

MATTHEW DANIEL DANZIG

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Quotes from the Prophet by Kahil Gibran

“Your joy is your sorrow unmasked. And the selfsame well from which your laughter rises oftentimes filled with your tears. And how else can it be? The deeper that sorrow carves into your being, the more joy you can contain. Is it not the cup that holds your wine the very cup that was burned in the potter’s oven? And is not the lute that soothes your spirit the very wood that was hallowed with knives? When you are joyous, look deep into your heart and you shall find it is only that which has given you sorrow that is giving you joy. When you are sorrowful, look again in your heart and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight. Some of you say: “Joy is greater than sorrow”, and others say, “Nay sorrow is greater”. But I say unto you they are inseparable. Together they come and when one sits with you at your board, remember the other asleep upon your bed”

“For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun. And what is it to cease breathing but to be free the breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and see God unencumbered. Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing.”

“When you part from your friend, you grieve not: For that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence, as the mountain to the mountain climber is clearer from the plain”

Now I would like to speak for Matt and express his gratitude:

TO LOUISE AND DANIELA – You are Matt’s angels of mercy. Your devotion , care and strength have shown us the meaning of love.

You are the smile in Matt’s face and the joy in his heart. Your touch soothed Matt’s pain.

You gave us all the strength to carry on in the darkest hours .

Words can’t express my love and gratitude to both of you.

TO MATT’S BROTHERS: Thank you for your support and presence in Matt’s life when he needed it most. He loved both of you. I know you will be there for Daniela , Sophia and Georgie in the years ahead.

TO JOHNNY : You were Matt’s best friend. You are also the kindest and most loving person I know. Your devotion to Matt helped us travel a hard road with faith and hope. When he turned away, you stood next to him. Thank you.

TO GUILLERMO : The night watchman. From my heart muchas gracias.

Matthew was named well. His name means “Gift of God”. He was a gift to all who knew him. He touched us with his joy, intellect and strength. Don Brinberg, his trusted and compassionate uncle and physician , called him a “warrior”.

Matt – Know you were loved and will always be in our hearts and minds.

Rest in Peace