



Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu

October 25, 2016

What can you say about a twenty-year-old boy who died? That he was beautiful and funny and brilliant and full of life? That he loved homemade apple pie and cake and Pillsbury sugar cookies? That he had the whole world ahead of him but chose not to explore it?

Bogdan passed away on October 25th. He will be lovingly remembered by his parents, his family, and his numerous friends. We know that the illness that took hold of his mind did not affect his heart and soul, and that he always knew how much he was loved.

A celebration of life event will be held on Sunday, October 30th at 136 Chatham Ave., Toronto. There will be food, drinks and music as we celebrate our son, Bogdan Andrei Dinu. Please drop in and out anytime between 11am and 3pm.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the CAMH

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/celebration-of-bogdan-dinus-life/>

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

136 Chatham Avenue
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Toronto, ON M4J 1K7 (CA)

Tribute Wall



“ *Gabriela Dinu lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu* ”



Gabriela Dinu - March 27 at 08:45 AM



“ *"Nights feel different
when someone
is missing.*

*The world gets quiet
in a way
that feels heavier
than silence.*

Everything slows down.

Thoughts get louder.

*Memories
come closer.*

And somehow,

*that's when
you feel them
the most.*

Not in presence,

but in absence.

*There are nights
when I still
talk to you.*

Softly.

Like you're listening.

*Like nothing
has really changed.*

I say the same words.

*The ones
I used to say before.*

Goodnight.

Take care.

I love you.

And for a moment,

*it almost feels
real again.*

*Like you're
just on the other side
of the quiet.*

*Like if I wait
long enough,*

*I might hear
your voice back.*

*But the silence
stays.*

*And reality
returns slowly.*

Reminding me

*that some conversations
don't get replies anymore.*

And still,

I keep saying them.

*Not because
I expect an answer,*

*but because love
doesn't know
how to stop speaking.*

It continues.

*Even when
no one responds.*

*Even when
no one hears.*

*Because some bonds
don't end
with distance
or time.*

*They live on
in habits.*

In whispers.

*In the quiet rituals
of the night.*

*And maybe
that's what missing you is.*

Still talking.

Still loving.

Still holding on

*to something
that isn't here,*

*but never really
left my heart."*

Gabriela Dinu - March 27 at 08:44 AM

AL

“ *I talk to you a lot, and for some reason, I also find it important to write on here. I miss you, and I'm so grateful for you. You have taught me a Lot. I really want to say thank you. Every time I'm in a dark spot, I still feel you and I am determined to get better, to get through it, because of you. You are truly an angel. Love you, Bogdan.* □

Alissa - December 16, 2025 at 05:04 AM

RF

“ *Rehanna Ferreira lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu*



Rehanna Ferreira - October 25, 2025 at 08:43 PM



“ *When you were little, love came easy. It was in the Magic tree house bedtime stories, the scraped knees I kissed better, the blue pancakes - your favorite color, the whispered "I love you" before you drifted to sleep. But somewhere between the toy cars and your first car, something shifted. Conversations grew shorter, walls grew taller. I kept trying to reach you in every way I could, with the same love, affection, trust, advice, worry, desperation that only a mother has. Some say that I did everything I could to keep you safe, but my heart and soul bleed with the regret that I didn't. This is the hardest to live through, that the love I had for you since you were an inch long could not save you from suffering. That love is here today and always, with no where to go but a cold picture on the table, memories scattered around, a t-shirt I still keep and wear for the past nine years because I cannot let go, how could I ever do? Today as always I hug you tight in my hear and soul and trust that you are free and happy in a better place. RIP my beloved boy* 📖 🕯️ 🙏



Gabriela Dinu - October 25, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ *Monica Ritco Vonsovici lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu*



Monica Ritco Vonsovici - June 21, 2025 at 04:18 PM



“ *Bogdan, my beautiful baby, today you would have turned 29. A wonderful age for a beautiful young man. Your life was unfortunately cut short and today, as everyday, I send you my love and hold you tight in my heart and soul.*

Though you're not here to blow the candles on your favourite cake or eat your beloved apple pie, I imagine your megawatts smile, radiant and light, your memory always bright.

On this day, filled with bittersweet tears, I honor your memory, and I picture you flying among the clouds, free and at peace.

RIP my dragonfly ❤️ 🕯️ 🙏 *Always loved, never forgotten, forever missed* ❤️ 🕯️ 🙏



Gabriela Dinu - June 21, 2025 at 03:58 PM

RF

“ *Rehanna Ferreira lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu*



Rehanna Ferreira - May 06, 2025 at 12:26 AM



“ Today, we had a celebration of life for a great friend that passed away too soon. Someone read this poem in his memory. While I honored my friend, I could not help but think of you my baby. Too soon.

RIP 🙏 🕯️ 💔

*"When great trees fall,
rocks on distant hills shudder,
lions hunker down
in tall grasses,
and even elephants
lumber after safety.*

*When great trees fall
in forests,
small things recoil into silence,
their senses
eroded beyond fear.*

*When great souls die,
the air around us becomes
light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.
Our eyes, briefly,
see with
a hurtful clarity.
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,
examines,
gnaws on kind words
unsaid,
promised walks
never taken.*

*Great souls die and
our reality, bound to
them, takes leave of us.*

*Our souls,
dependent upon their
nurture,
now shrink, wizened.
Our minds, formed
and informed by their
radiance,
fall away.
We are not so much maddened
as reduced to the unutterable ignorance
of dark, cold
caves.*

*And when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always
irregularly. Spaces fill
with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.
Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us.
They existed. They existed.
We can be. Be and be
better. For they existed."
- Maya Angelou*

Gabriela Dinu - April 22, 2025 at 03:31 PM



“ *There are moments when loss and love resurface with extreme intensity. My eyes fill with tears and emotion, my heart catches in my chest, my breathing falters, a constant reminder that grief does not go away.*

No, grief is not just sadness. It is the echo of love, a bond that will never fade away, a bridge that connects us forever. It is a reminder of how fortunate we were to have loved someone so deeply. To carry their laughter, their essence, their memory with us - a bittersweet gift.

RIP my loved boy 🙏🕯️💔 always missed, forever loved, never forgotten

Gabriela Dinu - March 23, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ *Gabriela Dinu lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu*



Gabriela Dinu - March 17, 2025 at 01:24 PM



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Gabriela Dinu - March 17, 2025 at 08:28 AM

AL

“ *Alissa lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu*



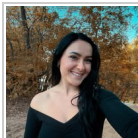
Alissa - January 10, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ *Gabriela Dinu lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu*



Gabriela Dinu - October 25, 2024 at 06:24 PM



“ *Alissa Ruder lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu*



Alissa Ruder - September 24, 2024 at 11:11 PM



“ *Gabriela Dinu lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu*



Gabriela Dinu - August 17, 2024 at 10:43 AM

RF

“ *Rehanna Ferreira lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu*



Rehanna Ferreira - June 21, 2024 at 11:01 PM



“ *Bogdan, my beautiful baby, today you would have turned 28. On this day, as everyday, I send you my love and hold you tight in my heart and soul.*

Though you're not here to blow the candles on your favourite cake, I imagine your megawatts smile, radiant and light, your memory always bright.

On this day, filled with bittersweet tears, I honor your memory, and I picture you dancing among the clouds, free and at peace.

RIP my dragonfly ❤️ 🕯️ 🙏 Always loved, never forgotten, forever missed ❤️ 🕯️ 🙏



Gabriela Dinu - June 21, 2024 at 02:16 PM



“ *Gabriela Dinu lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu*



Gabriela Dinu - June 21, 2024 at 10:54 AM

MV

“ *Monica Ritco Vonsovici lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu*



Monica Ritco Vonsovici - June 20, 2024 at 05:31 AM

LA

“ *Aucune parole ne peut consoler le décès d'un enfant et la mort d'un fils est une épreuve incommensurable.*

*Moi qui n'ai vu grandir Bogdan que par photos prises par Radu et que m'envoyaient Gaby, je n'ai jamais su ce qu'il pensait sur plein de choses essentielles ; mes lèvres restent serrées sur des Pourquoi ? Bogdan, qui a tourné -si jeune- la page de sa vie pour le long voyage, était le fils de mes amis et j'ai perdu, à jamais, une part d'eux-mêmes
Mon cœur pleure souvent quand je pense à vous
Benoît*



LANNES - November 27, 2023 at 08:51 AM

LA

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Benoît

Iannes - November 27, 2023 at 01:56 AM



“ Dumnezeu să te odihnească în pace 🙏 🕯️ ❤️



Gabriela Dinu - November 04, 2023 at 01:35 AM

RB

“ Rehanna Bachan lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu



Rehanna Bachan - October 25, 2023 at 09:16 PM

EC

Suflet drag! Au trecut 7 ani de cand ai parasit aceasta lume! Astazi, a fost vorba despre tine, pomenirea de 7 ani! Suflet drag, tot ce s-a pregatit si s-a impartit astazi pentru tine sa fie primit, sa ajunga la tine energie buna si pozitiva ca sufletul tau sa fie linistit, liber si fericit! 🙏❤️

Enachescu CarmenCorina - November 04, 2023 at 03:13 AM



“ *Seven years ago our hearts exploded in millions of pieces when we lost you Bogdan. Our broken hearts are still beating, but nothing can ever mute this crippling pain within this dark place. How is that we can bear the most unspeakable of life's losses? That makes us feel we cannot go on? With difficulty. It was not our choice to live without you. It takes incredible strength to mother and father a child we can no longer hold, see, hear. Moving forward as you wanted us to, one foot in front of the other, figuring it out one day at a time. Knowing that within this dark place there is still beauty and love so strong that nothing could destroy it ... that love and memories we keep forever in your hearts, moving us forward, keeping us closer to everything we loved and shared with you.*

Today, as every day I am wrapping you in love, keeping you safe in my heart ❤️

I stand still. I close my eyes and breathe. I listen for your footfall in my heart. You are not gone, but walk within me always.

RIP 🙏❤️

Gabriela Dinu - October 25, 2023 at 06:16 PM

MV

“ *Monica Vonsovici lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu*



Monica Ritco Vonsovici - October 25, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ Gabriela Dinu lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu



Gabriela Dinu - October 25, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ My beautiful dragonfly rest in peace ❤️🙏🕯️



Gabriela Dinu - July 25, 2023 at 07:55 PM



“ Gabriela Dinu lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu



Gabriela Dinu - July 25, 2023 at 07:34 PM

AR

“ Happy 27th birthday, Bogdan!

Here is a poem for your bday:

*I wish you were here to see it -
maybe blow one more candle out.
Maybe spend a little time down here this year
instead of in the clouds.*

*Your presence was so special,
I grieve the loss of it every day.
But especially on days like this,
where I just want to celebrate.*

*I think that when someone passes on,
their soul is carried by the ones they loved.
So this is just a reminder,
that we all still carry you.
Your funny, kind, special soul,*

the dragonfly who flew 💙

Alissa Ruder - June 21, 2023 at 10:27 AM

MV

“ *Monica Vonsovici lit a candle in memory of
Bogdan Dinu*



Monica Ritco Vonsovici - June 21, 2023 at 03:54 AM

EV

“ Your presence in our life was a beautiful blessing. We honor you today and every day. We hope you’ve found peace in a happy place full of joy and kindness. Though we can’t celebrate this day in person like we used to, I hope you enjoy this special day in Heaven as to live in hearts you leave behind is to not to die. Alexandra, Teodora si Gelu

Elena Vasiliu - June 20, 2023 at 03:30 PM

EV

“ Elena Vasiliu lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu



Elena Vasiliu - June 20, 2023 at 03:27 PM



“ Beautiful baby, another Mother's day without you. Time changes nothing. If only I could turn back the hands of time and bring you back home to when you once were with me, to hold you close and out of harm's way.

How I long to hear your voice and see your beautiful smile and have you back for just a little while.

Today, as every day I am wrapping you in love, keeping you safe in my heart 💔

Always loved. Never forgotten. Forever missed. Rest in peace my love,
Mom



Gabriela Dinu - May 12, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ <https://youtu.be/QpljgJPFWI8> ”



Gabriela Dinu - April 26, 2023 at 06:45 PM

AR

“ *Alissa Ruder lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu* ”



Alissa Ruder - February 14, 2023 at 10:55 PM



“ *Gabriela Dinu lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu* ”



Gabriela Dinu - November 25, 2022 at 07:06 PM

MV

“ *Monica Vonsovici lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu* ”



Monica Ritco Vonsovici - October 26, 2022 at 01:32 PM

RE

“ *Reena lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu*



Reena - October 26, 2022 at 09:55 AM

SI

“ *Another year has passed! We are still regretful to have witnessed such a vibrant light flicker and go! We will always remember you with love in our hearts. May you rest in peace dear soul!*

Simona - October 25, 2022 at 04:14 PM

RB

“ *Rehanna Bachan lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu*



Rehanna Bachan - October 25, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ *Bogdan, my beautiful baby, today as every day I am holding you tight and wrapping you with love in my heart, my mind, my soul. Your memory is always bright.*

We may look as if we carry on with our lives as before. We may even have times of joy and happiness. Everything may seem “normal”. But this emptiness, the massive void that you left will always be here.

RIP my love ❤️ 🕯️ 🙏 *Always loved, never forgotten, forever missed*



Gabriela Dinu - October 25, 2022 at 09:44 AM



“ *Gabriela Dinu lit a candle in memory of Bogdan Dinu*



Gabriela Dinu - October 25, 2022 at 09:18 AM



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Gabriela Dinu - June 21, 2022 at 10:09 PM



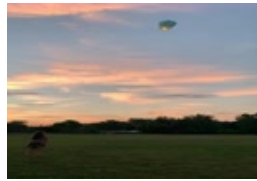
“ Gabriela Dinu lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu



Gabriela Dinu - June 21, 2022 at 10:08 PM

AR

“ Happy 26th Birthday, Bogdan ☐



Alissa Ruder - June 21, 2022 at 09:39 PM

RO

“ Roxana lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu



Roxana - June 21, 2022 at 01:14 PM

AR

“ Alissa Ruder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu



Alissa Ruder - March 07, 2022 at 08:15 AM



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Gabriela Dinu - February 26, 2022 at 06:33 PM



“ Gabriela Dinu lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu



Gabriela Dinu - February 26, 2022 at 05:58 PM



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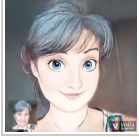
Gabriela Dinu - December 27, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ Visiting places where we went together before, vivid memories of you beautiful baby came flooding back. Bogdan, you are always remembered, never forgotten, forever missed. RIP wherever you are beautiful dragonfly.



Gabriela Dinu - December 27, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ *Simona Margaritescu lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu*



Simona Margaritescu - November 30, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ *It's been 5 years, which sounds crazy, doesn't it? I still think of you every single day. I know that you are out there watching over all of us who love you, and still trying to make us smile. The thought of you still makes me smile after 5 years of you being physically gone, and that is something so special. You will never be forgotten. - Alissa*

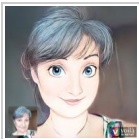
Alissa Ruder - October 25, 2021 at 11:02 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Rehanna Bachan - October 25, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ *Simona Margaritescu lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu*



Simona Margaritescu - October 25, 2021 at 03:52 PM



“ *Bogdan was a classmate and friend of mine in high school. From grade 9 IES class with mrs. Sinclair to grade 12 weight fit class with mr. McAlpine, he never failed to make me laugh when I was in class with him.*



It breaks my heart to be thinking of you now with tears in my eyes.

May you rest in peace and condolences to the family.

Jason Wan - October 25, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ *Gabriela Dinu lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu*



Gabriela Dinu - October 25, 2021 at 07:19 AM



“ *Hadley Miloš lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu*



Hadley Miloš - October 18, 2021 at 07:19 AM



“ *Gabriela Dinu lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu*



Gabriela Dinu - August 12, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Gabriela Dinu - June 21, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ *"I only have a picture now,
A frozen piece of time,
To remind me of how it was,
When you were here, and mine.*

*I see your smiling eyes,
Each morning when I wake,
I talk to you, and place a kiss,
Upon your lovely face.*

*How much I miss you being here,
I really cannot say,
The ache is deep inside my heart,
And never goes away.*

*I hear it mentioned often,
That time will heal the pain,
But if I'm being honest,
I hope it will remain.*

*I need to feel you constantly,
To get me through the day,
I loved you so very much,
Why did you go away?*

*If only they had asked me,
If I would take your place,
I would have done so willingly,
Leaving you this world to grace.*

*You should have had so many years,
To watch your life unfold,
And in the mist of this,
Watch me, your mom grow old. "*

I hope you're watching from above, beautiful dragonfly. RIP my love.

Gabriela Dinu - June 21, 2021 at 08:33 PM



“ *Gabriela Dinu lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu*



Gabriela Dinu - June 21, 2021 at 08:15 PM

CS

“ *On your 25th birthday I'm fondly remembering all the great times we had together. Memories pop up all the time while I go by my day to day, and you are always in our hearts. I'm so grateful to have known your loving heart and soul. In many ways you were the older brother I always wanted, and I always cherish the evenings we had longboarding and biking on the trail near my house, playing sims, slack lining and throwing around a frisbee. Thinking of you today and always.*

Cristina Staicu - June 21, 2021 at 05:59 PM

RO

“ *Roxana lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu*



Roxana - June 21, 2021 at 04:56 PM

RO

“ *In loving memory of Bogdan,
We are thinking of you today on what would have been your 25th
Birthday.
Today we remember your life and cherish all the wonderful
memories we have with you.
You will always have a place in our hearts!*

Sandra, Roxana and Marius

Roxana - June 21, 2021 at 04:56 PM

MA

“ *In loving memory of Bogdan, you will always be in our thoughts and
prayers. So many priceless memories keep you alive in our hearts.
Missing your beautiful smile, you would have been 25 years old
today.
We miss you today and always!*

Marina, Denise and Chris Micu

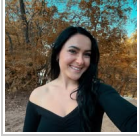
Marina - June 21, 2021 at 12:17 PM

MA

“ *Marina lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan
Andrei Dinu*

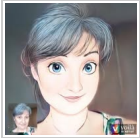


Marina - June 21, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ Happy 25th birthday to a life changer. You are remembered by your laughs, jokes, and kindness. Today I will be celebrating you with lanterns to the sky. You are so wonderful and bright. Thinking of you, Gabriela, and your family. We are all thinking of Bogdan today
❤️

Alissa Ruder - June 21, 2021 at 11:00 AM



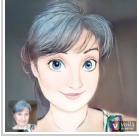
“ I found this anonymously written poem and I thought of Bogdan and his parents. Today must be harder than any other day! May you find a drop of solace in these warm words.
We will always be there for you!
Love, Margaritescu Family

Not How Did He Die, But How Did He Live?

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*Not how did he die, but how did he live?
Not what did he gain, but what did he give?
These are the units to measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.
Not, what was his church, nor what was his creed?
But had he befriended those really in need?
Was he ever ready, with word of good cheer,
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,
But how many were sorry when he passed away.*

Simona Margaritescu - June 21, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ *Simona Margaritescu lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu*



Simona Margaritescu - June 21, 2021 at 09:32 AM



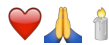
“ *In loving memory of Bogdan who would have turned 25 years old today. You will always be in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. The sweet memories of your birthdays at Boyd, our family Christmas and Easter celebrations and our vacations and biking rides together are as alive as ever! May God comfort your beautiful soul. Love, Staicu Family*



Mihaela - June 21, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ *In Bogdan's memory, always loved, never forgotten, forever missed*



Gabriela Dinu - May 09, 2021 at 02:35 PM



“ Beautiful baby, I close the door on yet another Mother's day without you.
More than four years now since you went away, seems like forever since I last saw your face. Time changes nothing.
If only I could turn back the hands of time and bring you back home to when you once were with me, to hold you close and out of harm's way.
Today, as every day I am wrapping you in love, keeping you safe in my heart ❤️
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Rest in peace my love,
Mom

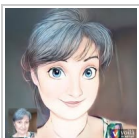
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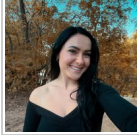
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“ Simona Margaritescu lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu



Simona Margaritescu - April 03, 2021 at 10:32 PM



“ *Alissa Ruder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu*



Alissa Ruder - November 03, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ *4 years have passed - 4 years of grief, 4 years of learning, 4 years of growing. All with and without you by my side. I learned that you are still here every day in my heart and in my mind. I hope you are flying high and enjoying your new life :) I love and think about you every day. Even to this day, you encourage me to be a stronger, kinder, and better person. Thank you for that. Love always, Alissa*



Alissa Ruder - October 25, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ My beautiful baby, here's to your memory! 🕯️🙏❤️ It has been a unique and most extraordinary journey this summer, forever carved in our hearts and memories. All these rides have been different, because this time you have been with us every step of the way. In every determined boy that we meet along the way learning to ride his bike, in every dragonfly that flew with us, in all the beautiful exhausted smiles of fellow riders we crossed our paths with. And especially in Dominic, a young boy with autism that biked 300 km and raised \$3,341 to help fight kids' cancer. During the many challenges he encountered in his rides, where he would normally have a meltdown, he reminded himself that children with cancer are having a tougher time than him and pushed through with all his grit and resilience.

Grief, we have learned, is really just love, with no place to go. It's all the love we want to give but we cannot anymore. All that unspent love gathers up in the corners of our eyes, the lump in our throats, and in that hollow part of our chests.

It takes incredible strength for both of us to mother and father a child we can no longer hold, see, hear. But riding with an uplifting purpose, taking action together to support these brave kids fighting cancer and showing them that they are not alone in their fight to beat this terrible disease, made every kilometer we cycled, every hill we climbed, and every ounce of energy we spent so much more precious 🕯️

Today, as every day I am wrapping you in love, keeping you safe in my heart ❤️

I stand still. I close my eyes and breathe. I listen for your footfall in my heart. You are not gone, but walk within me always.

Rest in peace my love,

Mom

"When I die / If you need to weep / Cry for someone / Walking the street beside you. / You can love me most by letting / Hands touch hands, and / Souls touch souls. / You can love me most by / Sharing your goodness and / Multiplying your acts of kindness. / You can

love me most by /Letting me live in your eyes / And not on your mind."

Gabriela Dinu - October 25, 2020 at 10:27 AM



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Gabriela Dinu - October 25, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ Gabriela Dinu lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu



Gabriela Dinu - October 25, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ Last month you would have turned 24 years old. A wonderful age for a beautiful young man. Your life was unfortunately cut short and today, as every day, I am wrapping you with love only in my heart, my mind and my soul. As always, words fall short. But your memory is always bright and vibrant, always safe within me.
In your memory, I've signed up for the 2020 Great Cycle Challenge and will be riding this August to fight kids' cancer!
<https://greatcyclechallenge.ca/Riders/GabrielaDinu/o>
I remember how proud you were of me and dad for riding our bikes for long distances. My goal is to pedal 500 km throughout the month. This challenge will be tough, but it's really nothing compared to what these brave kids and their families face every day of their lives as they battle this terrible disease.
Kids should be living life, NOT fighting for it.
All funds raised will support SickKids Foundation to continue their work to develop innovative treatments, find a cure for childhood cancer and save little lives.
Rest peace my love,
Mom

Gabriela Dinu - July 19, 2020 at 03:27 PM



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Gabriela Dinu - June 21, 2020 at 07:05 PM



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Gabriela Dinu - May 11, 2020 at 08:00 PM



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Gabriela Dinu - May 10, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ *Bogdan, my beautiful baby, today, as every day, I am wrapping you with love in my heart, my mind and my soul. As always, words fall short. But your memory is always bright, always safe within me. Rest in peace my love,
Mom*

*"There is a brokenness
out of which comes the unbroken,
a shatteredness
out of which blooms the unshatterable.
There is a sorrow
beyond all grief which leads to joy
and a fragility
out of whose depths emerges strength.*

*There is a hollow space
too vast for words
through which we pass with each loss,
out of whose darkness
we are sanctioned into being.*

*There is a cry deeper than all sound
whose serrated edges cut the heart
as we break open to the place inside
which is unbreakable and whole,
while learning to sing."
- by Rashani Rea*

Gabriela Dinu - May 10, 2020 at 02:35 PM



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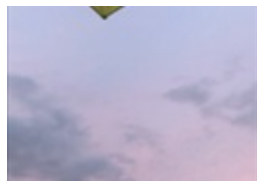


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“ *The first time you die,
is when your physical presence leaves.
When there are no more embraces,
seemingly nothing left but grief.
But the second time you die,
is when there are no mentions of your name.
No one to call out for you;
when all your memories fade.
And that is why, my love,
you will never truly die.
For as long as I live,
I will scream your name into the skies.*

- Alissa



Alissa Ruder - May 05, 2020 at 12:13 AM



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Gabriela Dinu - January 22, 2020 at 08:30 AM



“ Gabriela Dinu lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bogdan Andrei Dinu



Gabriela Dinu - January 22, 2020 at 08:23 AM



“ Beautiful baby, always in our hearts, never forgotten. Yesterday I heard another story about how you helped a friend and supported through very difficult times. My heart soared and plunged into the abyss at the same time. There is an everlasting ripple effect on other peoples lives that you impacted. We talk about you all the time, we say your name, we remember your larger than life smile. There is no rule on how to grieve, we make our own way everyday. We have learned not to run away from the pain, never supress it, always run through it. We keep you alive and vibrant in our hearts always.

RIP my love,
Mom

If I be the first of us to die,
Let grief not blacken long your sky.
Be bold yet modest in your grieving.
There is a change but not a leaving.
For just as death is part of life,
The dead live on forever in the living.
And all the gathered riches of our journey,
The moments shared, the mysteries explored,
The steady layering of intimacy stored,
The things that made us laugh or weep or sing,
The joy of sunlit snow or first unfurling of the spring,
The wordless language of look and touch,
The knowing,
Each giving and each taking,
These are not flowers that fade,
Nor trees that fall and crumble,
Nor are the stone,
For even stone cannot the wind and rain withstand
And mighty mountain peaks in time reduce to sand.
What we were, we are.
What we had, we have.
A conjoined past imperishably present.
So when you walk the wood where once we walked together

*And scan in vain the dappled bank beside you for my shadow,
Or pause where we always did upon the hill to gaze across the land,
And spotting something, reach by habit for my hand,
And finding none, feel sorrow start to steal upon you,
Be still.*

Close your eyes.

Breathe.

Listen for my footfall in your heart.

I am not gone but merely walk within you.

Author: Nicholas Evans

Gabriela Dinu - January 22, 2020 at 08:21 AM

RE

“ Remembering you Bogdan! Miss you!!



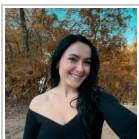
Reena - October 25, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ Remembering you at a time when you were happy ❤️



Gabriela Dinu - August 11, 2019 at 07:39 PM

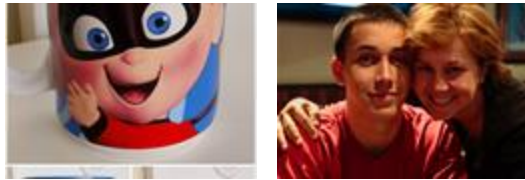


“ Happy 23rd birthday, Bogdan!!! Love and miss you.

Alissa Ruder - June 21, 2019 at 07:52 PM



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Gabriela Dinu - May 12, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ Beautiful baby, another mother's day without you. Wrapping you with love in my heart and soul at a time when words fall short. I remember fondly how we laughed and made fun together when you drank from your



favorite Incredibles cup that read "My incredible mom, stretched to my limits!" Yes, now I know. It takes incredible strength everyday to mother a baby that I can no longer hold, see, hear.

If I could turn back the time, I'd make sure the light defeated the dark my love.

I would spend every second, of every day and night keeping you safe.

Forever in my heart and soul.

Rest in peace my love,

Mom

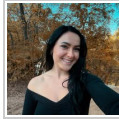
Gabriela Dinu - May 12, 2019 at 03:48 PM



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Gabriela Dinu - October 25, 2018 at 08:08 AM



Hello Gabriela, my name is Alissa Ruder. Bogdan was one of my best friends. Although I am from Michigan, I met Bogdan in Cozumel, Mexico when you all went on a trip. Bogdan and I continued to talk daily for years. He helped me through a lot. I would love to get the chance to speak with you sometime. I would be very grateful to get that chance. My email is ruderalissa@gmail.com if you would like to reach out. Thank you.

Alissa Ruder - November 14, 2018 at 01:17 PM



“ *Beautiful baby, two years ago our hearts exploded in millions of pieces when we lost you. Our broken hearts are still beating, and nothing can mute this crippling pain within this dark and ugly place. How is that we can bear the most unspeakable of life's losses? That makes us feel we cannot go on? With difficulty. It was not our choice to live without you. It takes incredible strength to mother and father a child we can no longer hold, see, hear. Moving forward as you wanted us to, one foot in front of the other, figuring it out one day at a time. Knowing that within this dark place there is still beauty and love so strong that nothing could destroy it ... that love and memories we keep forever in your hearts, moving us forward, keeping us closer to everything we loved and shared with you.*



*Rest in peace our love,
Mom and Dad*

Gabriela Dinu - October 25, 2018 at 08:07 AM

LA

“ *Ton départ va contre le sens même de la vie. Ta vie a été effectuée mais pas achevée, car comme l'a écrit Victor Hugo :
« Tu n'es plus là où tu étais, mais tu es partout là où on est ».*
Ch; Benoît L.

LANNES - March 18, 2018 at 12:49 PM

AN

“ I remember walking home with you from school during our time together at Forest Hill. You were always smiling and making everyone around you laugh. I just recently learned of your passing. I'll never forget our times at West Prep, Forest Hill, and Deer Park. I wish I made an effort to keep in touch with you more when we went to separate high schools. My condolences to your close friends and family. The world lost a lovely young man.

anonymous - December 17, 2017 at 10:38 PM



“ We miss you so very much, time changes nothing, rest in peace our love.
Mom and Dad



The Dragonfly

Once, in a little pond, in the muddy water under the lily pads, there lived a little water beetle in a community of water beetles. They lived a simple and comfortable life in the pond with few disturbances and interruptions.

Once in a while, sadness would come to the community when one of their fellow beetles would climb the stem of a lily pad and would never be seen again. They knew when this happened their friend was dead, gone forever.

Then, one day, one little water beetle felt an irresistible urge to climb up that stem. However, he was determined that he would not leave forever. He would come back and tell his friends what he had found at the top.

When he reached the top and climbed out of the water onto the surface of the lily pad, he was so tired, and the sun felt so warm, that he decided he must take a nap. As he slept, his body changed and when he woke up, he had turned into a beautiful blue-tailed dragonfly with broad wings and a slender body designed for flying.

So, fly he did! And, as he soared he saw the beauty of a whole new world and a far superior way of life to what he had never known existed. Then he remembered his beetle friends and how they were thinking by now he was dead. He wanted to go back to tell them, and explain to them that he was now more alive than he had ever been before. His life had been fulfilled rather than ended. But, his new body would not go down into the water. He could not get back to tell his friends the good news. Then he understood that their time would come, when they, too, would know what he now knew. So, he

raised his wings and flew off into his joyous new life!
— Author Unknown

Gabriela Dinu - October 25, 2017 at 12:43 PM



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Gabriela Dinu - March 12, 2017 at 11:24 AM



*A boy who loved others more than he loved life ...
A boy who helped others more than he helped himself ...
A boy who brought happiness to others but did not keep enough for himself ...
We miss you so very much, time changes nothing, rest in peace our love.
Mom and Dad*

Gabriela Dinu - March 17, 2017 at 05:17 PM

KH

“ Bogdan you were my best and closest friend and I feel like there's a hole in my life that I may never replace. I remember on the 23rd we spent 8 hours playing games and fooling around and had a great time like we always had. Looking back now I feel that the worst part is you waited for me to leave the residence before ending it and I feel like if I had stayed things may have been different. I remember all the memories we shared as roommates and the insane amount of time we spent together in our first year of college. I pray to God that you enjoyed our time together and that it kept you here on this earth a little bit longer. Everyone we knew said we acted like brothers and you definitely were mine. I'm going to miss you Bogdan. I pray you have finally found peace.

Kyle Harnden - February 27, 2017 at 12:07 AM

AW

“ I remember watching you play volleyball with my daughter in Cozumel during spring break. You were laughing, having fun while the sun was setting & the warm breeze blew. That wonderful picture I will carry always in my mind always of you.

I know you are truly at peace now & your soul is free of all its burdens.

In memory of you I will let go of past heartaches & forgive those who have hurt me. I know you want us all to be happy❤️



Amy Walter - December 17, 2016 at 03:21 PM

BW

“ Packed away carefully in a box in NSS basement it the foghorn you and Rafi gave me... It brought me a smile every time I opened my desk drawer. I so wish I could have done more for you; somehow taken away your pain. It was a joy to know you, and your memory will be with me, always with fondness.
RIP, poppet.

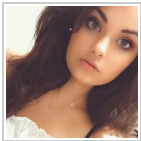
Bénédicte Wiggett - December 07, 2016 at 04:42 PM

DG

“ I don't know what to say. You were so thoughtful, helpful, kind, caring friend. You were always willing to help, no matter who it was. You were very humble and down to earth. I'll miss your infectious smile, laughter and kindness.

May you Rest In Peace. I'll miss you.

Daniel Gignac - November 08, 2016 at 11:16 PM



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Shanae Tucker - November 01, 2016 at 02:36 PM



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Hadley Miloš - November 01, 2016 at 01:39 PM

LL

Wish you were here Bogdan, I am so aware of your absence..... I hope you are happy with the angels! they are sure to love you!

lisa leva - November 27, 2016 at 11:06 AM



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Jennifer Thompson - October 31, 2016 at 10:01 PM

SH

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Shanae - October 30, 2016 at 11:16 PM

DA

“ *We were always so competitive, but it was never malicious.*

You motivated me to better myself and I wouldn't be who I am today without you.

Love you man, rest in peace.



Daniel - October 30, 2016 at 06:50 AM



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Rafi Mamdani - October 29, 2016 at 09:03 PM