

## Article forged lasting connection of joy and sorrow

I wanted to thank The Auroran for first introducing a story about an all-cancer survivor band called the Lymphomaniacs.

They were hoping to find a female singer who was also a cancer survivor.

Well, that was me ? a survivor of bone cancer in which there are four documented cases to date in all of Canada. Through your paper I was able to audition and become a Lymphomaniac. That begun a deep and caring friendship with our band, especially the founder of the band, Mr. Bobby Mowers.

This month we marked Bobby's passing.

I had to openly thank your paper for talking about this band to the over 200 people who attended the service in which Bobby had decided as to which music, and which readings and people who would speak. And, of course, our band, the Lymphomaniacs performed two of Bobby's favourite pieces.

Bobby was the founder, the heart and soul to this wonderful band of extremely talented musicians. Although I feel very much like a lost soul, and have lost forever a wonderful friend, a brother from another mother, I have to thank The Auroran for bringing this story to everyone's attention and for helping me fulfill a lifelong dream of being a part of the band.

We are all mourning Bobby's passing and really it is Bobby's band, but I also know he would want this band to continue. Sometimes with the stories you write, you might think, ?I wonder if anything comes of them, any results, any hope.?

I can tell you from the bottom of my heart thank you for bringing the Lymphomaniacs to light.

There were so many incredible things that Bobby and I had in common, the love of these shows, popcorn, chocolate, old classic movies, and music ? especially The Beatles.

Thank you Auroran for giving me a gift that has been burned into my heart for as long as I live.

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