

Dear Sam -

Thank you a million times over for making just the right sort of celebration of Victoria's life - meant the world to me. I just can't imagine anyone else speaking for her better than you did. One of life's ways of throwing us a bone in dark times - the blessings that come when hope

seems to evaporate.

I so enjoyed meeting you, you know - one of the people happily encountered unexpectedly.

Again, my warmest regards,

Alexa

Dear Sam,

Thank you so very
much for the beautiful
eulogy for my father.
It was so personal and
wove beautifully stories of
humor and memory together.

I enjoyed meeting you
and our talks were a bright
spot in this time.

Hope to see you again
- Kristin BeAhot

Nov 15, 2005

Dear Sam,

Thank you so much for the
very fine memorial service you
facilitated + presented for Len.
I wish he could have been there!
Many people have told me it was
a wonderful service and were
very impressed with our minister
(and church). I'm sure some of

these people have never been in
a Unitarian Church before.

I thank you especially for
working so patiently with Kris.
She is very tender hearted, emotional
about her parents' demise (or poten-
tial demise) and she is well organized.
I had not realized she could be such
a fanatic about details, but I guess
that comes from years of making
presentations of her own work.

See you in church! Betty

own life - Truly things were done exactly as she wished and her passing as gentle as we all could provide.

Since the service on Saturday my heart is less heavy - if only she could know how marvelous it was! We are all so pleased at how it came together and with the way you handled everything!

Please watch over my dad - he will need the cheer more than ever. My home number is 703-370-5449 day or night but I will be back and forth.

With our gratitude and heartfelt thanks
Sunny Philips Hawkins

January 9, 2007

Dear Sam,

Your presence with our family was immensely helpful during the vigil last week. We were certainly in need of support and appreciated your calm as well as your observations.

The spirit among the four of us cannot be described or measured but it was one of the most powerful experiences of my

Dec 10 00

Dear Rev Sam,

All the family joins me in sending our thanks for conducting the memorial service for our mother and grandmother last Saturday. The comment made most often was about the way you summarized comments of family members about "Grandma Colley" in your closing remarks. I personally appreciate your help with planning the service, your leading "Simple Gifts" and working with Steve on it.

Thanks again - Mam Stiers

Nov. 27, 1998

Dear Sam

There is no way to express my
gratitude for your service to
Pasty. The funeral, better
known as memorial service was
a tremendous tribute to her.

This is written just prior to the
scattering of her ashes on the Peace
River — aptly named, indeed.

Thanks, Sam. Spent this small
token in celebration with Whitman

Love to you both
Dick

2/5/03

Hi Sam,

Thank you for your condolence card, & for leading the memorial service for my mother on Monday. Your presence alone was a comfort to me, & your words & prayer were wise & understanding. I especially appreciated your discerning insight into my mother's character and life which you incorporated into your words. Everyone who attended told me it was a beautiful & fitting tribute to my mother.

For me the initial wave of pain & grief has subsided, to be replaced by a lingering sadness which I know only time will ease. So I am grateful to have this leave of absence from the university, a stretch of unstructured time to let the mourning work itself out in its own way. And I am grateful too for your ministry. Thank you for your thoughtfulness

Joan

that could it have happened
without your thoughtfulness,
at least and concern agreement.
We hope this contribution
can further your work
with PUSA.
Again please thanks and
appreciation
Pat, Sherry, Philip
for both. We

know
people. Numbers have
us to remember for friends
was a great opportunity for
had a productive and a
working to provide services
our friends with after each
many kindnesses during
like to thank you for your
Pat, Sherry and of course
for both. We

Nov. 3, 2004

Dear Rev. Sam,

As I write this salutation, I realize that it sounds over familiar but after meeting you, attending the memorial service and chatting with you at the Valentos home, it seems to the Hatch family that you are an old friend. We can't thank you enough. We can't thank you adequately for having spent so much of your very valuable time calling us, speaking personally to us, making certain that

Kathlyn's service was just right. Yes, I am convinced that she had checked you out earlier and had checked out your beautiful church as she never left any details to chance. I suspect that you are similar.

So thank you. I'm enclosing a check and am hoping that some of those who attended might consider joining your congregation.

Sincerely,
Marie Hatch

Sept. 14, 2003

Dear Sam,

Thank you so much ~~with~~
for your excellent help with my
mother's memorial service.
Many people (including CDHS
members) remarked to me that
it ~~is~~ was a wonderful service.
I felt both satisfied and fulfilled
by it.

Enclosed is an additional honorarium
in appreciation of your efforts.

Thank you,

Dorothy Sager



2-5-01

Dear Reverend Trumbore,

I am sending in the enclosed pledge payment and wanted to include a special note of thanks to you for your support and concern following our accident. I can't tell you how much it helped just to know people

understood and cared. I know your commitments and responsibilities are many, so we are especially touched by your demonstration of concern.

I have been keeping up with IHUSA via the Calendar and noticed the Caring Network reformation. Please pass my name and contact information on to Mary Ellen Deighan. It would be an honor to assist the Network with food preparation/delivery, cards, calls, visits, etc. as I know how much it means. At present, I can only send

Cards and make calls, but each day brings new progress and I am recovering ahead of my prognosis. I believe all the kind thoughts and deeds had a lot to do with this and lifted my spirits at a very difficult time. Again, thank you so much for your role in raising my morale. We look forward to seeing you as we hope to be able to attend services again in later March.

Best wishes to you and your family ~
Melanie McCulley

Information to pass on to the Caring Network:

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Dear Sam,

I just want to thank you again for the wonderful video you produced. It was both inspired + inspiring. We received tons of positive feedback + requests for it. I will definitely reproduce it with your kind permission + promote it in various ways.

Hopefully we made some breakthroughs on increasing UU participation in CBCOs with this year's push.

I look forward to our continued collaboration.

In faith,

Susan

Dear Sam -

Thank you for your great kindness & generosity of spirit. I so appreciate the wisdom you brought to our hour together.

I left feeling such relief because you made it clear that a sense of personal privacy does not make someone weird.

Sincerely,

Carol Senlageter

Aug. 10, 2007

Reverend Sam,

Thank you so much
for performing our wedding
ceremony. We are so
grateful to you for
your insights and help
guiding us through
this wonderful process.
Please use this money
for a worthy cause,
like taking your wife
out to dinner and a
movie. Joseph +
Tara

Dear Sam,

Thanks so much for marrying
us on May 20, 2000 at the
Van Allen House! It was a
wonderful ceremony - Thanks for
going with the flow (the rain!)
We had an incredible day and
your spiritual guidance was a
big part of it! Thanks again! Amy + Todd



Dear Sam,

Thank you for opening your doors to us and for your support. We received many compliments and your participation made the event successful.

Yours in the Dharma,
Jeanne Mathewson
Coordinator

March 24, 2002

Dear Sam Trumbore,

Thank you so much for the wonderful meditation time yesterday. I felt I was in good hands with your gentle guidance.

Do you know Thich Nhat Hanh? I like his book Being Peace very much. A friend tells me he will lead a retreat at Stonehill College near here in August. She says details are at www.plumvillage.org.

Best wishes!

Yours,
Judy

Elizabeth R. Dana

April 14, 2002

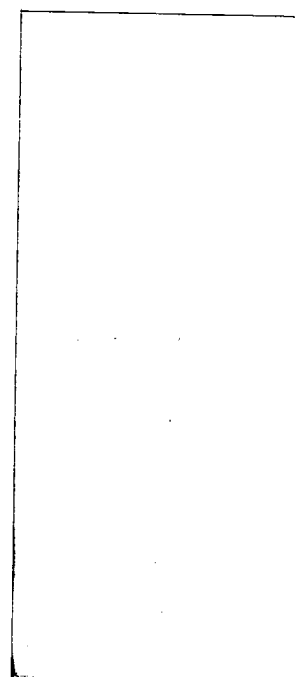
Dear Sam,

I have been meaning to talk to you for the past couple of weeks, but haven't been at church much. I want to thank you for the wonderful recommendation letter you wrote about me for the Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship. It is by far the most thoughtful and meaningful recommendation I've ever read about myself! I hope that it will work wonders and provide me with some financial assistance for college.

I feel very lucky to have you as my minister.

Sincerely,

Beth Dana



4/16/08

Dear Sam,

It has been months now since you wrote me letters of recommendation for Starr King, PSR, and Union, and I have finally made a decision (what a relief!). This August, I will move to Berkeley to attend Pacific School of Religion, where I will pursue both a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts.

I want to thank you very much for sharing your thoughts and kind words with the schools. I also want to thank you for being a part of my growth as a Unitarian Universalist and my path to seminary.

With appreciation, Beth

14 June '03

Dear Sam,

My heartfelt thanks to you for helping me through my fledgling year as prez. of this ~~ethernet~~, wild & creative bunch we call FVUSA. Your guidance & wise counsel are appreciated.

I look forward to this next year as we move into our Capital Campaign -

I hope you enjoy this small gift - maybe it will give you thoughts & inspirations for a sermon, perhaps enjoyment visually, or spark a wonderful interest!

Sincerely, 