

## TRIBUTE to Dino Kareklas

Dino...words failed me as soon as I began to try and put pen to paper. How do you try to describe someone's life in a minute or two? Simply put - you can't - especially a person whose life was so full, a bright, shining star in so many ways.

I first met Dino eight years ago when he joined the music ministry's 9am group. I remember seeing him come up onto the altar and pull out his keyboard like he had been doing this for years and feeling quite daunted by this bold presence in the room.

However, this feeling didn't last long as I too became captivated by what he had to offer to the group in the ways of music, talent, spirituality, and in a huge way, friendship.

As his versatility to the music world became known to me and others, and as I got to know Dino as a person, I found that he was someone I could come to with any sort of musical problem - no chords for songs, an untuned guitar, or music that needed fine tuning - he was there to help me through it all. He taught me how to become a better guitarist, and even encouraged me and next my younger sister to join the music department at Bergvliet High School which led us to sing 'Vivaldi's Gloria' together at the Baxter Theatre - an unforgettable experience.

When Dino wasn't sharing his musical talents with God, he was busy in the spotlight playing leading roles in 'The King and I', 'Hope the Musical' and winning music competitions left, right and centre - Cape Town's personal Michael Buble.

And so when we look back at the time spent with him, one can only see a beautifully lived life, a full and happy one, one that touched the lives of those around him.

Matthew Davids would like to say that he was a very gifted and talented young man. Caryn Vorster would like to add that he was the inspiration she always needed to get to where she is today in her saxophone playing and her involvement in music. Finally, Des McKie says that we will never forget Dino's beautiful spirit, soul and talent which he brought to the music ministry. He will forever be missed.

He was loved by each and every one of us, and that is something to celebrate about a life so beautifully lived.

Dino, you will always be loved and missed by each and every one of us here in the Music Ministry and Holy Redeemer as a whole, but your light will be shining within our hearts forever and ever. You will not be forgotten.

