

## Daniel Warwick Good

By Bev Bosma, in memory of her son

### A DECADE + 3

It will soon be 13 years since you have gone but first you have a birthday. This year you will be 40 and our journey continues. In the "beginning" our pain was horrendous – over time it has softened. Nico had been given a leaflet from TCF so after you had been gone a month I phoned. There was an answering machine - I had never spoken to a machine before but this time I did. Julia phoned me back – I'm so glad she did. A voice I needed to hear. She told me about a support meeting that would be in February and if we felt we could go, to come.

I remember our first meeting with TCF and knew I would be safe there. I could cry and I could talk. I would never be judged and "they" all understood. My new friends then became my reason for "doing". Most of them were further on in their journey and I knew with their support that one day I would be there too. In time I went to fold newsletters then started going to the office three days a week to help - I don't know if I was a hindrance or a help but I do know it helped me - I had to get dressed and I even put on makeup and had to drive out of my comfort zone. Beth was a wonderful support to me (she was manning the office while Marion was away). Her love, caring and understanding was far more than I would ever expect from a "stranger". I will always treasure those special times I spent with her. Marion came back and I met more people. I became more involved and even started to feel "normal". I still had my Daniel days (and I still do) but I knew I was safe with my friends. Many things have happened since you've gone - some good and some not so good. There have been weddings and there have been babies - people have come and people have gone. I still often think of how things would be if you were still here - if you would be married, if you would have had children - where would you be living and those thoughts go on. Since you've gone our lives have changed but they have not stopped. We are different people now but we still miss you and will always continue to love you.

*Daniel Warwick Good*

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*Dearlly loved son of Bev and Nico Bosma*