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Dear

Thank you for your kindness and generosity that you extended to my family on the occasion of Terry's tragic death. I cannot begin to describe the veil of tears that descends over a family in such brutal circumstances.

We all understand and accept death for those who are elderly, infirmed and terminally ill. Death of a child or sibling is of another dimension. Such a death compounded by premeditated murder is just incomprehensible.

You were faced with the daunting task of conveying the news and witnessing my despair and anguish. You were the first to extend the hand of friendship, support and compassion – as always. The meals were very important in helping my family deal with the grief.

Michael, I know that you went through some soul searching and self-recrimination over Terry. You need not be so troubled. You gave my brother a second chance, a new beginning. I have never seen him so happy and content. He wouldn't have had it any other way.

Thank you for being with us over the difficult days following the news and for your support in the Church and on the harbour. One of the saddest days of my life.

Thank you for what you did. Real and enduring friendship is forged in such gestures of goodwill and support. I hope that one day I can reciprocate your generosity and concern.

Yours sincerely

Shane L. Stone