

Edward M. Kennedy

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Don Rafael.

Joan and I want you to know how grateful we are for your message. At a time of sadness, nothing is more helpful than hearing from a friend.

All of the members of the Kennedy family are comforted to know that others share our grief. It is easier to bear Bob's loss when we know that the qualities we loved in him were loved by many beyond ourselves. Those of us who loved Bob, and those of us who believed in his ideals, hope and pray that what he was, and what he wished for others, will come to pass some day soon. I am sure his dreams and his hopes still remain alive, and it is up to each of us to decide how we can carry them forward.

Ethel has asked me to add her gratitude to Joan's and mine. She has gone to Hyannisport for the summer with her younger children, while the oldest, Joe and Kathleen, are continuing their studies and teaching. My family is also at the Cape, and I will be spending time there and in Washington this summer. I hope we will see each other soon.

*Many thanks for your thoughts
and prayers
E.M.K.*