

31st of May 2026

Our heartfelt condolences to family Mayers, Vanessa, Angelina and Leighton, & Dervil

What are our memories of you Robert?- well, lots and lots of lovely ones with fun and smiles and to begin with - the delight and magic of your wonderful wedding of course, on Barbados, to dear sister Vanessa Angelina, after the German Balz family, Uwe, Linda, Alessandra & Tristan, Mum Emmieline Spittle nee Moodie, Australian Soh's, Cecilia & Charles, English cousin Adam, and many US friends, who all (dangerously together?) flew with you & Vanessa, from New York to your wedding celebration on Barbados, surrounded with beautiful, turquoise-blue water.

Barbados - where you will now rest, Robert.

We remember how wonderful and happy you, Vanessa and everyone looked on that day, the beautiful blue of the skies, sea and bridesmaid's dresses, how proud Tristan was carrying your rings in front of his sister Ally, so pretty as one of your bridesmaids.

Then later you came to visit us in Germany with Vanessa at first, at Christmas, when you decided to check out lots of things, Christmas Markets and Glühwein, and hey, a lovely December trip to then foggy, Venice, coming home, with beautiful Burano glass chandeliers!

When you visited us with your (and our) precious cargo of Leighton and Angelina! What a wonderful Christmas surprise that was. Real candles that never got lit on the Christmas tree. We'll miss those times with you, Robert! We'll miss you, we are already doing so !

There were many other memories of you Robert, too numerous to mention here, but safely locked in our hearts, of your thoughtfulness...the little communicating radios you sent the children with, when you allowed them to stay with us in Germany, all the clothes you packed for them, the asthma equipment, Vanilla and Mount Gay Rum from your Mum Dervil from Barbados (I think we've still got some in the cellar after all these years!). Our (surprise) stay with you in winter 2019, at the start of Corona, - meeting twice in Australia at Alessandra & Alex's as well as Tristan & Simone's. What a wonderful time we had together.

And then in January this year our sad goodbyes at the airport- we all hoped that you'd be in remission for many more years. Who could know....

Sadly, and this is the worst part, Robert, none of us really believed we wouldn't see you again. We still expected to read messages and receive pictures from you or hear your voice to say you're coming to see us in Germany for Christmas this year as discussed when we were last together.

We already had written a card for your 55th birthday which we never sent out to you in time.

Whatever it is that we believe....and we all believe differently. All our lives are now much emptier of something or someone special:**YOU !**

Good bye, dear brother Robert.

Linda, Uwe & Family Balz