

## PAPA      **By Marina**

My earliest memories of my father were in London... Chelsea, Carlyle Square I remember the stairs, the piano - Papa loved music, singing with us girls beside him on the stool.....

I remember going downstairs to our playroom I just remember the incredible experience of having our own place where I could be Me & where us girls could play together, Papa made sure we had one in each house ..

His sabbatical in 1966, he took us 3 girls to Jerusalem, Jordan, in a VW campervan driving across Europe, by ship Venice to Beirut and up to Jerusalem. Taking us on many VW camping expeditions to Petra & Jerash. I will never forget seeing him in overalls trying to fix the van. We left 6 days before the June war in 1967 returning via Beirut. There he researched his first book, the companion to New English Bible. Later he was fondly called **Everybody's Companion** by his students.

Papa did have a kind of Wanderlust. After schooling at Eton, he wanted to live somewhere more normal. A year in Brussels and later a year in Munich. He wrote that he wanted to get away from England's class system. My wanderlust was for similar reasons I discovered later. [And now I live in NZ](#) where I worked using marine zoology, where I met my husband, Mark, Ross's father. Papa received Mark so well to the family, how grateful I was to Papa for accepting Mark. He organised the best wedding imaginable here in Westminster Abbey. Helen and John were married here too.

Ross was born 1995, the first grandson now a pilot. Papa was so supportive and proud of my son, Papa saw Ross achieve his lifelong dream of becoming a pilot which he now lives. Ross flew him in a small **Cherokee** over Oxford after Christmas 2013 . Grandpa loved the flight. I took Papa to Ross's graduation in Southampton CTC - A ride in the simulator with Ross as pilot - 7 mins flying and landing at Innsbruck, Austria.

Joy his granddaughter was born in 1998, he was so proud of her, especially as she learnt & loved playing the violin. Always being there for her as a special Grandpa after the loss of her Mother Christian at the age of 10

But Papa you taught us so much.... That inner peace & strength you had and how you looked after Julian and all of us. You helped shape us in to the people we are now. You were:

- So delighted to be at the openings of all Helen's art exhibitions;
- Fascinated by Christian's mime shows, and delighted that she chose to follow in his footsteps at Worcester College Oxford, those close talks they had until she departed us.
- Admiring and joining in Victoria's campaigning.
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Christmas 2016, Papa was so proud to host the family Christmas, we were all together. Papa's warm and loving Christmas address/message to a full Willersey Church is one I shall always remember. It was to a village he grew to love and became very much a part of in the last 17 years of life, fondly known as Canon Harvey.

I miss ringing him every Saturday morning...