



Dominic Pelicano

Died Age 23

Heroin

Dominic Pelicano suddenly passed away May 11, 2004 at 23 years old. As a senior at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Maryland, he studied fine arts with aspirations to one day teach at the college level. Dominic was a gentle soul with passion for his music and art. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

Established by Dominic's family, the scholarship memorial fund is associated with MICA (Maryland Institute College of Art). The Dominic Pelicano Memorial Scholarship will benefit students attending MICA's study abroad painting program in Sorrento, Italy, which Dominic attended and loved. Dominic was also a musician and was a founding member of Cops and Robbers Band www.copsandrobbers.us. I am his father and a police officer, so we were in the band together. The band is still playing. I also think it is important to remind police families that they are not exempt from this problem and it should not be kept secret nor covered up.

[From Dominic's father, Rick]



Dominic is not here to share today with me. He died May 11, 2004 of a drug overdose. He was a talented compassionate young man whose life was cut short by heroin. He was a senior in college, on the deans list with much promise. I live my life everyday as if I have had a part of my body amputated. I now have to learn to live life with a part of me missing. His website is www.dominicpelicano.org People can view his art and his gift of friendship and love to he gave to others. [From Dominic's mother, Therese]

Dominic was a gentle loving spirit who struggled with drugs. He was intelligent and talented as a student and artist. He departed us at only 23 years old, and I am left an only child. Thank you for honoring these souls whose loss is so devastating, though the circumstances of their death carry such a stigma in our society. [From Dominic's sister, Erin]

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