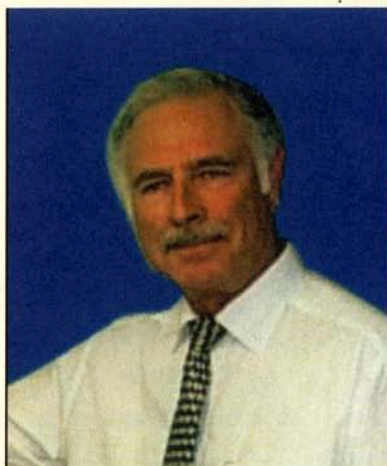


*In Loving Memory and Celebration
for the Life of*

SANDY MEJIAS LIVINGSTONE



4th March 1940 – 13th January 2011

*Charter Chapel
Canley Crematorium
The Lodge, Cannon Hill Road
Coventry*

***Monday, 21st February 2011
1:00 o'clock***

Order of Service

Entrance

"Concierto de Aranjuez: II Adagio"

John Williams, et al

Welcome

Alison Goddard, Celebrant

Tribute to Sandy and Reading

by Claire Livingstone Bothwell

"He is Gone"

Eulogy

Alison Goddard

Personal Memories

Christopher Wilks

Hugh Deeming

Personal Memories

by Tony Dee

Alison Goddard

Reflection

"Theme From Harry's Game"

Clannad

The Final Farewell

Alison Goddard

Closing Thoughts

Alison Goddard

"Loch Turner"

Ian Hughes

Depart

He Is Gone

You can shed tears that he is gone
Or you can smile because he has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes,
love and go on.

David Harkins



"Who Dares Wins"

*Thank you all for your calls, letters, and cards of
condolence and support*

Not, how did he die, but how did he live?
Not, what did he gain, but what did he give?
These are the units to measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.
Not what was his church, nor what was his creed?
But had he befriended those really in need?
Was he ever ready, with word of good cheer,
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,
But how many were sorry when he passed away?



*Maggie and Claire would like to invite everyone for refreshments
following the service at:*

BROOKLANDS GRANGE HOTEL
Holyhead Road
Coventry, CV5 8HX

We thank you again for all for your cards and calls and emails offering condolences. Many of those included personal thoughts or memories of Sandy, and we'd like to share some with you today. It has given us such pleasure to acknowledge that so many people had something to say about the man we loved. Maggie and Claire.

"He personified for so many who knew him the archetypal hero. As I used to say, 'if a war breaks out, I will stand behind Sandy.' To be in his presence was to understand what the word 'Charisma' actually means. It is a very physical experience of great warmth but also carries with it the huge gift of the power to inspire others. Sandy lit up a room and all those he met with those qualities."

"We have so many happy memories – especially me ... laughter and tears were the name of the game. Sandy taught us so much, and gave me a wonderful opportunity to prove myself and actually have a voice in the business world."

"So many memories of the years of knowing Sandy keep flooding my thoughts – all of them happy and demonstrating just how much he meant to us as a family, and of the impact he had on my own life. A formidable personality! I know he'll never be far from my thoughts and that I have a lot to be hugely grateful for knowing him for."

"We will of course miss Sandy at future gatherings, but for sure he was too big a personality to ever be forgotten. I think that Monday nights helped shape Sue and me. At the time Sandy often drove me mad with our conflicting opinions, but I did snigger at the last General Election when I found myself voting Conservative – I remembered Sandy saying that all good Socialists eventually become right wing. It caused a good argument at the time ... but he was right ... grrrr! "

"Sandy has always meant a lot to us, he was a fantastic man, very special, a true gentleman and we will never forget him. There are so many people around the world who cared about Sandy."

"It has been an honour and a pleasure to have known Sandy for so long. It was a stroke of good fortune for me to have been lodged into the same office on my arrival in Coventry. Thereafter, life was never dull. ... [While working at Lanchester Polytechnic] Sandy crossed the street to an 'Exhibition of Modern Sculpture' in the open-air Cathedral ruins and incredulous at the pieces of 'art' on display, Sandy placed on top of a waist-high pillar a bent aluminium fish slice mounted on a block of wood. From a distance, we watched people approaching and studying it. We made repeated visits to see how long it remained in place: about 2 hours. ... I also recall a time he did an SAS-style diving tackle on a suspect in the Polytechnic car park, crashing the suspect's motorbike into a head-of-department's car, and, because of the lack of apparent evidence on the suspect, Sandy found himself in the situation of possibly being charged with assault. ... Remember the excitement Maggie. Accompanying such a personality couldn't always have been easy, but neither could you ever have drifted into a torpor of boredom."

"I remember Sandy as a fantastic person, a person who has done a lot for all of us, a very special person that we are thankful to have known. We will miss Sandy, will miss his wise words, his thoughts, his gentlemanly style."

"Sandy, thank you for everything you have been for us, and for making dinners out such interesting adventures."

"Everyone of us has had Sandy as a mentor as well as a friend and I really can say that I have never met such an impressive person. Sandy's way of looking at things was absolutely fair and honourable and still influences our company in the way it is driven by us and the way we represent ourselves to our customers."

"I found him the most interesting individual. A lion of a man and, amongst his sometimes outrageous but humorous characteristics, a very kind and gentle man. A handsome man with a noble quality."

"We are sorry to hear that such a wonderful man has passed on. It gave us great solace just knowing that he was around the corner, particularly in connection with the house. His journey through our lives was brief, but he touched our hearts and our lives in such an influential way that we adored him. His honesty and sincerity was just so refreshing, and that, together with such a fabulously dry sense of humour, resulted in a heady cocktail we wanted more of."

"I will always remember Sandy with fond memories of all the Mondays of humour over frankfurters and beans for lunch."

"Sandy was a great man, I remember so many good moments with him. He was not only very intelligent, he was also a person who knew how to work with people. I will always remember conversations after a nice dinner with Sandy and all the Licom family. Sandy showed me a new world, a different way to understand life. He was a very different boss."

"I found him to be most courteous and helpful. A man of exceptional ability and achievement."

"I am not able to explain my personal feeling, but surely, as everyone knows, we have lost a great person that we will never forget."

"I was reminiscing about some of my memories of Sandy – the main one being, of course, him borrowing a Coventry Polytechnic Porter's hat and wearing it to drive us to and from our wedding in your white Renault car! There are lots of stories that involved Sandy's derring-do and, always relayed with much humour. He certainly was a man you couldn't forget."

"I was saddened to learn of Sandy's death and the manner in which his health had deteriorated. I will always remember him as a proud upright British gentleman and a wonderful, warm, intelligent character. I liked him a lot. His legacy will live on through all his work. His life affected so many other people's lives in a very, very positive way. The Licom family is extended across the world today and it will always be a Livingstone Computer family."

"So sorry to hear the sad news. Sandy had a major influence on so many people who were involved with him. He gave me a great opportunity and I remember my early years with Licom as some of my most enjoyable working days."

"Sandy was a bit of a character to put it mildly – a generous person and a great boss. They broke the mould when they made him, which, given the nature of the business he ended up leading, would be an appropriate metaphor. ... On a typical Friday afternoon, just after lunch, and if the support department was quiet, Sandy would put a call out on the phone system, announcing, "This is your captain speaking. Abandon ship!" Then he would actually walk around the office saying, "haven't you got families to go home to?" and tell everyone to go home. ... Christmas parties were laid on for staff and families and children's entertainers were called in to keep the kids happy. I remember seeing Sandy's smile when he saw how much the families were enjoying it. It was a wonderful to work there. ... My other memories of him are the smell of his cigar smoke (God, he loved his cigars in the days when you could smoke in an office), his fondness for Gin and Tonic, and his booming bass singing voice and occasional spectacular cough. He had a way of clearing his nasal passages which was strangely a bit of a trademark too (in an endearing way)."

"Can't imagine anyone else we know who would have been so brave at the end."