

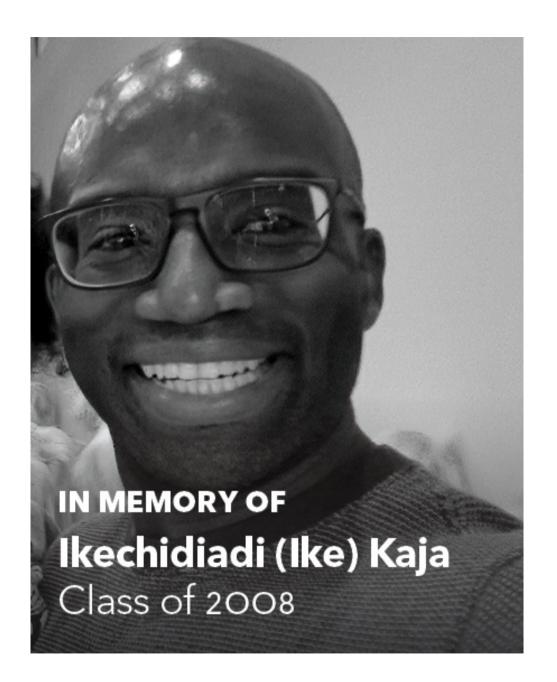
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Ike was a kind, smart, and caring friend, father, brother and son. His distinctive laughter, constant positivity, and unbound energy connected all of us across the Rotman family.

Narinder Dhami

Ike Kaja is a friend, a father, a beautiful soul, and a ray of sunshine. I believe his positive energy is so strong that he continues to bring us together, to believe in what is good, to connect and to be kind to one another. He will live on with us in so many ways and never, ever be forgotten. Ike, I miss you and thank you for making all our lives better and I will never forget your smile and you warming my heart every time you warmly called out "Jkirke!". Thank you for making my time at Rotman & beyond so much better with your warmth and for being the great human you are.

Joanna Kirke

Ike was a true genuine friend. He was one of the few classmates who always checked in, regardless of how busy life was... His smile would brighten the room, the sound of his laughter was contagious and his cautious optimism was unique to Ike...

He was loved by everyone around him... I miss him dearly. His memory will live on with all of us who really loved him.

Azadeh Dehghanpour, Rotman 2008

IKE WAS SMART, POSITIVE AND A TRULY UNBELIEVABLE PERSON. HE WAS A LOVABLE FATHER AND THE ULTIMATE RELATIONSHIP BUILDER. WHILE HE ONLY SPENT FIFTEEN YEARS IN TORONTO, HE HAS TOUCHED MORE LIVES AND MADE MORE LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS THAN MOST OF US CAN DREAM OVER A LIFETIME. I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU.

SID MALKANI, ROTMAN 2008



Ike was truly one of a kind. Life threw many challenges his way but he always overcame them, and it was always with a sunny disposition. He loved his son very much. He always made time for his friends. He loved riding motorcycles. He was a trappist connoisseur. He created lke-isms. He loved dancing. He loved life. I miss him dearly.

Lawrence Ho, Rotman 2008

Ike was one of my first and closest friends from Rotman. We did everything together – from late-night food runs when we were studying in the library to road trips to the US. I remember one time he drove for hours to meet us in Chicago to skydive only to come down with the plane. He refused to jump. It became an inside joke. He was also my confidant. Regardless of what I had to say he would always listen with a genuine heart. He was such a kind and supportive friend. He said yes to attending my destination wedding without any hesitation, even in the midst of preparing for his CFA exam.

Ike, thank you for all the wonderful memories. I will miss you, your smile, and the way you called out "Nikki!" with so much enthusiasm every time we saw each other.

Nikki Overmars, Rotman 2008











IKE WAS A FRIEND, A LEADER, AND SOMEONE WHOSE POSITIVE ENERGY WAS CONTAGIOUS. WE WILL ALL MISS YOU, IKE, AND WILL REMEMBER YOUR SMILE, JOY, AND SENSE OF ADVENTURE

## MICHELLE ZIMMERMAN

Ike was a true friend with a gentle soul and tremendous humour. He was an inspiring father. And he consistently connected with and brought together so many different people. He brought positivity and optimism to our community, and will be terribly missed.

## Ron Tsang

Ike was a friend of many and brought joy to all. He will always be remembered for his warm smile, contagious laugh, and uplifting positivity. You will be missed dearly, Ike.

Nimesh Shah









Ike was a dear friend, an amazing father, a beloved brother, and a class act. It hurts to know that you left us so early but we try to take comfort in knowing that he is in a better place now. Rest in peace my brother. You will be sorely missed.

Yasser Mirza - Rotman 2008





I'll always remember Ike's smile whenever we met. He was always interested to hear your story, what was going on, big or small....He will be sorely missed Sarah Rogers - Rotman 2008

Ike's death affects everyone who knew and loved him. I fondly remember the conversations I had with Ike. His life taken too soon is nothing but tragedy. RIP my friend. May God give Ike's family and loved ones strength to bear this loss.

Manu S., Rotman 2008

Ike was a remarkable human with an infectious smile and so much positive energy. He touched the lives of so many over the years and left an impression on everyone he met. Rest In Peace Ike, and may those you left behind find peace as well.

Daniel Oliveira. Rotman 2008

Ike was awesomeness in a nutshell.

He truly cared about people with no judgement. His smile and laughter always brought joy to any situation. He was a loyal and genuine friend to many of us.

We will miss you lke and will carry you in our hearts

Sandra Ochoa - Rotman 2008

Ike was a wonderful man and I am so sad from the news of his passing. I know he was greatly loved and will be greatly missed. I am so sorry for your loss and please accept my sincerest condolences.

Kent McCrea - Rotman 2008





Ike was truly unique in the best way. He was a generous and jovial friend who always made your world a little better whenever he was in it. I have met very few people in my life that are as warm and as genuine as Ike was. May his memory always remind us to be our best selves. We miss you.

Anthony Tam - Rotman 2010

The news was so shocking and sad. It affects and hurts deep. He was so ever smiling, a gentle kind person. In limited interactions, he guided our class and us all the time. His positive attitude will be with us forever. RIP Ike - you are and will help a lot of people even after leaving us

Nishant Punia -2009

Ike was an amazing person. He was kind, happy, and caring. We spoke recently and his energy was bright as always. I will miss him dearly Adan





Recalling wonderful memories from our end of first year exams trip to Montreal with IKe, Mike, and John.

Jason Ash

The was a kind soul. I loved his positive energy, and that beautiful smile on his face! Sad to hear of his passing. Sending much strength to his family.

Shalu Attri, Rotman 2009

Ike was one of the people that I would always make a point of meeting with whenever I took a trip back to Toronto. We shared in a lot of fun moments over the years and it was great to see him develop as a person and as a dad to Lex. It didn't matter whether he was studying all night at Rotman, preparing for the CFA or making one of his many drives out to spend time with his son, he always had time for you. He will be sorely missed. Teng Fan '08







Ike was a great guy. Always positive with a great attitude with an awesome smile. Will miss him!!!

RIP brother!

Leonardo Marchetti, Rotman 2008

Thank you Ike for sharing a small piece of your beautiful life with us. You brought positivity, perspective, and joy to every encounter. Your absence is a great loss for our community, but your impact will never be forgotten. Smile like Ike every day!

Jonah Peranson

Ike was more than just my Rotman classmate. He was my workout partner, motorcycle buddy, and an amazing friend. Ike was always positive about life and had the biggest smile. His jokes were more dad-like than mine, and he was always there when you needed him.. He was the kind of guy who would always laugh and let you poke fun at him; he would never retort with a come-back. Ike was intelligent, humble and classy; he would never show up to a gathering empty-handed. He loved his son, 'Lex, deeply and would always talk about him. He was a stand-up guy. I miss you, buddy. Thanks for being my friend.

Richard Ahn



Ike was real, down-to-earth and loved connecting with people. One of his favourite lines was, "So what's your story?" And he would listen, with genuine curiosity, and his trademark slow, gentle smile that put everyone immediately at ease. He gave good advice, which usually involved worrying less and enjoying life more. Thanks for dancing with us Ike.

Sara Sarkar, Rotman 2008

It's hard to think about Ike and not immediately think of his smile and how he chuckled with pleasure, often at his own jokes! He just emanated positive energy and you could sense it from the moment he walked into a room. He was the type of person who would shoot you a quick message the moment he thought of you, just to see how you were doing. Our collective hearts ache for such a loss from our community.

Nicole Phillips, Rotman 2008

Ike was a great person. Accomplished accounting and finance expert, excellent friend with an infectious laugh and, most importantly, great father to his son Lex. This a huge loss for the Rotman community and he will be dearly missed

Michael La Fleur, Rotman 2008

Ike embodied the sense of community at Rotman through his ability to reach out, stay connected with classmates, and provide support to his network of friends both personally and professionally. He has once again brought us all together to honour his memory and life, and to remind us of how deep our friendships at Rotman are.

Tram Tran, Rotman 2008



A GOOD BROTHER, A KIND FATHER, A GENTLE SOUL. WE WILL MISS YOU DEARLY.

ZIPHION CHANG

Ike,

I first got to know your name through the FT article which inspired me to come to Rotman. When I met you at Rotman, I was star struck. You were always kind and funny. You somehow were always there when people needed help. Thanks for spending the effort to keep in touch year after year. Saturday night dinners will not be the same without you and Lex. Our hearts ache for your laughter and friendship. We love you and miss you dearly. Felicia Hsu, Rotman 2009



Ike was a tremendous friend and he was an even more amazing father! He would affectionately call me "JLo" and we would always get a good chuckle out of it! I loved receiving his impromptu messages to say hello! All the best my friend! Till we meet again!

Jennifer Long Rotman 2008







There wasn't a single day I saw Ike without that iconic smile and genuinely positive greeting. I am grateful to have had him in my life. As I looked back through old messages all I read was happiness, kindness and caring from him, in each and every interaction. May you rest in peace dear friend. You will forever be missed.

Shama Ahmed, Rotman Class 2008

Ike was part of my MBA class and I will always remember him as being a charismatic and funny guy, who loved motorcyles.

Rest in peace Ike and may your family receive hope healing during this difficult time.

Kim Ly, Rotman 2008

You'd never see Ike without that infectious smile on his face. Through his warm personality, kindness, and humility, he easily connected with many people and formed strong lasting bonds. I truly valued his friendship over the years and wish his family all the strength through this most difficult time.

You'll forever be missed my friend. Till we meet again. Rohit Singla, Rotman 2008

I still remember lke's big smile and kind heart. What a lovely person with a beautiful soul. I am so sorry to hear your unexpected loss. May God give you eternal rest and your family the strength to bear the great pain.

Wendy Guo, Rotman 2008

IKe, thanks for being a wonderful humanbeing and a great friend.
Your enthusiasm for life was infectious. will miss you dearly....
Raju Pusapati

Heartbroken! We lost such a kind and wonderful soul. A fellow financial analyst. My condolenses to your family. Rest in peace my friend.

Andreas Kouremenos -Rotman 2008

Ike always had a big smile and positive attitude that lifted eveyrone around him. Rest in peace my friend
Kenneth Cheung

IKE WAS A TRUE FRIEND. ALWAYS SUPER FRIENDLY, WITH A BIG SMILE, EVEN AFTER EXAMS.

He'D ALWAYS WANT TO HEAR WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH YOU.

YOU ARE DEARLY MISSED AND WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED.

ALLAN BARIL - ROTMAN 2008

Ali and Sana

Ike had infectious positivity, and instantly made you feel like he was your best friend. He was a gentle, caring and compassionate person, and I'm sure he had a consistently meaningful impact on everyone he came across. You will be missed Ike but not forgotten.

Ike was a kind soul who had the ability to take a joke and keep it going. He had a positive outlook at any challenge his way. I always enjoyed our banter on current issues. He loved his son very much and talked about him every time we met. Ike, I will miss you so much and thank you for having me in your life.

Gautam Malkani







I knew Ike from our time at Rotman. You could not find someone who had higher spirits. I'll always remember him with a smile on his face (and a vat of coffee in his hand). The world is poorer for this loss. We will miss him. Conrad Tien - Rotman 2008

The first time I met Ike. he immediately welcomed me as his friend. He was a rare soul that didn't posses an ounce of selfishness or cynicism; his amiability was a pleasure to be around. He will be sorely missed. Dan Kamiyama



Ike was very helpful to me when I needed help to get a job in finance over a decade ago. I remember him as a genuine and true gentleman. My condolences to his family and friends.

Laura Wood

Rest In Peace, Ike. Bipan R.

I cannot remember anything else from ike good vibs and laughs. Such a nice gentleman.

Rest in peace amigo! Iván Gloria

I was shocked and saddened to hear this terrible news. It's been over ten years since I've seen Ike, and yet I than joy, good momenty emember his positivity, friendly nature, and that infectious smile as though I saw him yesterday. My heart and deepest sympathies go out to Lex and the rest of Ike's family. Rest In Peace, Ike.

I knew lke from my time at Rotman. I remember first meeting him at orientation his smile, positive attitude and kindness shined through immediately! Rest in peace. My condolences to lke's family.

Shazeen Janmohamed(Merali) Rotman 2008

Ike and I connected at Rotman over the fact that we were both from Nigeria. Always smiling, his positivity was infectious. The world is a sadder place with the loss of such a kind soul. Rest in peace, friend. My heartfelt condolences to lke's family.

Ruchika Patel, Rotman 2008



I count myself lucky to call Ike a friend. I will never forget his unique sense of humour or his dedication to his son Lex. May we meet again.

Tony La

Ike was the rare kind of person who was always positive, happy, smiling, down to earth and always made an effort to stay connected with friends. It is no surprise that he was liked by everyone who met him and a friend to a great many. Rest in peace friend, I will miss you.

Ranveer Arora, Rotman 2012

Ike's presence radiated through our entire MBA class. I remember his smile, friendly chats and lots of laughter and fun at parties. When I think of Ike, I smile, because he was simply a positive force. Sending all my love to his family.

Richard Wiltshire, Rotman 08

Ike will always be remembered for his calm demeanor, his inviting personality and his kind heart. He seemed to always have the insights and perspective of someone much older than he was. It saddens me that his son won't get to grow up with his smile and the beautiful human behind it.

Daryl Carty

I will always remember
Ike for his kindness and
infectious smile. I am
lucky to have known him.
A truly special person
who will be missed by
many.

Jennifer Lau

Ike was such a great guy to be around. I have many fond memories of Ike at Rotman:
Always happy, cheerful, and was a good friend. He will be missed by many. My deepest condolences for his family.
John Kaye

Ike was a good man - our interactions were limited, but I remember him as a kind person, always with a smile on his face. May he be in a better place.

Sohaib Tariq, 2009

Ike was a wonderful person, a gentle and caring soul. He was always smiling, and when speaking to him, took interest in what the other had to say. It's amazing that he left such an impact on everyone he met. Ike, you will be missed deeply and may your spirit live on through your son.

Ali and Annu Naushahi



I will always remember Ike's positivity, enthusiasm and how he would call out "Kwong!" when we saw each other. He made those around him feel seen, and truly cared for. We will all miss you so much. My deepest condolences to his family.

Kathryn Wong-Sexsmith



I will miss like in the small moments that make up a friendship:

-finance assignments at Rotman when he told me he would get the model done when he woke up at 5am..he always did brilliantly!

-his insightful musings on modern dating, stocks, and everything in between

-the jokes and jibes we exchanged to brings some smiles to the everyday

-the like adventures on the town with our Rotman circle of friends

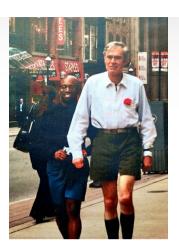
-the positivity and kindness he brought to every interaction

I am glad we met in the life, and it was my privilege to call him a friend. I will never forget him

Tram



My deepest condolences to the kechidiadi (Ike) Kaja family. May his soul rest in power and peace. Tenzing(Chompel) Negi (Future Rotman Student)



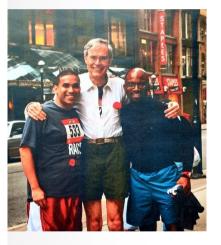
I remember the first time I met Ike. He was sitting in class in the row behind me and we got chatting about the almost identical laptops we had. His warm, friendly smile was a fitting first impression to the wonderful person that he was. I can't belive he's gone. His positive influence on those that he met will endure. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Michael Evdassin, Rotman 2008

Nasr Iqbal and I had the privilege of working with Ike at Salman Partners. Together, we ran the Bay Street Rat Race in 2009; I'm attaching three pictures from that event.

My deepest condolences for this tragic loss. Ike, may you rest in peace and your family receive some strength and comfort knowing how positively you are remembered and loved by those fortunate enough to know you. I will always remember your warm, bright, wide smile, that was a reflection of your positive, friendly soul and personality. It was a privilege to have met you at Rotman.

Ardalan Shojaei, Rotman 2008





I met lke as part of a larger group of friends in the finance industry. He fit in immediately. He was geniune and affable...a good guy to be around. A couple years later we worked for rival firms. Once, we were both on the same business trip for a week in Brazil, and it was great getting to know him that much better. He was one of the people that post-COVID I was looking forward to reconnecting with. He'll be missed!

My condolences

Adam Low

My condolences. Ike had a contagious smile every day that I saw him in the office at Rexall. He was kind, caring and compassionate. Sending my thoughts to his family during this extremely difficult time.

Julia Sutton

We knew Ike as an energetic and intelligent classmate during our Rotman MBA class. He had a bright smile and infectious energy even after long study hours. Our heartfelt condolences to Ike's family and loved ones. May his soul rest in peace.

Anna Castro & David Yeasiano, Rotman MBA 2008
Ike was such an incredibly kind person who was always wearing a big smile. He was a year ahead of me at Rotman and connected me to his classmates to help me network and learn more about the field I was trying to get into. We shared some good laughs. We enjoyed riding our motorcycles together as Ike showed me some new cool roads to explore in the city. I will remember his great smile, loving spirit, and willingness to help others. My sincerest condolences to Ike's family. I hope you know you raised a great man who had a meaningful impact on the lives of many, including myself.

Harpreet Padda, Rotman MBA 2009