he had married Mariana and started a family. In the 1970s Tim relocated with his family back to the United Kingdom working in senior roles for several well-respected British companies. Tim's career developed further in the late 70s with a senior appointment at UNICEF, based in New York City. He remained at UNICEF until retirement, enjoying a vibrant career that took him on worldwide travels, particularly to Africa, Asia, the South Pacific, South America, and Middle East, visiting at least 54 countries.

Whilst living in Manhattan Tim was a regular participant in the New York Marathon during the 80s and 90s, he also had a fondness for cycling throughout his life. After retiring Tim moved to Coxsackie for a peaceful retirement that lasted for over 20 years. During this time, he continued expanding his vast knowledge of international affairs by reading extensively.

Tim was preceded in death by his father William, his mother Maud and his twin brother Tony. He is survived by his sons Simon and Gerard and their families.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of The W.C. Brady's Sons, Inc. Funeral Home, 97 Mansion Street, Coxsackie, New York, 12051.

Condolences may be made at www.wcbradyssonsinc.net.

Comments



“ Hello, Timothy was a wonderful friend to me. I met him years ago in the early 90s whilst working at a restaurant in his neighborhood. Checkers. How would come in and order his usual, and because we were both from England, the connection was a bond. Over the years we would remain friends, always keeping in contact with each other. I would constantly call him, and to hear that he is know longer here, breaks my heart. I love you Timothy, you always gave me sound advice, we shared a lot. X

Nita - January 09 at 06:08 PM



“ Rest in Mr. Boakes.

I moved to Coxsackie a few years ago with my family very depressed and lonely. I was one of very few black faces in town and really didn't have many people to talk to. I worked at Mr. Boakes pharmacy and he took an interest in me. Everytime he stopped in we had conversations at least half an hour long. He was incredibly smart and worldly person. When I told him I want to be a filmmaker he recommended films and even gave me a book. He came in we just talked philosophy and life. He gave me solid no nonsense advice. I hadn't seen him in a while and I learned he had an accident. It pains me that I never reached out after I moved away. I never really got to tell him what those times meant to me and just how important our conversations will always be. You helped me help in a lonely time and I took wisdom from you in our short time knowing each other. Rest in peace Mr. Boakes. Thank you.

Kofi Bissah - September 18, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ Monica Rujumba lit a candle in memory of Timothy E. Boakes



Monica Rujumba - September 10, 2020 at 06:20 AM



“ Condolences on your great loss from Sudan. May God give you patience during this hard time and may your father's memory and good deeds be your comfort.
Amel Salih- UNICEF Sudan

Amel Salih - September 10, 2020 at 05:47 AM



“ Nos sincères condoléances le plus attristées à la famille. Que le bon Dieu l'accueil dans son Royaume. Le Destin a décidé, nous ne pouvons que courber à la volonté Divine.,

ABAKAR TCHARI - September 10, 2020 at 03:47 AM



“ all my condolences, rest in peace, you are and you will remain a world example

Oumarou Tarpaga - September 10, 2020 at 03:37 AM



“ Dear Simon and Gerard and Boakes family A

At this sad moment, I would like to send you my sincere condolences. Look up to God who will know how to console you and help you through this difficult time. Doline,
UNICEF Cameroon

Doline Betdji - September 10, 2020 at 03:16 AM



“ Sorry Dears for your loss. May his soul Rest in Peace.

Lamiaa - September 09, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ Timothy Boakes was a great leader and a creative, innovative thinker and doer. He singlehandedly modernized the structure of administrative management at UNICEF - making it current even today.

He had a bombastic personality- often filled with great humor, and great eloquence, which helped hide his vulnerable side and was used for caring for the world's children.

Timothy did not suffer fools gladly and when he came upon one, that person knew it quickly and it was followed up with a letter, which showcased his masterful penmanship and great satire.

I write this with great sadness and I am devastated to learn of Timothy's passing. My life was changed immeasurably for the good by knowing this great man. May Timothy rest in eternal peace.

Nick Lananna

N.Lane - September 02, 2020 at 07:23 PM



“ I met Timothy around 1994 when he became president of the Board of Directors of the United Nations Child Care Center. He had spent decades in UNICEF and I in the UN department of political affairs, and other departments of the UN in New York. I was first secretary of the Board, and then vice-president. Timothy was devoted to improving on-site child care in the UN as a service to UN staff and to the organization to which he had devoted so much of his life. Timothy was brilliant and innovative. He was a creative thinker, progressive in his world view, and generous and thoughtful. He was inherently shy and modest; which he disguised well with his impeccable and stylish sartorial taste. He worked tirelessly in the service of others and the world. After Timothy moved to upstate New York, we talked on the phone from time to time. Timothy never lost his wonderful sense of humor, and the kindness that always shone through his every word and action. The world has lost a force for good. Dear Timothy, I'll miss your friendship, your laugh and good humor. Your work here is done. Rest in peace. Loraine Rickard-Martin

Loraine Rickard-Martin - July 05, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ My wife and I first met Tim at the end of 2001 after we had all retired. He’s remembered as a kind, generous, decent person with a wonderful sense of humor. Also as a quintessential international civil servant always fair and objective. We continued to join him at outdoor garden and deck parties hosted by a mutual friends until some years ago. He will be deeply missed. May he Rest In Peace.

Somendu BANERJEE - June 23, 2020 at 10:53 PM



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N.Lane - September 02, 2020 at 07:06 PM



“ Timothy will always be remembered for his dedicated service to the UN Child Care Centre at the end of his long and distinguished UN career. He was always generous with his time and energy.

George Irving - June 23, 2020 at 01:56 PM



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Gerard Boakes - June 16, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ Mes sincereres condoleances a toute la famille. Que la terre lui soit legere

Ali Mbae - September 10, 2020 at 02:21 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss. May his soul rest in eternal peace

Nicole Tissot - September 10, 2020 at 04:04 AM



“ Wonderful picture of happy days

N. Lane - September 13, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ Timothy was one of the very first persons I met on my first day at work at UNICEF....that smile made it easy for me to have a great day. He will be sorely missed.

Marcia - September 21, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ Love you Timothy xx and miss you deeply xx

nita - January 09 at 06:16 PM