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Hi Alison

I have just heard from Laurina about Aiden. Please accept my condolences and my thoughts are with you. I know you are strong and realise that he is now at peace.

Love Martin (S&G Signs)

*Alison,*

*Friend nothing to say but will hold you in my arms , you remain special no son could have wanted more in a mother and no mother more from a son.*

*Regards*

**Tony Cox**

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Hi Alison

My deepest sympathy to you and Aleysha on the passing of your beloved son Aiden.

I've been remembering how he used to run up the stairs at Wallflower Street to visit you with Neil.

Alison you are a wonderful woman who gave her all to her children, why God seems fit to take ones children I do not fully comprehend but all I can say is he out of his suffering and did what he had to on earth and now is up in heaven carrying on his good work and with his beloved sister.

Be strong dear Alison and treasure the memories he is gone in body but will always be in your heart.

My love to you

Laurina

**Laurina Conbeer** Accountant

Dearest Ali:

I cannot even imagine how difficult this time and however, long this experience will be for you.

I can only say you were the most amazing and memorable MOTHER ever for both Aidan and Laila. How lucky both wonderful children chose you to be there for them.

I so hope you can come over if Mike decides to ask you to see the life here or else he is coming over with the kids I think in June 2011.

You are in my thoughts and prayers and are so loved by us all.

Clare.

Leon Stevens:

you are such a strong and wonderful person, Aiden was blessed with a Mom like you. I am so glad we could see the young man on Sunday before he crossed over. Be strong and know our thoughts are with you and Alicia and please let us know if there's ANYTHING we can do to help you during your time of mourning."

John Anthony Snoek.  
"My thoughts are with you"

Zoe Emma Rose Cornell.  
Sending you and Aleisha and A all my love and thoughts."

Rose Morgan

Oh my dearest Bubs, I feel so desperate for you and am so shocked as I thought things were going along okay. You know I have no words but please know you are in our thoughts every minute of the day and somehow hope you find the strength to get through this, not sure how you do. I don't understand how this can happen to you twice just don't get it. You are a very special person I know we have not had much contact but we love you and if we can do anything from this side we will. I have sent you an email as we do not have contact numbers for u, but You must be inundated with calls of support. Hope my email got to you. We are praying for you and Aleisha and will be with you on the 26th in spirit. Our prayers are with you  
Bubs love u lots xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Peter Wells

Peter wrote:  
"Oh Bubbles ... I am so very sad for you"

Aidan

Knowing Aidan since his birth has been an incredible part of our lives. We have vivid memories of him in a paddling pool at Pringle Bay with our father.

A smiling happy shiny toddler with the most incredibly big blue eyes.

It was no mystery where his infectious laugh and wicked sense of humour came from.

He grew into an assured and beautiful boy still with the same infectious laugh, wicked sense of humour and brave heart.

When Laila was born, he became a support to Ali way beyond his years. Through Laila's amazing but short life, Aidan just adored his baby sister and his mom.

Then Aidan and Ali moved to Brisbane for the next part of their journey and we missed them terribly but had Ali's proud emails to keep us in the loop.

The last 2 and-a-half years have again confirmed what an extraordinary young man Aidan grew into. He faced all that life threw at him with courage, dignity & his inimitable humour.

We loved and respected and admired him and the way that he has handled the last few years. His love for his mother and wife surrounded him and he told me in an email recently that they were his angels on earth. I know that he will have found Laila and his other angels on the other side of the horizon.

We were privileged to have known him and we have been inspired and enriched watching how he has lived his life and loved his wife and mother. May he rest in peace.

Debbie Cornell

## Rocket Films Africa

Dave Thompson

"eish Bubs,so ,so sorry to learn of Aidans passing - take care -love dave"

Vincent Sachs

"We are so sad for your loss. May his soul rest in peace."

Brian Robert Mountney

"Bubbles, you are in our thoughts and prayers from all in Cape Town."

### Anthony Cox

Alison,

Thinking of you with love, watching a African sunset...be strong as only a mother and woman can be, you are special as was he.

### Dave Vincent

Aidan R.I.P

The stream has reached the sea, and once more the great mother holds her son against her breast.

Fare you well, people of Orphalese.

This day has ended.

It is closing upon us even as the water-lily upon its own tomorrow.

What was given us here we shall keep,

And if it suffices not, then again must we come together and together stretch our hands unto the giver.

Forget not that I shall come back to you.

A little while, and my longing shall gather dust and foam for another body.

A little while, a moment of rest upon the wind, and another woman shall bear me.

Farewell to you and the youth I have spent with you.

It was but yesterday we met in a dream.

You have sung to me in my aloneness, and I of your longings have built a tower in the sky.

But now our sleep has fled and our dream is over, and it is no longer dawn.

The noontide is upon us and our half waking has turned to fuller day, and we must part.

If in the twilight of memory we should meet once more, we shall speak again together and you shall sing to me a deeper song.

And if our hands should meet in another dream, we shall build another tower in the sky.

So saying he made a signal to the seamen, and straightaway they weighed anchor and cast the ship loose from its moorings, and they moved eastward.

And a cry came from the people as from a single heart, and it rose the dusk and was carried out over the sea like a great trumpeting.

Only Almitra was silent, gazing after the ship until it had vanished into the mist.

And when all the people were dispersed she still stood alone upon the sea-wall, remembering in her heart his saying,

A little while, a moment of rest upon the wind, and another woman shall bear me."

With huge love

xoxoxo

Alison Barrett

"My friend- I am at a loss for words here - just know that you are loved and in my prayers. I tried calling you today - will try again tomorrow morning. xxxxx"

Laurina Conbeer

"My heart goes out to you Alison we were hoping for a miracle."

Linda Meldrum

"Bubbles ..... sorry to hear such sad news, I am thinking of you and the family .. see you very soon, much love xxx"

[Norma Wheeler](#)

John & I send our deepest sympathy to you & your family at this very sad & difficult time.

Graeme Buchan-Swanson

"All our love and thoughts are with you - the grief and loss are too terrible but we try to remember the joy and love XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Graeme and Di"

Sally Beck

"Alison, My thoughts are with you at this very difficult time, I cannot imagine the grief and loss you must be feeling. Cherish every moment you had with him. Be strong and remember that we are all thinking of you."

Gail Northcote

"Oh Alison. I can't begin to express my feelings. Please know that we are thinking of you & Aleisha and remembering the wonderful, funny, unique and individual spirit of Aidan. Gail, Ed, Robyn & Graeme. See you soon."

Beverly Anne Jeursen

"Alison, I'm truly sorry for the loss of a wonderful son. May your support group be there for you. Love Bev in Cape Town."

Lulu Andrews Stroebel

"Dear Alison and family -- it is such a tragedy to lose a child .. It is very evident that he was cherished by you . God speed and be strong my old friend. Hold his memories very close to your heart ,,Best wishes Lulu"

Les Farge

"Ali, I'm so sorry. We are fortunate to have known him. Sadly it was for a short while. "

Clive Lucas

"have no words to express how u must be feeling we were so sorry to hear the news - our thoughts are always with you"

Tanya Bregnsdal

"Darling Alison..Here for you.xxx"

Jane Allan

"I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Although I never had the privilege of meeting Aidan, being your son he must have been full of fun and vigour with a zest for life!! You are uppermost in my thoughts at this very trying time. I wish you lots of love and strength.xxx"

Averil Gennissen

"Hi Bubbles I am so sorry May you have all the blessings and love you sure have ours. Need a break please come and visit luffs us"



Heather Worroll

"Our dearest Bubs. Aiden showed such strength and courage and spirit throughout - along with his usual sense of humor. We hope that all this stays with you and that you hold it close to your heart forever. Lots of love to you and Aleisha from Maine. M and H"

Dearest Bubbles & Aleisha

My deepest sympathy to both of you at this sad time when you are grieving the loss of the man you both loved so dearly. Nothing I say can possibly take away the pain, but it must be a comfort in some small way to know that Aidan is now at peace and his battle so bravely fought for so long is over. His final gift to both of you must give you strength and comfort, the two people he loved the most in life, his mother and his wife, now have each other to support them through their grief, and as the sadness dims let the memories of happier times return to celebrate and honour his life and achievements that his struggle to overcome this dread condition not be in vain.

He will always have a very special place in my heart - the bouncy, mischievous little boy he was when I first knew him who flung his arms round my waist and called me Gran Hurly sending 5 year old Nadia into an absolute fury exclaiming I was her Gran and no one else's, and I wish I had known him better as the brave young man whose determination and courage in these last two years must be admired by all who knew him. You must be very proud of him Bubbles.

My love and prayers are with you all.....may God bless you as you mourn your loss, and may he take Aidan into his loving arms and give him peace.

All my love

Thelma

Dear Ali,

I was very saddened to hear from Geoff earlier this morning about Aiden.

All I can say to you now is that no words can describe my sense of sympathy and empathy for you.

You will know that Geoff and I are here for you and will do whatever to assist you.

I want you to know how much we love you.

There is not much else I can say at this moment.

I'm actually away in the city of Flint

I'd like to call you from home when our clocks permit.

With love,

mike

Dear Alison,

I know this email finds you in a time of great pain. I'd like to express my deepest condolences for the loss of your wonderful Aiden. While I'm sure this is unbearable for those closest to him, for those of us on the outside it is a heart-wrenching experience to hear of the passing of one so young and vibrant. You are both in my

thoughts and prayers - I thank Aiden for the privilege I had to spend time and work with him; I ask for you to find strength through this difficult time, and may you always feel Aiden's presence whenever you need him close by, as I'm sure he's always watching - free of pain; free of suffering. With heartfelt sympathy I wish you well.

Love, Rustum

[Charmaine Jordaan](#)

hi Alison

Thinking of you today, and please know that if you need anything that we are here for you, it was good to see Aidan on Monday. our thoughts are with you and Alisha,

Hi Ali

I am so sorry to hear of Aiden's passing away. I have prayed for him and you so many times. There is so little that I can say that will make you feel better, but I encourage you to believe that The Lord will take care of him.

Our Love and thoughts are with you.

Regards  
Dennis & Nikki

Dennis Farge

Ali, what a brave full young life Aidan lived and how incredibly sad that it was short. Love and courage to you, to Aleisha and all those he loved.

Love, Carohn

Judith Cornell <judcornell@yahoo.co.uk>

Dear Aleisha - Mrs Needham

Many thanks for including me in the invitation. I love the picture, with Aidan's grin shining out! I wish I could be there for the farewell, and the celebration of Aidan's life - consider me there in spirit, part of the farflung community around the world who remember him with both affection and admiration, for what he made of his life and his brave spirit in this long battle. As you will know, my memories of Aidan date mostly from his babyhood and childhood, but I've followed the big events from a distance, seen the pics, cooked from his cookbook.....

This week I have been remembering something I read recently - that love is what lives on, the eternal part of us. Aidan clearly both attracted and gave love, in abundance. May he fly indeed!

Best

Jud

Michael Rip

Dear Ali,

Thank you for this. I have lovely, albeit too brief, memories of Aiden. When he was little and when I saw him last as an adult a few Summer's ago. I will not forget him and he will join a long list of people, both living and dead, who I think of regularly and whose lives I cherish.

Lots of love,

mike



Marica Jones

Hi Al

We are so sorry for your loss. We heard on Thursday, but I was at such a loss of what to say to you and cannot imagine what you are going through.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

May your beautiful boy rest and peace and the angels treat him like a king, and may God give you strength to get through this.

Lots of love

Mervyn and Marica

Ietse Pestoor

Daer Alison

I can't find much words but think about a visit to your house in Brisbain.

We have a good time with you and Aiden.

My memory of a wonderfull boy.

I hoop you become enough support to get over

Ietse

Sorry , my englisch is not so good. maybe I use wrong words.

A kiss of me.

Zoe Cornell

Dear Ally

Just wanted to send you and Aleisha my love. I have been thinking about A every day and remembering when we were all together and Leila was still here. I feel they are together now watching over us.

I hope you have a wonderful celebration of his life on Tuesday. I also hope you get a quiet moment of peace to hold him in your heart like I know you do every day. A will never leave our hearts and mind, he will stay with us as long as we can remember

Sending love and light your way until we can embrace again.

Zoe

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Dear Alison, Aleisha and family

I am so, so sad to hear of Aiden's passing. Your loss must be so profound and I cannot imagine how hard this is for all of you. Aiden was an incredibly brave, spirited, loving, gentle, persevering young man, who faced his challenges courageously to the end.

Know that I am with you in spirit and will hold you, dear Alison, in my prayers. May you lean on God's promises, especially now during this time of sorrow in your life. May God wrap His loving arms around you and grant you Peace.

All my Love and Blessings  
Rosie xxxxxx

ROSE WIKSTRÖM

Aiden Needam Rip

Watching Aiden growing up from afar has been a fascinating view. He has shown all the Rip features regarding his sense of humor, his love of the good life and a maturity beyond his years. He has faced each challenge with the same tenacity – learning to walk, going to school, losing a sister, moving towns and then countries, gaining a girlfriend, graduating chef school and then fighting his tumor. He has always remained a loyal loving son to Alison, her friends and all who have crossed his path in his short but full life. His look at life has been interesting, illuminating and then made one relook at their own views on it in a fresh new way. His final days will remain with me always as we will all surely face new challenges. I hope that I will always do it with the same tenacity, charm and consideration that he has shown. Our special thoughts and prayers go out to his Mom Alison, his wife Aleisha, and all who have been with him along his journey of life.

Mike and Heather

Cheryl Reichardt

"Words cannot express what I would like to say to you, you are an amazing mom angel and Aidan remains that special boy in my heart that I remember when in Cape Town ..... the best! sending you so much love comfort xxxx love from Cheryl, Stuart, Laura, Mark and Andrew"

Our dear Alison

Rose and I read with great sadness of Aidan's passing. Here, though many miles distant, we had some inkling of how hard he fought and how exuberantly and cheerfully he lived his life in the years since it became apparent he was ill. He had something of your own unconquerable joie de vivre and acceptance of life and death – that was abundantly clear. Now, we can scarcely comprehend what sadness this has brought to you. Lightning is not meant to strike twice in the same place. It did but all we know and remember of you is your fortitude. When we met, life was still innocent. Now it is so filled with ... life itself, all our joys and griefs, our victories and defeats, our celebrations and our struggles. Your smile is etched in our memories of that time, through all that life has given and taken, and we know it smiles on. God bless you, Alison. There is a God in heaven, and he took Aidan, and Aidan's pain is all behind him now.

With our love and thoughts

**Paul and Rosemary Bell**

Hi Allison

I have no words to ease your pain nor comfort you, or take away your suffering. You will miss your son and I know part of you is with him, he will live on in your heart, so carry him with you wherever you go.

I was unaware of how sick Aidan was and thought he was going to be in hospital on a new treatment for quiet sometime, then the wedding news.

Aidan was an amazing, beautiful soul and only wonderful things will bestow him now.

I am away until Thursday this week up at site and will not be able to attend Aidan's farewell. Look after your soul and self. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Much love  
Kim xx

Dear Alison, We were terribly sad to hear of the passing of your wonderful son Aidan.

We will be away this week returning to Brisbane on Friday. We will therefore unfortunately miss Aidans farewell but we hope we will catch up with you soon at the Africa Club gathering either this Friday or next month. I know he will rest in peace with all the love you have given him.

All our love,  
Barrie & Anne.

Dear Alison

Although no words can really help to ease your loss, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer.

Hold tight to memories for comfort and may that peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you.

May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead.

We are all thinking of you at this time, but will especially be thinking of you on Tuesday 26 October at 2pm.

Love from  
Denise, Derek, Brad and Amy.

Hi Bubbles,

Our sincere condolences,

Love Sven and Lor,

Dearest Ali, Geoff, Mike and families

I am so, so sorry to hear your very sad news.

Ali Barrett phoned me last night to let me know and I received this mail, this afternoon at work.

Our thoughts are with you and your family, however they are also dwelling on those lovely, joyous family photos you had sent me of his engagement and birthday this year. You have and had a wonderful son, who was so strong through all the hardships he had to endure. As his gran says in the farewell notice, "May he rest easy and fly with the angels" ..... which we know he is already doing"

At 6:00am SA time tomorrow I will be thinking of you and saying a prayer for all of you together in Aussie.

Lots and lots of love - I cannot be with you but am with you in spirit.

All our love

Nigel, Barbs, Craig & Lauren

Hi Ally,

My heart goes out to you. I can't believe that one person has had to take on what you have and still be standing on the otherside. You are one hell'uve fine soul I love you. I admire you. I salute you. My Hero

xxxxxx

PS I feel that your boy is home safely and is happy. He says that he is glad to be with and see "T"

oh my darling Ali. I've been away and just got this email. thank you and Aleisha. i've spent the day with Vaun and Carohn.

john and I send all our love

Hi Ali

Been thinking of you all day. I'm sure it was a beautiful service and I hope lifted your spirits hugely.  
On the way home yesterday, after sending you my Email, it dawned on me.....  
Aleisha (Mrs Needham) as below, is Aiden's fiancée. Did they get married

Lots and lots of love to everyone Barbs

Dear Alison and Aleisha  
Thinking of you at this very sad time. My thoughts and love is with you both.  
Take good care of one another.  
Eve xxx

Alison,

I have just returned from a trip to hear your terrible sad news. I am so sorry to hear that Aidan's struggle has ended and we can only hope he will be at peace without any pain. He was a lovely boy who was always so friendly, kind and positive and his spirit will live on. You have been the most amazing mom and have worked tirelessly to find a way through all the difficult years and in the process you have given dignity to your son while he battled through the trauma.

I am sorry Yvonne and I were not able to be at the service, but we have said our prayers for both you and Aidan and he will always be remembered.

All our Love  
Micky & Yvonne Marshall