

***Here are a few tributes out of more than one hundred posted on an iMorial memorial page (which, sadly, was discontinued):***

#### **JONATHAN SMITH**

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#### **SHEENA CHANDRA**

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#### **SALIM ALAM**

Kyril, thanks for being a great friend and mentor. You were an inspiration to all whose lives you touched. Your smile, your kindness, your optimism, your positive energy, your leadership are truly irreplaceable and will be greatly missed. Rest in peace.

#### **WOLFGANG DREYER**

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#### **1) Michael Resch**

It is rare to meet a friend like Kyril in our business. He was always open and optimistic and we loved to talk about our children and exchange our experience with them. Kyril would know when I did not feel well. My thoughts are with his family.

#### **2) Boris**

Very sad to hear about the sudden, so unfair and unfortunate loss, so sorry. Kyril was a great guy whom can trust always, and loved his family so much.

#### **3) Linda Stone**

Kyril's intelligence, warmth, passion, drive, and sense of fun will be missed by everyone who interacted with him. Lauren and the children are in my thoughts and prayers.

- 4) Mark Zappacosta  
Kyril, you were head and shoulders above anyone I have ever worked with. You will be remembered and missed. Rest in peace.
- 5) Eddie Garcia  
I worked with Faenov when he first joined MS on his first project. I was the builder on his project and it was a pleasure working with him. I remember him as kind and friendly and very very sharp. I was very saddened to hear of this news. My condolences to the family.
- 6) Bill Veghte  
To a bright smile, a brilliant mind and a warm heart.
- 7) Bill & Kathleen Colleran  
Kyril was a remarkable man, husband and father. Our love and prayers are with Lauren, Avery and Pasha at this time.
- 8) Jessica Johnson  
I had the pleasure of working closely with Kyril for some months as one of his HR partners. He was a truly inspirational leader and I was impressed with how deeply he cared about his team and their work. His energy and authenticity were hard to match. I have often reflected on advice he gave me. He shared his own approach towards life in the office and left me inspired as I'm sure many others have experienced. My warm thoughts and wishes are with your family at this time.
- 9) Doug Lora  
I knew Kyril as an HPC colleague and mentor. This is a great video of Kyril the computer scientist. Bright, articulate, passionate. He will be missed. Glad we have snippets like this to remember him by.
- 10) Addison Snell  
Kyril was a smart, charismatic, widely respected leader in the high-performance computing community. I liked and admired him very much. We remember Kyril in our industry podcast today (<http://bit.ly/LSzfmE>, beginning at 13:30), including reference to his selection to the 2010 HPCwire People to Watch list (<http://bit.ly/K83FHf>), a well-deserved honor. It is a tragic loss for the HPC industry. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his family.

## 11) Salim Alam

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*Who is the happy Warrior? Who is he  
That every man in arms should wish to be?  
It is the generous Spirit, who, when brought  
Among the tasks of real life, hath wrought  
Upon the plan that pleased his boyish thought:  
Whose high endeavours are an inward light  
That makes the path before him always bright:  
Who, with a natural instinct to discern  
What knowledge can perform, is diligent to learn;  
Abides by this resolve, and stops not there,  
But makes his moral being his prime care.*

- Wordsworth

## 12) Brina

To a remarkable man who gave to the world with his whole heart. I had much respect for Kyril, who gave respect to everyone in every situation. Everyone who was lucky enough to spend any time with him is a better person as his light was so positive & infectious upon us. I'm so terribly sorry Lauren, Avery & Pasha & to all who Loved Kyril. May his life and your love for him bring you some comfort. God Broke the Mold when Kyril was created. You were one of the bright lights in our world and you did make our world a better world. May you rest in peace & know that you will continue to shine brightly & be loved in the hearts of many.

## 13) Jonathan Smith

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## 14) David Coburn

I was fortunate to have worked with Kyril on a few projects when we were both fairly new to MS. There were times when I felt I was in over my head and Kyril was there offering support, inspiration and guidance. Kyril, thank you for being such a positive influence in my professional and personal life. So much of you lives on in the many people who were lucky enough to know you.

## 15) Nathan Brixius

Kyril, I will miss you. I appreciated your enthusiasm and sense of wonder for the world. Your humanity shone through your words and actions. Peace be with you and your family.

## 16) Fabrizio Gagliardi, Geneva, Switzerland

Kyril was one of the first persons I met and collaborated with when I joined Microsoft in 2005. He was also part of my hiring interview process and his presence in Microsoft motivated me in accepting the job. Since then, Kyril has been for many years a wonderful colleague and a constant source of inspiration. I always enjoyed his strong technical skills and his fantastic personality. I will miss him dearly for the rest of my life. In these terrible moments. All my sympathy and affection go to his family.

## 17) Gjorgji Gjeorgjievski

I am very sad that I never got to meet you and exchange thoughts about experiences we both had - being on the Olympic reserve swim team and working at Microsoft. The SQL team lost a great person. RIP.

## 18) Jenna Volpone

I worked with Kyril for the last eight months on his HR team. He was an exceptional person who had this amazing ability to connect and inspire greatness in others. I have reflected over the past few days on how best to remember him. Smile first, make a connection, believe in others, have fun, celebrate success and push through challenge knowing you will grow as a person through it. Thank you, Kyril for touching my life and so many others. My heart is with Lauren and the girls.

## 19) Savas Parastatidis

Kyril was a great manager, leader, and a mentor to me! My thoughts are with his family! Farewell Kyril: <http://savas.me/2012/05/farewell-kyril/>

## 20) Laura Peterson

A brilliant, lovable man. I can't remember how I met him originally but he worked down the hall from me in 2006-2007 and I'd sometimes drop in just to hear him talk about the HPC effort even though it had nothing to do with what my group was working on. 5 minutes with him and I'd go back to work excited about the world. He was a gift to us all - my heart goes out to his family for their loss.

## 21) Lynn Kasel

Lauren, being around Kyril was like the feeling of the sun shining. He was always warm, kind, present and thought provoking. We are so saddened by the moments not yet lived, but blessed to have shared wonderful times together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Kyril, we will always miss you.

*You are standing upon a shore...somewhere. A ship before you spreads her white sails and starts for the blue ocean. She is a beautiful and strong ship and you watch her until she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other.*

*Then someone says, "There...well, well. She's gone."*

*Gone where? From your sight-that's all. She is just as large in mast and spar as when she left your shore, just as strong and able. Her diminished size is in you, not in her, and while someone at your side is saying, "She's gone..." there are other eyes watching her coming and ready to take up the glad shout, "There she comes."*

- Earnest Gann

## 22) sanaz ahari

Lauren, my thoughts and prayers are with you and lovely Avery and Pasha. So so incredibly sorry! Reading the tributes makes it so clear that the world lost an amazing, inspiring, passionate father, husband and leader way too soon. May his soul rest in peace.

## 23) Jiang Zheng

The angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved one is safe in the hand of God. Our deepest sympathies to Faenov's family.

## 24) Onur Koc

Kyril is the best leader I ever worked with. Thanks for taking risk with me, hiring me from field without any engineering experience. Thanks for staying in touch long after I left HPC. Thanks for your mentorship. Thanks for showing bunch of us, who had the privilege of working with you, the difference between a great leader and manager. You are and will always be an inspiration for us.

## 25) Sheena Chandra

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## 26) Ranjan Sen

Kyril will live forever in my heart. I cannot say anything more. Thank you Kyril for the friendship.

## 27) Bill Sornsin

The news took our breath away; our hearts are broken. Much love to you Lauren, and Avery, and Pasha. Bill & Larisa

## 28) Jay Jamison

Our deepest sympathies to the Faenov family. Kyril and I worked closely together for several years at Microsoft. He exhibited tremendous kindness, intelligence, and energy, and he was an inspiration and a delight to know. I am deeply shaken and saddened to have read of his passing. I will miss him dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

## 29) Wolfgang Dreyer

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Lauren my deep condolences to you, the children and the rest of the family. I never have known a more warm person than Kyril was but still being an inspired leader. Words at this moment cannot describe feelings about this loss!

## 30) John Borozan

Lauren, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Kyril was a dear colleague and always a class act. It was an honor to work with him and remains one of the highlights of my career. He had an amazing array of natural gifts, yet I never saw any signs of egotism or pride never. He was as remarkable for his warmth and genuine interest in people as he was for his talents as a leader. He will be sorely missed, but never forgotten.

## 31) Betty Tong

Words cannot express how sorry we are! Knowing you, Avery and Pasha are in the hearts and thoughts of others help you and your family through this time of sorrow. With deepest sympathy.

## 32) Michael Ebstyne

Kyril, thank you for the inspiration, support, and encouragement. You have left my heart fuller, my mind furthered, and my smile deeper for the wonders before us. Our tendered hearts are with your amazing family for which you so loved. The Ebstyne's (Cody, Michael, and Stacy)

## 33) Polita Paulus

Kyril was someone you could strike up a conversation with and lose track of time in conversation easily. He always had a great outlook, was easy-going, and was quick to laugh. His passion showed through, and I feel fortunate to have known him and worked with him. Kyril is missed.

## 34) quinnd

The warmth of your smile, the easy way you could make me laugh, the endless emails about helping my students out, my never-ending requests for more software I'll remember all of these things. I'll miss your fake-surprise face when I'd introduce you as "the smartest person I know who still talks to me" and the way you would crinkle your brow when you'd have one of those deep Kyril thoughts. May the source of peace bring you peace, my friend. I love you.

## 35) Smortazavi

Intelligent. Leader. Inspirational. Selfless. One of a kind. Giving. Kind. Compassionate. Only a Prophet has all these attributes at the same time. You too were a prophet in your own right my friend. Will always remember you...

## 36) Saptak

Kyril was a deep thinker. It's very rarely you meet a person like Kyril who is open to all perspectives and experience. He is a person who makes a dent in the Universe.

## 37) DaveGart

I was truly saddened by the news of Kyril's passing. I had the opportunity to work closely with him when he was in DevDiv and during some bench events. I appreciated how thoughtful Kyril was as a leader and person, and know what a hole this leaves for his coworkers. While never meeting his family, I know how special they were to him - especially as they had their last child when we worked together and saw the glow on his face as he talked about the baby, his children and wife. My deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

## 38) Elizabethsherlock

Sending you love and light. My heart goes out to you and your beautiful family.

## 39) Negarie

I will always remember Kyril as a kind and wonderful human being with the sweetest smile. I don't think I'll ever forget his smile. It's been an honor knowing him and my heart goes out to Lauren and his kids. My sincerest condolences to his family.

## 40) Steixeira

Kyril, your intellect, energy, enthusiasm, and generosity of spirit embodied the best of what it means to be human. I am richer for having known you. I will miss you.

41) Jhunt

Kyril was a very special leader. He was talented but also very kind, thoughtful, and genuine. I will treasure the found memories of working with him and the stories we shared of our young families. My heart goes out to his wife and kids.

42) SRChilcoat

Kyril's optimism and energy will be greatly missed. It is a rare individual who expands new ideas into reality. Kyril was one of those individuals. I have been lucky to have worked with him as he built the HPC organization.

43) beckyAronchick

Simply...We are honored to know Kyril and spend time with him and his beautiful family. You will be missed... xo The Aronchick Family - Becky, David, Henry, Alice, & Sally

44) kartikr

Kyril, I was honored to call you a friend for over 10 years. I will miss you dearly. My thoughts are with Lauren and your family.

45) LynnGates

Kyril, thank you for touching so many lives. Your smile, kindness, and caring ways will be forever remembered. I am blessed because our paths crossed though somewhat brief. Peace to you and your family.

46) M3sweatt

If we each brought just a little of the passion that Kyril brought to his work and his life, ours would be more full, enjoyable and memorable. I was saddened to hear of his untimely passing. He will be missed.

47) Jekemi2005

My deepest condolences to Kyril's family and friends. Kyril and I were on the HPC team. I appreciated his high integrity, dedication, and brilliance. I especially appreciated the great dinner he gave in New Orleans at SuperComputing. He was kind and generous. He will be sorely missed.

48) Snarodick

Lauren, our hearts and sympathies go out to you and your family. Thinking of you very much in this time of your grief. Kit, Sally, Lisa, Philip and family.

49) Juleejuju

Dear Lauren, my heart is aching for you and your beautiful girls. I am so sorry. All of my love to you. Julee Bennett

50) wdreyer1

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51) Emilybrix

Lauren, my deepest condolences. One wife to another.

52) Jillim

We are so sorry for your loss, Lauren. Our hearts go out to you and your children, Avery and Pasha. May light shine down upon you and may the love of your family and friends warm your heart. Jill & Edward Im

53) ErikaM

Dear Lauren my heart goes out to you and your children there are no words... with love, Erika