

**Dominic Pelicano Memorial Foundation
Tribute from Kerry Riley**

Dominic-

Having made such an impact on the aesthetic aspects of my life, you are someone who will always have a unique affect on me. Though I was unable to really know you the way I would have liked, I did know you were an artist in the truest sense. From the times you scribbled your graffiti letters on my notebook in seventh grade to the times I saw you so intently focused on drawings in your own notebook, I was intrigued by the intensity with which you addressed each second- either in action or thought or a vibrant combination of both. When I was lucky enough to talk to you through the dynamic high school years, I clearly recognized the complex creativity that swirled behind your eyes and seeped out to those of us that were lucky enough to appreciate it. It is my curiosity to understand this creativity that has shaped so much of my life since you entered it. I can't help but smile thinking about the things I continue to learn about you that are such echoes of my own philosophy; and I can't help but acknowledge you as an important source of this philosophy which sprung from my attraction to your beautiful smile.

Thank you Dominic, for the power that you had over me and the inspiration that you gave me without you ever even knowing.

Like from the candles whose light brought me perceptions of you as they teased the darkness of my room, I will always sense the flicker of your artistic passion that graces my memory and inspires my interest. And I will continue on knowing that it is somehow better to know you only from what you chose to leave behind. I am genuinely proud to say that I was and continue to be influence by you, a true artist, one who has left the world of immediate consciousness with endless gifts of his talent and with a girl who longs to meet you and finally know you in whatever place you know reside.

Forever your admirer
Kerry