



Max Thomas Hayter

February 20, 2022

We are deeply saddened by the untimely death of our son Max. He passed away at the young age 38 on February 20th, 2022.

He leaves behind many friends around Rhode Island (and his dog Gracie) where he had been living and working for nearly four years. And of course there is his wide group of friends in Brookmans Park where he grew up and developed his skills in IT, along with an enduring enthusiasm for cars, motor bikes and gyms. Not forgetting his friends and relatives in Australia, the Netherlands and elsewhere around the world.

Max's life touched many others in positive ways. He became well known for his enormous heart and ability to make friends across a spectrum of those he knew well and those that he came to know, or were complete strangers.

If you wish to share your own memories, or photos of Max please post them in the please share in the comment section for his family and others to see.

May Max rest in peace – or carry his love of a good party into the afterlife...

Tribute Wall

LS

“ It took me forever to write this. Max you would always talk about love with me and how many different kinds of love the world had. You would ask me if I loved you and I would say like a friend, which followed with well how Liz. I miss it. I miss all those talks and friendship. I miss the pictures you would send me on your travels. The wild stories you would tell. Max I miss you everyday .

Liz Suarez - November 13, 2023 at 05:13 AM

HM

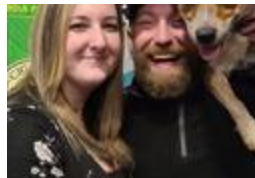
“ I was so saddened to hear about the passing of Max, and I am very sorry for your loss. I worked with Max for a short period of time, and feel privileged to have experienced his warmth, humour and unique insight into the world.

My deepest condolences

Helen McDowell - June 17, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ I struggle to find the words to say. Max quickly became one of my best friends, someone who changed the way I think, speak, look at things, someone who has enriched my life. I am truly heartbroken to have lost him. I could go on for a while about the beautiful soul I am honored to have met. I hope he knows how safe and loved Grace is, I am beyond grateful to still have her in my life as well as his family and friends. We will forever miss you, Max. ❤️



Morgan Lawrence - June 11, 2022 at 07:11 AM

MC

“ Well I'm going to be truthful this has made it all feel a bit final for me. I have thought and thought this over and over and I've struggled to put this into words.

From the day I met you 24 years ago, you always had such an energy for life and with that energy it took us on so many adventures doing all sorts of stupid stuff you expect young lads to do. You, Andy and I in the early years where inseparable at a time in my life when I needed family the most you where both like brothers to me. We shared a love for cars, bikes and anything dangerous. We went on endless cruises, we embraced the boyracer lifestyle and as we got older the toys got bigger and faster.

You are and always will be one of my oldest friends. We had soo many more good times to share soo many more bike rides to go on. Loosing you has made me appreciate all those special moments and memories we got to create and share over the years.

I can see from all the other memories and messages you always found something you could relate to with everyone who had the pleasure to meet you.

I will not say farewell as we will meet again my brother. I know you loved a quote so I will end this with one I've always loved. Not sure I ever got to share it with you so I will now.

"To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die."



Michael Cain - June 11, 2022 at 04:58 AM

MD

“ I met Max through an online forum that we shared a mutual interest in. I immediately was impressed by his love of and zest for life. He loved humans in their "as is" form with no conditions. I remember that he loved to read about the human condition but he also realized that no book could touch what actual in your face live meetings with anyone who would lend him a day or two and an ear could provide. He took time to travel and meet people from all walks and had the natural warmth and compassion to meet everyone at their level and to express gratitude in the process. I have never really remotely met anyone like him....he was beautiful.

I had the chance to meet him in his travels a couple years ago when he came through Baltimore and offered him a roof with an extra bed and a hot shower. It was also his birthday so I was able to treat him to a Maryland crab cake dinner at a favorite restaurant.

I loved listening to some of his travel stories while breaking bread and was really captivated by so many stories that he had for such a young guy. He truly experienced life on life's terms and had no regrets that he spoke of. He also met my dog Digger and won her heart over because she slept with him that night, lol. It was shortly after our visit that he sent me a picture of Gracie and how happy he was to have her. It really hurt deeply when I read of his passing...I'm still having a hard time wrapping my head around it but can awkwardly justify it by telling myself that for his brief time here, his flame burned brightly and he lit up the hearts of pretty much everyone that he met....A soul that burns that brightly cannot last that long. My guess is that whatever realm you are in, you are lighting the place up.

Love ya brother,

Mark



Mark Dyson - June 10, 2022 at 01:40 PM

AM

“ I've been feeling very angry with you Max. I've been looking forward to getting old and having you there in my life, fighting the good fight, challenging the world, striving for a better place. Never mind keeping me current and up to date, and 'perking' me up when life inevitably becomes trivial and meaningless. I am gradually reconciling myself to a life without you in it.

You were always there at the ready to help no matter how inconvenient. You drove me in the early hours to Kent, in a time not achieved by me before or since because my Bro had been hit by a car.

You were always seeking to understand how to be the best person you could, and not in terms of status, or wealth, but how to contribute towards a better more equitable society. You gave the time and space to the young people in our care and recognising how impressive a young man you were in your full leathers and helmet with that powerful, throaty bike you endeavoured to give them positive messages and inspiration to a better life. You talked recently about how important your parents were to you and how you wanted to be near enough to watch out for them and care for them as they had given so much to you.

I have so many enduring memories, from your young, angry years, when even then you strived to do the right thing no matter how difficult it was to face, through to our last trip together in Provincetown where we danced like crazy and made complete 'legends' of ourselves. Oh, no, you're right, that was me dancing like crazy and you being the legend. You are one in a million and I know I will never see your like again. Fortunately I have so many memories I can cherish and so many moments that make me smile in the recollection. You burned bright and you burned fast and you were magnificent.





Amber - June 09, 2022 at 06:53 PM

KO

“ If I had ever had a son, then I feel Max would have exemplified all the qualities I would admire and would have hoped to have instilled within him. He showed great insight into the meaning of being fortunate enough to exist in this realm, and on this planet, which sadly was all too short for us.

Max and I spent many evenings exploring our philosophies, and whilst not always agreeing, he always showed great respect for my views, as he did with everyone he encountered. Our discussions were always very cordial and tinged with a sense of humour and accompanied with music and the inevitable indulgences.

Amber and I have known Max for just over 22 years, having first met him through our daughter Emma.

We had many great evenings in their company and, being the older person, I was uplifted by just being in the presence of their youthful enthusiasm for life. They afforded me the opportunity to stay up-to-date with current thinking, and appreciate the music of that period.

Thank you, Max & Emma.

I have been blessed since with so many memorable times:

Weekends at the festival WOMAD; Stag nights for joint friends; the Wedding in Australia for Rodney & Emily; Bugis Street in Bangkok; and innumerable walks in our local woods, with our dogs, including Toots whom he looked after with Vic. There are really far too many to mention here.

He and I promised to celebrate his 40th & my 80th together in 2023; alas that will not happen, but I feel comforted by the thought that he will be there with me in spirit, egging me on to celebrate in his inimitable style.

I miss him greatly.

Kieran

Kieran O'Reilly - June 09, 2022 at 05:55 PM

MO

“ I never met you in person but I feel like I know you better than many of the people I have met. You always had a kind heart. Max shared this poem with me in written format in the past.

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Morrow - June 09, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ Max said to me once as I snickered at a compliment he made towards me, "don't you think its nice to let someone know how much you appreciate them, doesn't it make you happy to make others feel good and happy. When they die it's too late and you can't compliment or show appreciation." As we all know visiting this memoir page, Max was a very special individual who knew no one is alike, and thats what attracted him to so many people. Max loved to learn about peoples minds and loved to be kind to all walks of life. Max has saved me more than I can express, and now we have to live in a world without him. I know in my being that where ever Max's spirit has gone he's already made hundreds of spirit friends, every realm of the universe should meet Max, but did it have to be this soon?! Stay safe and Listen to your Journey.



Courtney Gonsalves - June 01, 2022 at 07:21 PM

KA

“ My bro, you will be missed by everyone who encountered you, I would say especially by me but then so would everyone, keep on living through the hearts of many till we meet again



Kadeem - June 01, 2022 at 05:20 PM



“ What can I say to the man on the other side of the camera treasuring and capturing the moments that no one else saw as important, oh how they were wrong! The pictures and videos of you will last a lifetime I'm just so sad we can't make more together! Our time on this earth is short and you certainly lived it more than most of us! Having lost a number of friends I can say that losing you has been the hardest and I struggle to see the pain in so many of our friends eyes! You were loved, and always will be, never forgotten because you will always be involved and talked about! We will try to continue to make you proud in our own ways but know that the loss and love we will feel for you is connected in the strongest way by friendship and what we here, call our family. Until mate, we meet again, keep us strong, much love from all us xx



Lou Cain - June 01, 2022 at 02:02 PM

SL

“Max's passing left a gaping hole in the hearts of many - he was amazingly gifted and equipped with supreme social skills. Such was his charisma, he was able to talk and gel with ANYBODY. A 5 minute walk down the road with Max turned into a lengthy chat with strangers along the way...

I am extremely fortunate to have had travels around the world with Max i.e. UK, USA, Australia, Swaziland, South Africa, Zimbabwe. One of my fondest memory was in Africa (Zimbabwe). In true Max nature, he wandered off to some neighbouring village, where he helped out some locals fix a motorbike. Meanwhile, everyone was dead worried of his whereabouts. Hours passed only for him to return with an entourage of random villagers who were promised some merry-making and alcohol. Well it turned out to be a very good night indeed!!!

We were robbed of a good man who will be dearly missed.

Till the day we meet again - save a seat for me in heaven brother.



Syd Lunga - May 31, 2022 at 06:23 AM

RL

I love this story.

robin maynard lawrence - June 02, 2022 at 08:57 PM



“ Although I hadn't seen Max for a while, he did manage to call us around Christmas 2020 full of good humour and plans for the future. Whenever I spoke with him, he was always upbeat and enthusiastic. My fondest memory of him was when he was living here in The Netherlands. At a young age he often clowned around, was very inventive and loved a good joke. His memory will always live on in this family and the heavens are 1 more special ✨ richer.
Teri Scully-Eichelhardt



Teri Scully - May 29, 2022 at 02:29 PM

RL

“ I am so sorry for all that have experienced this great loss of Max. My family always enjoyed when he and Gracie spent time at our house. Max was always happy, engaging and interesting. He saw people for what they truly were and never made any judgments. This is truly a tragic loss, he will be missed deeply. Robin & John Lawrence

robin maynard lawrence - May 28, 2022 at 09:41 AM