

Dear Friends,

On the 19th of January 2009, our beloved Father, Jason William Francis Monet's Great Spirit was released, surrounded by members of his family, his farewell to us was peaceful. Daddy was a man for all Seasons, a great artist and to us, a unique presence in our lives. He could laugh, weep and at times rage ...but always love with loyalty, generosity and moments of great tenderness.

Daddy returned to Australia recently to undergo treatment for cancer. During this period he was between our beautiful home on Phillip Island and the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne. He remained amazingly strong and positive and grew a real appreciation and love for what he had around him in Australia. He always said 'live every moment as it comes' and he made sure he did. On Friday the 16th, Daddy painted 3 portraits, drank, smoked, joked, laughed, ate and enjoyed the family; it was a day like every other, full of passion, excitement and love. Like he has always said "you only live once, so you might as well do it exactly the way you want, without compromise".

Dear Friends, we would love to have you join in with us in a ceremony to salute the departure of his unique spirit. We will gather together in the Wooden Palace at 11 Hill Street, Sunderland Bay, on Friday, 30th January at 3.00 pm. From there we will make a procession along roads of Sunderland Bay down to the Beach followed by a service and celebration of his life at our family home.

For those among you who are unable to make the journey here, we would dearly love to have you share with us any memories you may have of your friendship with Daddy, or any photos of him or his artwork... and if you wish, we will share such anecdotes with all who are present on the day.

Before his leaving I asked Dad if he believed in God, he responded "my Gods are the good people I've known". For Dad the joy was in giving, he always said that 'Giving is a priceless gift'. He gave his love, time and acceptance to all.

Life can only be measured by the love you leave behind.

Our love to you all.... The Monet Family

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