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*Posted by **R30A** on **Fri Apr 6 15:54:12 2007**, in response to [Re: Some bad news \(Re: Surgery III\)](#), posted by **R4 Bryn Mawr LCL/R5 Paoli EXP** on **Fri Apr 6 12:44:01 2007**.*

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Wherever you are now old friend, I hope you enjoy it.
--Lincoln McMahon

Ps: Please do not feel any guilt for posting under his handle—I cannot imagine Dante would want his friends left in the dark about his condition.

Responses

- [Re: Some bad news \(Re: Surgery III\) - mr_brian - Fri Apr 6 16:16:50 2007](#)
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Subject: So sorry
Date: Fri, 6 Apr 2007 14:15:50 -0400
From: "Abe Siebel" <ASiebel@dewittstern.com>
To: digitalmuse66@yahoo.com

Hello,

I am a regular at TransitSpot and a lurker at SubChat (where you posted), and want to express my deepest sympathies to you and your family. I happen to be a father, so my feelings are probably a bit different from the others in those online communities.

I did not know Dante very well, but met him on trips and a few non-transit get-togethers. He was a wonderful person and will not be forgotten. My God grant you strength and courage through this difficult time. I will probably find out from Brian if there is a wake or viewing I might be able to attend. Godspeed.

Abe Siebel
Senior Premium Accountant



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From: "Rachael Lambert" <r.lambert@utcoverseas.com>
To: digitalmuse66@yahoo.com
Subject: Sorry for your loss
Date: Mon, 9 Apr 2007 10:38:42 -0400

I have been away for the weekend and just heard about your terrible loss. My thoughts, prayers and condolences are with you. I hope that you can take solace in knowing that your son touched so many of us so very deeply and while he may be with the Lord now, we all carry a part of him with us.

Please do keep us posted for the final arrangements as I would like to pay my respects.

Best Regards,

Rachael Lambert

YAHOO! MAIL

Date: Fri, 6 Apr 2007 18:37:25 -0700 (PDT)
From: busfreak99@yahoo.com
Subject: My Condolence
To: digitalmuse66@yahoo.com

My condolences to you. Dante was a great person and all of us will miss him tremendously. God Bless You and may Dante Rest In Peace.

James Roach
busfreak99@yahoo.com
Rock Island Illinois

Posted by RonInBayside on Fri Apr 6 12:46:53 2007, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by R4 Bryn Mawr LCL/R5 Paoli EXP on Fri Apr 6 12:44:01 2007.

I'm very sorry to hear about your son's untimely death. Everyone here, including me, enjoyed his posting, his wit, his humor.

Condolences on your loss. I'm certain his spirit will be a lasting influence on this board. I wish you peace.

Posted by The Pipe on Fri Apr 6 17:57:53 2007, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by RonInBayside on Fri Apr 6 12:46:53 2007.

Am very sorry to hear about Dante passing on. Dante was a very nice boy. He was well liked by his friends at Bus Talk and Bus Chat. He will be missed by all of us. My Condolences go out to YOU YOUR FAMILY and FRIENDS. "Pipe"

Posted by Newkirk Plaza David on Fri Apr 6 12:55:23 2007, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by R4 Bryn Mawr LCL/R5 Paoli EXP on Fri Apr 6 12:44:01 2007.

I'm am trying to take this news but it's overwhelming for me. Dante was a warrior, an Ultimate Rider and a true friend.

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Posted by Mitch45 on Fri Apr 6 13:00:41 2007, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by R4 Bryn Mawr LCL/R5 Paoli EXP on Fri Apr 6 12:44:01 2007.

I'm so sorry for your loss. I don't have the words to express my regrets and sorrow over this loss. I didn't know your son personally but based on his postings, he was obviously an insightful and bright person. He will be missed by all of us.

May you and your family know of no more sorrows and may God comfort you and yours.

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Dante was one of a kind and was my favorite poster both here and at SubTalk. I miss him as we all do and will raise a glass to him this evening.

I guess on the bright side, he's probably already taught 'OMGWTFBQQ' to August Belmont and given Robert Moses a well deserved tongue lashing :D.

your pal,
Fred

*Posted by 5301 Fishbowl on **Fri Apr 6 14:31:40 2007**, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by R4 Bryn Mawr LCL/R5 Paoli EXP on Fri Apr 6 12:44:01 2007.*

Though I did not know Dante personally, I enjoyed very much reading his posts over the years. Please accept my deepest sympathies.

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*Posted by ntrainride on **Fri Apr 6 14:32:37 2007**; in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by R4 Bryn Mawr LCL/R5 Paoli EXP on Fri Apr 6 12:44:01 2007.*

This is very sad news. I did not know the gentleman but, as have so many here, I surely did enjoy reading what he contributed. He will be missed.

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*Posted by Easy on **Fri Apr 6 14:47:17 2007**, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by R4 Bryn Mawr LCL/R5 Paoli EXP on Fri Apr 6 12:44:01 2007.*

I am sorry for your loss. I never met Dante, but always enjoyed his company on-line and I will miss him. I extend my deepest sympathies to you and your family. I also extend my sympathies to Dante's extended family here at subchat. This is a very sad day.

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*Posted by Wado MP73 on **Fri Apr 6 14:49:56 2007**, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by R4 Bryn Mawr LCL/R5 Paoli EXP on Fri Apr 6 12:44:01 2007.*

Oh no... This is a sad day. Although I never met most of Subchatters in person, the community has been going for more than ten years and I can recall the days when he called himself "Broadway Junction".

My deepest sympathies.

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*Posted by David of Broadway on **Fri Apr 6 15:08:23 2007**, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by R4 Bryn Mawr LCL/R5 Paoli EXP on Fri Apr 6 12:44:01 2007.*

My condolences to his family and friends. He will be sorely missed.

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*Posted by Lou From Middletown NY on **Fri Apr 6 15:33:37 2007**, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by R4 Bryn Mawr LCL/R5 Paoli EXP on Fri Apr 6 12:44:01 2007.*

My deepest and sincere condolences to all who knew him...as (mostly) a lurker, I too enjoyed his many posts.

May you find comfort in the knowledge he left a mark on his chosen hobby, and that may this special time of year help comfort you and your family find some kind of solace.

Lou Sherwood

Posted by TransitChuckG on Fri Apr 6 13:37:55 2007, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by Steve B-8AVEXP on Fri Apr 6 13:29:26 2007.

Mine too. David Gerber called me with the news. He told me to sit down and take a deep breath. I did. I am so shocked.

I knew Dante as a friend, a warrior and a good man. I expressed my concern many times as to his blood pressure problems and was hoping for a quick resolve. This untimely end hits me hard. When you mention brain tumor, as you guys know, my wife lost her life that way. I guess they were trying to remove the tumor when his blood pressure failed.

May God's grace keep you strong.

Chuck Greene

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Posted by TCC Senior Man on Fri Apr 6 13:31:48 2007, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by R4 Bryn Mawr LCL/R5 Paoli EXP on Fri Apr 6 12:44:01 2007.

I did not know Dante but feel sad at his passing. I've read so many great things about Dante and only wish that I could've known him. My condolences to you, your family and to Dante's co-workers and friends. Mom, I can't even imagine the pain that you are going through because of your loss. Thank you for taking the time to post this announcement.

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Posted by South Ferry on Fri Apr 6 13:49:39 2007, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by JohnL on Fri Apr 6 13:35:37 2007.

And a wonderful mother, at that.

She was there at the start of the Ultimate Ride in 2003 and stayed around with us until our ride actually began.

The closeness between mother and son was very much evident and inspiring.

Ok-- I just sat here 3 minutes blankly trying to compose another line...

Lord be with our dear friend and keep your hand and spirit upon his family in this time of difficulty... Know Lord, that he was a good man, a caring spirit, and a wonderful dedicated son and friend to those whom knew him... We Pray Lord you will watch over him and watch over us these hours of sadness and longing.

To Dante A. God Bless & you'll be missed eternally, brother man.

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My sincere condolences.

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Posted by jimmymc25 on Fri Apr 6 13:32:53 2007, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by R4 Bryn Mawr LCL/R5 Paoli EXP on Fri Apr 6 12:44:01 2007.

Dante was a wonderful presence on this board.

My heart goes out to you.

Jimmymc25

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Posted by Alargule on Fri Apr 6 13:35:46 2007, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by R4 Bryn Mawr LCL/R5 Paoli EXP on Fri Apr 6 12:44:01 2007.

My condolences and all the strength from Holland. Children should *never* pass away before their parents do.

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Posted by Olog-hai on Fri Apr 6 13:59:30 2007, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by R4 Bryn Mawr LCL/R5 Paoli EXP on Fri Apr 6 12:44:01 2007.

Oh, I'm so sorry. This is a shock to me.

I'm among those who never knew your son personally, but he was indeed a source of light on here.

My sincere condolences.

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Posted by Bob Andersen on Fri Apr 6 14:14:35 2007, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by R4 Bryn Mawr LCL/R5 Paoli EXP on Fri Apr 6 12:44:01 2007.

You have my deepest sympathy.

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Posted by (SIR) North Shore Line on Fri Apr 6 14:18:26 2007, in response to Re: Some bad news (Re: Surgery III), posted by R4 Bryn Mawr LCL/R5 Paoli EXP on Fri Apr 6 12:44:01 2007.

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--Lincoln McMahon

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YAHOO! MAIL

Date: Fri, 06 Apr 2007 12:42:19 -0700
From: "Elias Thienpont" <eli48thi@assumptionabbey.com>
To: digitalmuse66@yahoo.com
Subject: Dante

**The Monks of Assumption Abbey
Remember your intentions
in their daily rounds of prayer**

**May the Lord Bless You and Keep You
May the Lord make His Face Shine Upon You
And Give You Peace**

Dear Dante's Mother

I have heard of the death of Dante with shock. It must be very hard on you and your family. My deepest condolences. I am not sure if I have ever met him on my infrequent visits to New York City, but I know of him well from the pages of SubChat, and I know that he will be missed.

If you would send me his full name, I will assure that he is remembered during mass at our Abbey.

Br. Elias Thienpont
aka "The Broadway Lion"

Life's Railway to Heaven

M. E. ABBEY

SOLO or DUET
Tempo ad lib.

1. Life is like a mountain rail-road, With an en-gi-neer that's brave;
2. You will roll up grades of tri-al; You will cross the bridge of strife;
3. You will oft-en find ob-struc-tions; Look for storms of wind and rain;
4. As you roll a-cross the tres-tle, Spanning Jor-dan's swelling tide,

We must make the run suc-cess-ful, From the cra-dle to the grave;
See that Christ is your con-duc-tor On this light-ning train of life;
On a fill, or curve, or tres-tle, They will al-most ditch your train;
You be-hold the Un-ion De-pot In-to which your train will glide;

Watch the curves, the fills, the tun-nels; Nev-er fal-ter, nev-er quail;
Al-ways mind-ful of ob-struc-tion, Do your du-ty, nev-er fail;
Put your trust a-lone in Je-sus; Nev-er fal-ter, nev-er fail;
There you'll meet the Su-prin-tend-ent, God the Fa-ther, God the Son,

Keep your hand up-on the throt-tle, And your eye up-on the rail.
Keep your hand up-on the throt-tle, And your eye up-on the rail.
Keep your hand up-on the throt-tle, And your eye up-on the rail.
With the heart-y, joy-ous plau-dit, "Wea-ry pil-grim, wel-come home."

CHARLIE D. TILLMAN

Life's Railway To Heaven

CHORUS

Bless-ed Sav-ior, Thou wilt guide us, Till we reach that bliss-ful shore,
Where the an-gels wait to join us In Thy praise for ev-er-more.

