
Subject: Passing of a Friend

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Folks,

I just received word of the passing of a dear friend of mine, Tony Kehoe, after a brief and unexpected illness. Tony worked with IDL for about as long as I have, first with Floating Point Systems, the IDL distributor in the UK, and most lately with the RSI UK office.

Tony attended the first IDL course I ever taught. We started laughing together about five minutes into the course, and I don't think we ever stopped in all these years. We shared the same quirky sense of humor, the same love of walking the high country of England, and the same competitiveness in our semi-annual bowling duels. He once rolled three strikes in the 10th frame to beat me by a point. He never let me forget it.

Tony had a kidney transplant several years ago. I happened to be there when he came home from the hospital. He was in some pain, and it was awful to laugh, but there we were exchanging jokes, him wincing, pleading with me to stop, but telling his own jokes faster than I could stop mine. But he and I really couldn't stop. When we were together our world was full of fun and laughter.

He was one of my best friends, both inside and outside the IDL community. He was a good man, and he made this world a better place to live in. I will miss him tremendously.

Cheers, Tony. The joy and laughter you found in life will live with me forever.

David

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