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Dear Members

Philip Goddard 13.01.1961 - 01.07.2023



Our Presidents writes:

Dear Cresta Friends

Many of you will already have heard, but I write with the very sad news that our irrepressible dear friend Philip Goddard lost his battle on Saturday morning.

Philip and Sharlie were among the leading adventurers on the Rovos Rail train journey last October. I cannot express our feelings better than organiser Simon Ford who wrote the following post:

"Dear Sharlie and family

Our heartfelt and warmest condolences to you all. You have lost your love and charming Dad. We have all lost a great friend, who with Sharlie we grew to admire so much more in the last year, as two of the bravest, kindest, most courageous and fun couples to be with.

If Philip's impending demise was expected and gave you some "overtime", you and Philip played his overtime as hard as anyone could and for all it was worth. You were a grand couple to watch, facing his affliction, his life, his friends and the world with all the charm, grace, laughter and joie de vive that any person could muster.

Sharlie and Philip became two of the people I have admired most in life, for the example you have both set for us all. If we have a little more courage in life, a little more exuberance, a little more fun in our time, we can thank you both for inspiration and your example of carpe diem.

If there is somewhere out there after, I am sure Philip is stirring up a lot of fun. He certainly does in our memory.

Vale Philip: Cresta Rider, Racing Driver, Bon Vivant Par Excellence, Great lover of family and great friend. Adieu with sorrow and happiness that you filled life to the brim and overflowed on the rest of us.

Lots of love from us all"

All our thoughts are with Alex, Gertie, Jackobee and Sharlie who have requested that your favourite Philip stories, memories and pictures be added to https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/JjkovqU7

I will write again soon with a fuller account about Philip's Cresta exploits and suitable occasion(s) when we can all toast his legend. Meanwhile, keep Philip's family in your prayers

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