

TED DE ROOS
1935-2011



01-01-2011

Dear Ans,
I returned early from my vacation I was spending with Colette and her family at Disneyworld in Florida.
Last evening I went thru my day to day chronicles and selected the following pictures to reflect on the good times we all had together.
Ans, life will **never be the same again**. but that does **NOT** mean it cannot be good again
You can count on me for support.
A donation from our family to the A.C.S. has been made in memory of Ted



Long Beach 12-31-1996

Long Beach 01-01-1997





Marina Del Rey -1997

Arrowhead 12- 1997





Palm Desert 02-01-1998





Torrance 1999



08-13-2000
Torrance



04-21-2001
Providence R.I.



07-28-2001
Broekhuizen
The Netherlands

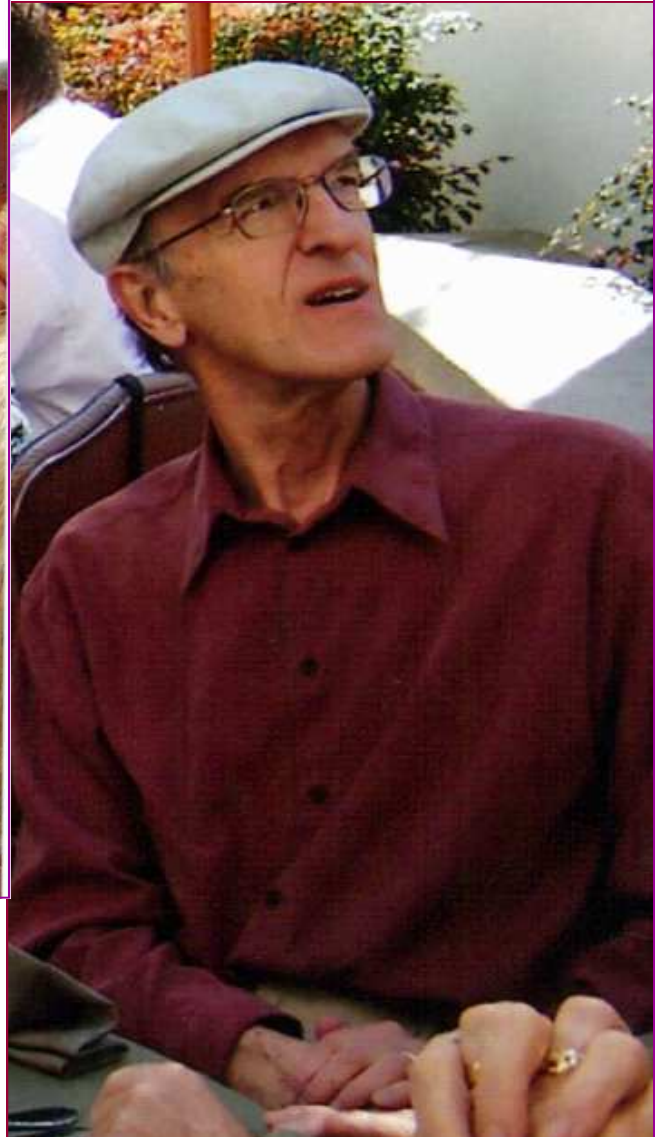
And during the years :

Many occasions without pictures.

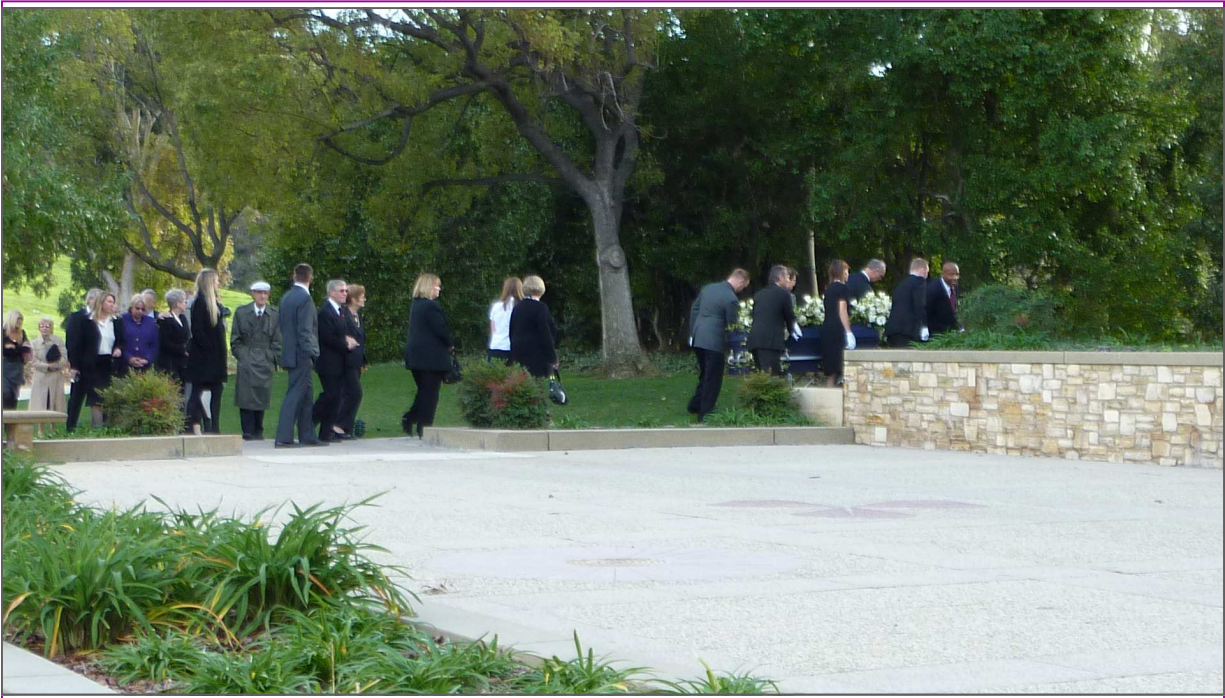
Dinners in Palos Verdes,

Dinners in Thousand Oaks,

Concerts in the park and church



Huntington Beach
3-11-2007



Farewell to Frans. 02-07-2010 Forest Lawn Covina Ca
At the reception 02-02-2011 Westin Hotel Long Beach Ca





08-12-2010

La Purisima Mission and Solvang





Long Beach 01-01-2011





Long Beach 01-01-2011
Watching the fireworks of the Queen Mary



Ans, the two poems enclosed gave me much comfort
when Frans died.
and I hope it will do the same for you.
now Ted is gone.

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says: "There, she is gone!"

"Gone where?"

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and she is just as able to bear the load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says: "There, she is gone!" There are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout: "Here she comes!"

And that is dying.

—Henry Van Dyke

*Believe me when I tell you , I never chose to leave today
Remember me and what we had, and all that used to be,
The love we shared, I have taken now to my eternity.
I know to you it seems unfair that things turned out this way.
There was no way to let you know, that all the things you said
I heard them all, every word , as you stood besides my bed..
I tried to make it back to you, I wanted to reach out,
To pull you close and whisper that I loved you, with no doubt.
Even when my heart was close to beating its last beat,
I wanted more then anything, this illness to defeat.
I felt your presence near me, your love so shining through,
I wanted you to hear my thoughts, for they were all for you.
My body growing weaker, the end was near,
Time was running out for me to say to you: my dear,
Thank you for all that we were, and all you had given me.
There was no time to say good by, to try to make you see,
That sometimes our life on earth must cease.
I had to go, I had no choice, my soul was now at peace.
I heard your cries, I saw your tears, The sadness on your face.
When I was gone you held me in your embrace,
I know you well enough to know. How difficult it was for you to let go.
I watched you leaving, O how I ached for you,
I saw the family gather , into their arms you fell,
So lost and very broken, I could see it all so well,
I heard the Master calling: Ted it is time to go,
Don't worry I have plans for her and one day she will know.
This was not meant to hurt her, she is my child to you see,
I love her just as much as you, she means the world to me.
I heard the trumpets, sounding and the gates were open wide.
Everyone was waiting for me on the other side.
I asked the Lord to let me visit often,
To make your journey easier, and help your heart to soften.
He know you would be angry with him, but only for a little while,
He promised to take care of you that one day again you smile,
As you would be remembering the years he let me stay,
With you, to grow and know you each and every day.
That we were blessed to have together all those years,
He will be with you, take care of you, and wipe your tears
I am looking down and know your heart will mend,
I hope you feel me, with you, along with all the love I send,
God kept his promise faithfully, He has a plan, it is true,
He is watching and he is waiting, for you to see it too!*

Author unknown

IN MEMORIAM

TED

Ted thank you for being a sincere friend for many years first with Gerard and me, then with Frans and me.

Ted you knew the meaning of life and provided well for your beloved Ans and your children.

Ted thank you for driving with Ans to Long Beach to celebrate this recent New Years Eve in my Long Beach home with family and friends.

Ted that evening you talked about plans for the future and did not realize death was so near.

Ted thank you for giving Jacky and I the possibility to say goodbye to you two days before you died.

Ted I am happy you were able to die in the comfort of your home surrounded by your family.

Ted you shared your believe of reuniting with all your family and friends that departed before you.

Ted, thank you for delivering my message to them

Ted I know that the beautiful memories of your life together will keep Ans strong.

REST IN PEACE

MJT