

I am so sorry to hear about your loss, I too lost my dog the same day, he died peacefully in his sleep he was my 12 year old beagle named "Zodi" and I will miss him forever as you will miss your Bodhi.

How very sad it is when our pets pass away either from being sick or of their age, no matter how it happens our pets are part of our family and will live on in our memory for the rest of our lives.

So please accept my dearest condolences and you will be sad and you will cry but in time you'll think of the wonderful memories you all shared and again, I'm very sorry for your loss.

Sandy Stilling
Maryland Office of Tourism

My wife and I were heartbroken to hear about Bodhi's passing our condolences to all of you at the lodge. We have ordered some copies of photos we have of Bodhi with our dog Ollie and will forward them once we have received them.

We would like to order one his books to remember him by so when someone has the time please let me know if you need anything other than a credit card number and an address.

With deepest sympathies.

Greg Jilek
&
Hilary Ginter

Hi Mike and Jan,

I am very sorry to hear about loss of Bodhi, he was a great loving dog. Even though he has moved on, the memory of him will last a lifetime.

Again, our prayers are with you in this hard time.

Sincerely,
Jodi and Joe Refosco

Mike & Jan,
I cried when I read this e-mail. Elaine and I know the pain & grief of "letting go" of special loved ones like Bodhi. Knowing they are free from their pain is some comfort but there can never be another one just like them. That's what makes them special. SRL will never be the same but we look forward to sharing our lives with "Bodhi II" as he/she continues the legacy. We look forward to our visit on April 27 & 28.

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Blessings,

Bruce Warner

Dear Jan and Mike:

We are so terribly sorry to learn of Bodhi's passing. It broke our hearts and we know it devastated yours.

Bodhi brought such love and joy to all who came in contact with him....he was so so special in every way.

We will miss him but never forget him.

Love,

**Bob and Diane Nolan
Burke, VA**

Char and I would like to offer our sincerest sympathies for your loss. We have only visited SRL once, but fell in love immediately. Bodhi made it feel like home while we were there; sitting on the back porch and seeing his happy face and wagging tail, along with petting his beautiful coat reminded us of sitting on our porch with our two babies. We know that words cannot replace your loss, but remember that he is no longer suffering and you will be reunited one day. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to ease your pain.

Sincerely

Rus and Charlett Sites

Mike and Jan,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Judy and I know how difficult losing a loved one is. . .

Buffy, our schnauzer, who has been with us at Savage River Lodge, is almost 14. . .

Hopefully there will be a Bodhi Two!

Regards,

Neil

Jan....Donna and I are very saddened by your loss and our prayers are with you guys.....we have such wonderful memories with the kids and our good friends as we shared many good times at the Lodge with you guys and Bodhi.....God bless you both....Jim

Most heartfelt sorrow at the news. He was a great part of the family, and served as a wonderful part of our visit. His spirit will go on, and although we will still look for him when we return to visit your splendid retreat, we know that the same family will welcome us and we'll be looking for his successor.

Sincerely yours,

Jeff and Jillene

Jan & Mike,

It was with a heavy heart that I read the announcement of Bodhi's passing. He truly touched and brought a smile into the hearts of hundreds of guests at the lodge. I recall our first visit and being warmly greeted with a sniff and a tail wag. This is his legacy, a friend to all, a beggar at heart and a adventurous soul warmly loved by all with whom he came into contact.

Bob & Nancy Jones

I was saddened to read about the passing of your famous lodge dog.

I recall him sleeping on my feet during a meeting of the Maryland Association of Destination Marketing Organizations (MADMO).

He certainly seemed like a good dog.

I have always enjoyed the Bodhi calendars, as well.

All the best to you as you move forward at Savage River Lodge.

Tom Riford
President and CEO

So sorry to hear about Bodhi. But what a life he had! I can't think of a better place for a joyful lab to live, or better people for him to give his enormous heart. He will surely be well missed and well remembered. Anne Gummerson and Bill Earley

we are so sorry. he was a great dog and will be missed.

I know your hearts are broken. Some of our fondest memories at the lodge include Bodhi sitting at our feet while we were at the bar just waiting for us to drop a snack for him to clean up. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Animals are a very important part of a family and the loss is felt even more because of the unconditional love they always have for us.

I have visited the Lodge twice, once many years ago and again just a few weeks ago. When I first visited, it was indeed Bodhi who greeted me and my two beloved companions upon arrival and who was happily lollygagging on the front porch when we left. The memory of that happy and most fortunate dog has stayed with me ever since. And while I didn't see Bodhi on my recent trip (and I wondered if indeed it might have been because of his health) his spirit was ever present. There is no sparing you the mourning and the deep loss but please know his spirit will remain with those whose travels to Savage River Lodge were made all the more special by his ever-presence that will long remain. God bless.

Dear Mike and Jan:

So, so, so sorry to hear about Bodhi – you must be absolutely heartbroken, as we are. He was a simply wonderful dog, so happy to greet you upon arrival and maybe saddened when you left? Or was he looking for that tit-bit one was forbidden to give? He is sorely missed. I know it is recommended that bereaved “parents” think about getting another dog – no, I did not say replacement as there never can be one. But when you are able, think about it. It helps – just think what a loving home you can give. Again, our many condolences to you and everyone at the Lodge.

Much love
Sandra and Jim

Dear Mike and Jan,

You have our deepest sympathy. It's so hard to lose a beloved companion. I am sure he went on to heaven as I feel dogs are little angels God sends us to keep us in line on Earth.

Our best memory of Bodhi was his charm and his gracious manners. We brought our puppy Charlie (for the first time) when he was only 5 months old. We came down to the lodge for Yappy Hour one day between March 11 – 13, 2005. I have had dogs all my life but none was quite like Bodhi. We came down for Yappy Hour from the cabins and as we got to the parking lot in front of the lodge Bodhi greeted us and Charlie at the lodge entrance. Bodhi then walked Charlie back to the field where Yappy Hour was to be held. It was amazing! He then left us to go back up to the lodge to wait for the next guest!

Bodhi was a wonderful spirit. A protector and greeter and most of all a big love. I checked our photos from our last two trips but sadly have none of precious Bodhi. His spirit will live on in our memories of SRL. I thought I would send two photo's of from our last two trips. Though Bodhi is not in them, the joy you all gave us by sharing the lodge with us is evident. With love – Charlie B, Andrew and Kathy (the Orndorff's)

Dear Jan and Mike.

We were very sad to hear about the loss of your wonderful, loving dog, Bodhi. He was such a welcome site every time we drove up to the lodge. Thank goodness you have wonderful memories to keep you going during this sad time. We hope to see you soon.

Lori and Barry Frederick

I am sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our prayers

He had a great and wonderful life. Having gone through this with my old black lab, Jake, I know it's a difficult time.

I am so, so sorry.

It's a shame that my husband and I didn't get to meet Bodhi.

I know somewhat of what you're feeling...our adopted Yellow Lab/Golden Retriever died last summer at 17 years old. She was a sweet, sweet girl.

Your hearts are heavy; I wish I could say something that could lift you...just know we're thinking of you.

We will see you soon.

Sincerely,

The Comers

Hi Mike and Jan-

Very sad news! We will miss Bodhi greeting us at the door, wagging his tail, loving us and our food too :)

Our thoughts and our prayers are with you!

Cherie and Ron Krug

I am also saddened to hear that news. We were just at the lodge the week of March 7th. Thank you for the calendar that was sent. We can have some visual memory of Bodhi also. The loss of a loved one is always a difficult time and the old saying "time heals all wounds" while it is true still hurts. GOD BLESS YOU at this difficult time and we will be sending a check to the fund shortly.

rob and mary briggs

We are so sorry to hear of Bodhi's passing. We always enjoyed meeting him on our stays. We have lost several of our wonderful dogs over the years. Our dog, Jackson, is an 11 year old boxer (an elder pup). He always likes to come to the Lodge. We know that we will not have him forever but each day with him is a blessing as I know each day with Bodhi was a blessing to you.

Suzanne and John Conrad

Jan and Mike,

I'm so sorry to hear about Bodhi! Kurt and I know all too well what it's like to have to lose a friend like a dog. We had to put Rusty down this past September. He was 3. I still really miss him so!

Please know we will keep you in our prayers.

Patty and Kurt Lemmert

Am so sorry. I always enjoyed seeing him. Last time I was there, sat by the fire and he sat on floor by me. Was very nice.

I just saw that Bodhi passed away on Monday. Please pass along our condolences.

Tami Gosheff
Special Events and Outreach Coordinator
The Maryland SPCA

So incredibly sorry to hear about your loss.

Jan and Mike
We send you our heartfelt warm wishes. Bodhi was a wonderful dog and his spirit will live on in the wonderful place you have built.
John, Kathleen and Oso Nixon

Hi Tina,

Please pass on my sincere condolences to Mike and Jan. It is a great loss! We all loved him so much. I am grateful for the Bodhi Book which I will always cherish. My prayers go out to Mike and Jan.

Suzie Shanklin
Galisteo, NM
Judiths friend

Hi Tina,

Thank you for keeping us updated for the past months. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mike and Jan especially, but also with everyone else at the Lodge. Bodhi was such an instrumental part of The Savage River Lodge and your lives on a daily basis and the absence of his physical presence will greatly affect you all for a long time.

However, as stated in the card that we sent to Mike and Jan this morning, Bodhi's spirit will always be a part of the Lodge. Take care of one another. We hope to see you all soon.

Love,
Ed and Kathy

What a shame and how sad for everyone that loved him so much. However life, love and companionship is to be treasured and celebrated.

There are so many memories that will bring smiles and warm feelings.

I will share this with Trace and let us know if we can do anything.

Lew
Best regards

Bill: thanks for the note and sorry to hear that - please pass on my condolences. I think I'll have me a wheat ale tonight (Blue Moon) with a slice of orange in memory and respect of Bodhi.

Sean C. Isgan, PE, PLS
President
CME Management LLC

Tina,

A very sad day indeed.....

We are so, so sorry to hear about Bodhi. We knew that he was having some issues, but didn't realize things had become so serious. So glad to hear that he was able to pass peacefully - he certainly deserved to go out with grace. I called Joanne with the sad news and of course she cried.....she really loved that dog (and of course you guys)! We know how difficult this must be so please let Jan & Mike know that our thoughts are with all of you.

Bodhi was an incredible dog with an amazing spirit! We will really miss him.

Tina - thank you so much for thinking of us and getting in-touch.

Tom

3/18/08

Bodhi.....

*I walked and sang his name; I sat and rocked; the tears flowed and still are,
as I write.....*

*How could one creature be so special? How could one dog grab the hearts of
so many human beings? It's probably because he thought he "was" one of
us.....and he truly was.....a littermate, a soulmate.....*

*He's asking me not to cry; he's reminding me to remember our long walks,
when we fed him "one too many" doggy biscuits (because he had run off the
calories, when he was young) and told him to "keep it a secret" as we
cherished stopping in the woods for breaks before we returned to our cabin or
the lodge.....*

*He's asking me not to cry; he's reminding me how he loved being with us as
we vacationed near home and were "with nature" in a place we love as much
as our home. Those were special days, special weeks, that will always be so
special in our hearts.*

*He's asking me not to cry; he's reminding me how he consoled me when I
spoke out of turn and felt so very sad; his nuzzles, his "being with," were of
an enlightened being.....which he truly was, truly is.*

He's asking me not to cry.....

He's remembering the poem often used at memorials.....

Do not stand at my grave and weep; I am not here, I do not sleep.

*I am the thousand winds that fly, that wispy dandelion fluff that the breeze
blows by.....*

I am the Mother Earth moss, the ground, the leaves rustling overtop of the stream's sweet sound.....

I am the water, so gently flowing, and I am in it, now softly rowing.....

I am the brightest star, the twinkling blink, the shooting one afar.....

I am the light, in the day and at night.....

I am with the souls of many beings, not only dogs.....

I am the rabbit's scent, the foxtail's swish, the deer's proud stance.....

And when you think of me, know that I was honored to have been by your side.....for all these years.....

I am not dead; I'm more alive than ever!! Please do not weep for too long.....I am with you.....and you can have me in your hearts forever.....remember my gaze.....remember our soul to soul "looks".....we knew love together....and we loved like we knew the meaning of it....because we did.....

Bodhi....he was not "ours".....we loved him for but a moment in time and it was one of the greatest gifts that we will have ever experienced.....he belongs to the cosmos!! He IS the cosmos!! BODHI IS TRUE LOVE!!! BODHI IS TRUE JOY!!!!

Today's date, 3/18/08, has 2 "8's" in it.....the infinity sign....the sign of "forever"....the sign of "never-ending".....yes!! We love you, Bodhi!!

Written by Amy Shuman

Sent with love from John and Amy Shuman

You are an incredibly good friend to them, Tina – but you know there is no real way to make it easier. As you said, everyone just sending their love and concern is all we can probably do right this minute. I suspect there will be a huge outpouring of people wanting to donate something. Right this minute, I can't think of a thing, but I do, I will surely pass it along. Bodhi made a difference – maybe we can think of something that will continue to do so.

Bodhi will just leave a huge hole in their lives – there will never be another one quite like him.

Again, thank you for making us aware – we all shed some tears here today for them. We are just so sad.

Sue

Tina,
Please tell Jan and Mike how sorry I am that they had to make this heartbreaking decision. Also, if you don't mind, please give them both a hug from me.

Thanks!
Jodi

I am so sorry. My thoughts are with all of you.
Paula Yudelevit

I am sorry for your loss. Joann

Oh no!!!!

Thank you for sending this, Tina. I am so terribly sorry for Mike and Jan.

Sue

Oh, Tina, I am so sorry to hear that. I've been crying since I opened your email. I was hoping that Bodhi had turned a corner and Bogguss and I could see him at least one more time. I can't imagine what Mike and Jan must be going through, but I know that Bodhi will be in a better place. No dog could have had a better life than the Lodge Dog did. Please send my love to them - to you all. You are all definitely in my thoughts and prayers today. I'll see you soon.

Denise Gough

Dear Jan and Mike -

We're so sorry to hear about the passing of Bodhi. What a wonderful member of your family and the Lodge family. He was a warm, loveable, comfortable presence in the lodge, and he helped set the tone of SRL that the two of you have fostered.

I'm glad that you were able to be with him at the end, and I hope you will revel in the memories of your time with him for many years to come.

Best wishes to you both,

Joe and Mary Lynne

Hi Jan,

I wanted to say that even though I have only been a fan and purchaser of the Bodhi Lodge Dog calendars for a few years, I have come to love the fun things "he" did and all the great situation shots you have shared with me and others over the years. Bodhi will be missed!!

I would like to suggest that you consider doing a "Best of Bodhi" Calendar, or something like that, in memoriam for him next year.

Hope you have a great spring and summer!
Linda Yost

Hi Mike and Jan,

So sorry to hear about Bodhi passing. It's such a great loss in your hearts.

Katrina and I did have three wonderful adventures with Bodhi that we'd like to share with you.

Walk One- during an early visit

We asked Jan if Bodhi would like to go for a walk with us down to the trout stream near the big beaver dam. Jan gave her approval and of course Bodhi was very happy.

Since it was January most of the stream was frozen except an open hole in the deeper, center part of the stream.

Bodhi promptly walked out onto the ice and jumped into the water. Since we were completely unaware that this was normal Bodhi behavior, we were terrified that he was going to freeze or drown.

After much coaxing he came out, shook off the water and promptly rolled in the mud. He was quickly going from a yellow lab to a brown lab in seconds.

We were glad that he was OK but how would we explain all the mud to Mike and Jan? We started trying to clean his fur using snow and water from the stream.

Naturally Bodhi thought this was great fun having all three of us engaged in playing. After cleaning him up the best we could we took him home.

Jan looks at Bodhi, said "yes, he always does that" handed us some towel and we went back outside to dry and clean Bodhi so he would be allowed back into the lodge.

Walk Two - the dead deer

Taking Bodhi on another hike down the hill east of the Lodge, Bodhi "found" a dead deer carcass and proceeded to roll around on top of the remains. Fortunately the deer was mostly gone so it wasn't too much of a mess. We took Bodhi to the stream and tried to wash him off. He thought this was also great fun. Since we had already experienced a similar situation before with Bodhi we were a little less worried what Mike and Jan would think. Again, with her usual calm, Jan took one look at Bodhi, handed us some towels and off we went to clean Bodhi up in time for his lunch-time salad.

Walk Three- or fool me once shame on me.

Another hike north from the Lodge we were approaching the T intersection on the trail. Naturally Bodhi was in front of us by about 50-60 feet. He stopped at the T and looked back as if to ask which direction we were planning on taking. I knew we were going to go right but I pointed left. Bodhi took off running down the left path for about 75 feet, stopped and turned around to make sure we were following. By that time Katrina and I had gotten to the T junction, stopped and I pointed right. Bodhi turned around, ran past us for about 75 feet, stopped and turned around to make sure we were following. I pointed left again. Bodhi turned around, ran past us for about 75 feet, stopped and turned around to make sure we were following. I pointed right again. This time he didn't move, just sat there and gave us a rather stern look "I'm not falling for that trick again". He didn't move until we had turned right and walked about 50 feet. He then came running past us to lead the way as we continued our hike.

Best wishes and God speed Bodhi,

Karl and Katrina Wagner

Mike and Jan

Stella and I are very sorry to hear about Bodhi. We know he will be missed by everyone.

John and Stella

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family. We know how hard it is to lose such a close and precious member of the family.

in Him
joshua and melissa landis

Mike & Jan:

With tears streaming down my face, I am writing to tell you how truly sorry Dennis & I are to learn of Bodhi's passing. He was an amazing dog that blessed the lives of all those who visited The Lodge. We are grateful for the memories, the photos, all the old calendars we kept AND the book! We can't imagine how different it must feel at SRL without your "right hand man." One thing is for sure, OUR loss is heaven's gain! I'm sure he's watching over SRL and if he could tell you one thing, it would be how much he loved you both and the wonderful life you gave him!

Our thoughts and prayers are with you!
Blessings,

Tricia Wilson :-(
I'll look through all of my pictures for you!

Mike and Jan,

Very sorry for you and the passing of faithful Bodhi. Just read the news on the website. There is no replacement for the love and affection they shower upon us their entire lives.

We just called and made reservations for 18 April for 3 nights. Not sure if our email address is on record with the Lodge so was getting your email address when I saw the news.

Look forward to our visit as always. The gent who took our call placed us in cabin 17 because our Max cannot do stairs anymore. We appreciate that if it works and you do not have guests who need the ramp access. We can carry Max up steps if you need cabin 17 for other guests. He has good energy and spirit, not in distress, eager to walk, and in control of everything except his legs up stairs.

Eager to wade the upper Savage Saturday afternoon with one of your guides.
Last time we came in April that area was lots of fun with plenty of fish action.

Take care, Dave and Bunny Venlet in Pax River

Hi Mike & Jan,
I was just checking in for news at SRL and read the sad news about Bodhi. Such a terrible loss for you and all who knew him. We are so very sorry for your loss.

Peg & Bruce Buccilli

Oh Mike and Jan:
Bodhi was the most adorable pinked nosed Bodhisattva ever. He enlightened everyone he encountered. We loved him and when we next visit and look at the front porch, I know there will be a tug at our hearts.

Aaron and Sharon Stopak

Mike & Jan,
Sorry to hear about the loss of Bodhi. You're in our thoughts and prayers.
We lost our cat (18 yr old) before Christmas, and my dog (Alex-16 yrs old) is not in good shape either. She was diagnosed with vestibular syndrome (VS) about 2 months ago. We're taking it day by day.
I didn't get to know Bodhi to well, mostly when Mike lived over at Oak Ridge, but I know he was a great dog. He's with my Dad now (in Heaven).
I don't know if Mike knows my Dad passed away Jan '07 of cancer. You guys take care, maybe we will get to the lodge one day in the near future.

Chuck

Dear Jan and Mike,

I am so sad to hear your news about Bodhi. We lost one of our dogs and it is so painful. They are part of your family and they are missed deeply when they are gone. I was checking the web-site to check availability in May and I saw the sad news. Don and I remember Bodhi and always looked forward to seeing him when we visited. We wished our two dogs that we currently have was as well behaved as him. Our first dog was just like Bodhi. Was he sick or did he die suddenly? Our Shelby was sick and we couldn't bear to see her suffer anymore. It is such a hard decision because they can't tell you how they feel. We had her for 16 years and still miss her so. So we know your pain.

We loved the calendar that you sent to us. Bodhi was such a great dog. I have attached a poem that our vet gave us when we lost our dog. We had it printed on nice paper and put her picture on it. We look at it everyday and hope someday to see her again.

Again, I am so sorry. It will never be the same again! He had a wonderful life and great parents that loved him so.

Deb Landes

Donna and I were very sad to hear of your loss. He was an extraordinary ambassador of goodwill for the Lodge to all who had the good fortune to pet him (or sneak him a treat under the table). We'll be thinking of you during this difficult time.

>> John McKenna

Bob and I came up to the lodge twice last summer with Grace. □ We have returned to the lodge because Bodhi was such a gracious host and made us smile everytime we approached the lodge. □ Loving a dog deeply is one of life's great bittersweet pleasures; bittersweet because we know that their life expectancy is shorter than ours so we have to pack in great memories. □ If you haven't read it already, do be sure to find the little child/adult book called Dog Heaven. □ It is touching tribute written to help children/adults find peace when our beloved dogs die. □ Thank you so much for writing to let us know. □ Our hearts go out to you at this sad time.

Jill Preyer

Heartbreaking news. Please accept my deepest sympathy. ~Cassandra

Cassandra M. Vanhooser

Associate Livings Editor
Southern Living Magazine

Dear Jan & Mike,

I am so sad to hear of Bodhi's passing, I knew when this time came it would be such a loss for both of you. Bodhi is so much a part of the lodge that his memory truly will live on with you daily.

I think of you both so often with such very fond memories of the time we spent making your dream a reality. I am so very proud of both of you and what you have accomplished there. I have heard of the giving that the lodge has enabled you to provide and that is so great. I only hear wonderful comments from the people I meet that have visited, and of course I pass on the info all the time!!

Please know that my thoughts are with you at this time and give a hug to each other from me!!

Jeff and I really need to get away soon, maybe a visit is in order!!

Blessings to you, Love,
Jeannine, Jeff & Michael

Jan,

I am very sorry to hear of Bodhi's passing. He really was a very special once in a lifetime dog. I can empathize with the sense of loss you and Mike are experiencing, having lost my miniature schnauzer last summer after 11 years, and giving her two insulin shots a day for her last five years. But then we still have Benny, the totally whacked out Maltese that came to stay for 3 days while his owner had foot surgery. That was at least six years ago so I guess Benny has found a home. His theory seems to be that now that there are only half as many dogs in the family there should be at least twice as much attention for him and that is pretty much the way it works out. He definitely has attitude. The other evening I was standing in the kitchen eating a few chips and when I didn't offer him any he simply turned around, walked over in front of the fridge and while continuing to be turned away from me looked back over his shoulder at me and peed a little puddle on the floor. As my wife used to say when our daughters were young, I was never any good at dispensing discipline. All I could do was laugh at Benny and proceed to clean up the floor.

Bill Walker

Hi J,

We are so sorry to hear about Bodhi. Anyone who values the heart strings these precious creatures create would know how much you and Mike are missing him. I must say we always looked forward to spending time with him (and you!). What a life he had, the best part being that he had loving parents treasuring his every minute.

As sad as it is, thanks for including us in your notification.

Our thoughts are with all of you,
Rick & Didi Clement

Sorry about the loss, Jan.

As one who has a very, very close canine friend and member of the family, I understand the sadness you are feeling.

Bodhi was a wonderful, friendly dog, whenever I met him.

Best wishes.

Dan

Dan Patrell
Maryland Life
www.MarylandLife.com

Dear Jan & Mike,
We too feel the loss of Bodhi.

You encouraged sharing a story of Bodhi. We remember the weekend that we stayed at the lodge a looong time ago. Bodhi showed us the walking trails and led us on the way. Bodhi helped me plant Christmas trees down in the meadow in front of the lodge. And he always greeted us when we came to the lodge with his welcoming "Woof, woof". Yes, memories . . .

Bob & Syl

My condolences, may the peace and beauty of the lodge comfort you, as you ponder a life well lived. Bob Moser

Mike and Jan and Staff and Bodhi-friends,

We are so sorry.

Thank you for sharing Bodhi with all of us who needed his wise old soul and unassuming acceptance. Bodhi was truly the "one-dog rainbow coalition" that bridged gaps between animals, mammals and other living creatures alike.

I am sure that Tom and Fred and Shirl and many canine pals are enjoying him at this moment! Does anyone know if there is really a Yappy Hour in Heaven?

Stay well.

Marji and Terry and Bekki-dog

Jan:

I was so VERY sad to hear of your loss - it brought me to tears. He was such a special treasure. I know how hard it is to lose one for which you care so deeply. What a wonderful legacy he has left for so many to remember.

How is your Mom doing? will she be coming back to your place soon?

Haven't talked to her for awhile - I will try to give her a call before too long. Please give her my best when you talk to her.

My prayers are with you.

Love, Anita & Pete

Hi Jan and Mike,

I was so sad to hear that Bodhi had passed. He was such a good dog and I know that you will miss him terribly. I took this picture on my last visit in October 2006. I hope to get the lodge sometime this Spring with my boyfriend, Bruce. He is an avid fisherman and I have told him I want to learn to fly fish. I have never been there in the Springtime and look forward to seeing you two again and for you to meet Bruce.

Take care and just know that Bodhi has touched my heart and he will definitely be remembered.

Fondly,

Janet Griskonis

Jan & Mike,

My condolences for your loss of your beloved Bodhi, he truly was "the enlightened one!" and each of us can never fully prepare for the loss of a loved one. He will always be with you in spirit and your memory will allow him to live on through each of you, every day! I was so happy to see Bodhi before his birthday last month and though he was getting around slowly, he continued to be the great ambassador of the Savage River Lodge. I am so happy to know the two of you as friends and to have had the opportunity to have been with your Bodhi each time I came out to the Lodge to ski or hike. The memory for me that will always shine in my heart of Bodhi is when I remember the second time coming out to SRL to go X-C skiing and just exiting the front door before gathering my equipment to go down the hill to start skiing, thinking, where is Bodhi? Realizing that if I just look down at my feet, I will see that he is standing right next to me! As I do this, he is looking up to me with that all-knowing look as if to say, "You didn't think I knew you were here, right?" GOTTA LOVE IT! I smile now and do have tears in my eyes too! Bodhi was a very special friend to all he came in contact with and we all benefited from his love and devotion of being a good friend. Hopefully it is comforting to know that your guests have experienced this same or similar happy moment at SRL. Take good care because that is what he wanted the most for you both.

Nemaste, Rob

So sorry for the delayed response, but we just wanted to be sure to say that our deep sympathy goes to you in the loss of Bodhi. We were glad we had a chance to meet him last Christmas!
They are the dearest creatures.

JoAnn and David Clark

Hi Jan and Mike,

I heard from Connie and Middleton of Bodhi's passing. I'm so sorry and send my condolences. Although I don't know what it's like to be Bodhi's parents missing him, I've been with 3 of my dogs when they transitioned to the other side of life. So, I hope and pray that you find some ease in this grieving process. If there's one thing I know about Bodhi, he had a very loving and full life in Lodgeland.

Sincerely,
Kristie

It must be rough getting used to the Lodge without Bodhi's cheerful smile. He is missed in this house as well. I am equally sorry about his passing, but grateful for his magical life. I trust that you got the card that we sent last week. It is probably too soon, but in case you are interested there should be lots of breeders at the show which runs from April 9th through the 11th.

Hang in there!

Kindest Regards,

Middleton Evans

Creative Director
Ravenwood Press, Inc.

I am so sorry for your loss. The first time I was at the Lodge years ago, I went by myself and Bodhi (he was younger then and on his vegetarian diet) was a great companion for me.

The second time I went with a friend, for New Years Eve this year, I was so glad to see him knowing that he would soon be in heaven.

Attached are the pics of Bodhi and me. His eyes tell the story of a long life well lived yet weary and yearning for rest. I will always remember him.

Your friend, Angie

Angela Maldonado

Dear Jan and Mike (and everyone else we have come to know over the years),

Morgan and I were so saddened to hear about the loss of Bodhi. We will be sending a contribution to the lodge in the near future. We have many fond memories of him and will miss seeing him when we return to visit. We attempted to come for dinner a few weekends ago on the way to Wisp, but the fog did not allow us to get there safely. We were very disappointed.

I hope to see you all soon, I know Morgan and Lilly would love to visit this spring

Fondly,
Karen Harris

So sorry to hear about Bodhi, We enjoyed seeing when we came up every year. Sorry we did not make it this past year. We Hope to see your this year and we know he will be greatly missed! Take Care.

Thanks,
Betsy Kremer

I first met Bodhi about four or five years ago. He greeted my friend and I with an overly excited wag of the tail followed by an "I'm board of you, good-bye" swagger only Bodhi could display.

His impressions on us only encouraged our bringing of Panzer, our now 6 yr old Weimaraner. We had the best time while there a few years ago and misses the lodge as much as I do.

I have a post card of Bodhi on a bookshelf in my office to remind me of the one place I know I can escape. I wear my fleece sweater often. I truly plan to book a stay at the end of this year and although I am no longer with my partner, I will enjoy the time with Panzer.

Jan and Mike

I am sending my deepest condolences to you both due to the loss of your beautiful labrador Bodhi. I too lost my yellow labrador named Fletcher after a 3 month battle with lung cancer on March 15th. He is one of our 3 Black Bear Tavern labradors. I can feel your loss as with my own. My thoughts and best wishes are with you.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hall

Dear Mike and Jan,

We were very sorry to hear of your loss. Bodhi was a wonderful dog and he will be greatly missed. We know what it is to lose a beloved companion – we still feel keenly the loss of our dog Chestnut, who spent so many happy holidays with us at Savage River Lodge.

Yours,

Mark, David and Nutmeg

Hi Jan:

I so appreciate the email regarding the passing of Bodhi. My heart goes out to you and Mike, and your entire staff. Our pets are so much of who we are and my thoughts are with you. Trust that his undying spirit will always walk and run with you through the woods around the lodge.

Hope to see you soon. Take care.

Regards from Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands,

Ann Nemanic, Tourism Services Manager

Dear Jan & Mike,

We are so sorry to hear about Bodhi's passing. He was such a wonderful dog, and was a very special part of the Savage River family. We know he will be greatly missed in your family, and by all the guests who had come to know and love him over the years. We hope you are comforted by happy memories of him, and by knowing what joy he brought to so many in his lifetime.

Warm regards,
Rebecca & Eric Hansen

Dear Jan & Mike,

We were so terribly sad to hear of Bodhi's passing. Our hearts go out to you as we know what a special pet he was to you both and a what a wonderful Lodge Dog he was to all the guests. His memory will definitely live on. In fact, we smile every day when we look at our Bodhi calendar and see him in all his glory in those great calendar pictures.

We wish you our most sincere sympathy,

Jennifer and Todd Buckstein

Dear Mike and Jan,

We are so sorry to hear about Bodhi. We have enjoyed visiting with you over the past several years, and will miss Bodhi on our next trip.

We, too, have lost a dog recently. Ours was a Chesapeake retriever, who came to the lodge several times. We can easily empathize with you over the loss of Bodhi.

Best regards,

Hank and Jose Kaestner

Dear Jan and Mike,

We just checked in to good old #1 and discovered the news of Bodhi's passing. Dogs in general are such a wonder - a human's best friend without a doubt. How Bodhi was able to be EVERY human's best friend takes the wonderment of dogs to a whole new level!

Please count Kathleen and me among the many who will always have fond memories of Bodhi's warm greetings. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.

Despite missing Bodhi, SRL remains as our retreat of choice.

Power and strength to you!

Kathleen and Skip Case.

Dear Mike and Jan,

We are very sorry to hear of your loss of your beloved dog, Bodhi. My husband stayed there this winter for a business meeting and when he came home, Bodhi was all he could talk about. We had a chocolate lab who was the love of our lives and so we understand how you feel.

While he was there, my husband purchased the wonderful Bodhi book and I received it for my birthday. I will treasure it and hope that you will be safe with his memories.

Judy and Richard Yost

Hi J,
Didi and I would like to send you and Mike a remembrance of beloved Bodhi. Would you please ask one of your staff members to e-mail several of your favorite pictures of him? Sadly,
R

Dear Mike and Jan,
Rick and I were so saddened to read of Bodhi's passing. He was a wonderful Lodge Dog and we always looked forward to seeing him on our visits to Savage River. Bodhi shared a rich and loving life with you and we are very sorry for your loss.

Rick and Val McGonigal,
Mays Landing, NJ

Mike and Jan

.Just back from a road trip.....was very saddened to here of your and our loss of Bodhi..he was such a wonderful personality. I'm sure his spirit will remain and run those ridges and valleys in a way he never has. I'm sure you still feel him and see him at his favorite spots of rest and fun. What a Creation of God that can join so many people together in a love for him. I miss him as I write this. will be out soon.....will see you both and of course support the fund in his name.....like no other" Bodhi Lodge Dog".....what a champion.....with deepest sympathy.....

jim waters.

We were lucky enough to meet Bodhi this past August when we snuck away from work and kids to celebrate our 21st wedding anniversary. What a great dog!!! He is forever in the memories of our anniversary. With Deepest Sympathy,

The Stephens-Wheeling ,WV

Dear Jan & Mike,

We were so sorry to hear about the death of Bodhi. Middleton Evans was at the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac all Labrador show last week. As he was signing my book he told us the sad news. Appropriately so the cover on my copy of Bodhi, The All American Lodge Dog has Angelic Bodhi pictured – it brought tears to my eyes.

My heart goes out to you in this time of grieving...we know all too well. It took us a long time before we were able to even talk about the passing of our beloved 13 yr old Judah(black lab) 2 yrs ago – and it is still hard at times (even though we have 8 labradors).

Over the years we have frequently visited Savage River Lodge – mainly for dinners since we're located on a farm just across I68 in Finzel. We always looked forward to Bodhi's pleasant greeting and happy personality. He was definitely the star... and He knew it!!!. It was a sad occasion to be there last Saturday night for dinner with friends and to view the picture albums filled with precious memories of your beloved Bodhi.

Because you have so many visitors and regular customers you may not remember us – we've spoken several times about our how wonderful Labradors can be. We own GoldenMoon Labradors (not a regular breeding kennel because all of our dogs live in our house – we don't have kennel runs etc) Our litters – maybe 2 a year are whelped and raised by us in our home. Not knowing what your plans are for the possibility of another furry companion – I just wanted to let you know that we're expecting a litter of yellows and blacks Memorial Day weekend. If you are interested check us out at <http://www.goldenmoonlabs.com/> and give us a call. You can come visit anytime for a “doggie fix” or to talk to someone who cares.

Our Love & Prayers,
Ellen & Larry Moon

Dear Jan and Mike:

As promised, I have attached my tribute to Bodhi. While Jay and I only knew him for a brief time, we feel blessed to have known such a wonderful and loyal dog.

See you in December '08!

Fondly,

John Holt (and Jay and "Noah")

Dear Mike and Jan,

Last weekend we were lucky to be invited to a bird talk by Middleton Evans. In addition to being "wowed" by his bird photography, we were able to see copies of his book about Bodhi the Lodge Dog.

Paging through it certainly brought back fond memories of that wonderful dog, and well as happy memories of the several visits we have made to SRL with our two (now just one) dogs.

Thanks for the memories!

Best

Hank and Josie Kaestner

dear jan and mike.

we were heartbroken to hear about Bodhi. having kept up with his past health problems, we were so happy when he regained strength and was doing better. and now, he's missed by so many....hundreds of people who you let into his life and he, theirs. he was one heck of a dog! we will always remember him.

we hope you are doing ok. I know how hard it is to lose that certain special member of the family.

dana, hap and maddy carr
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ODE TO BODHI

BY JOHN HOLT

**I LIE HERE ON MY CUSHION
WONDERING WHAT ALL THE FUSS IS ABOUT?
“SMILE FOR THE CAMERA BODHI”
YOU’LL NEVER SEE ME POUT.**

**I LIE HERE ON MY CUSHION
MY OTTER-SHAPED TAIL CURLED UNDER
MY BEIGE FUR SHINES IN THE NOON DAY SUN
I LIE HERE AND I WONDER**

**“AM I THAT SPECIAL
TO DESERVE SUCH A PART?
I’M SIMPLY BEING ME
A DOG WITH A HEART.”**

**I’M NEVER LATE
I EAT ALL MY FOOD
I’M GENERALLY CONTENT
IN A SANGUINE MOOD.**

**I’M POLITE TO A FAULT
AND LOVE WITH MY ALL
I’LL SIT ON COMMAND
AND CHASE THE RED BALL.**

**I WEAR MANY HATS
AND POSE FOR THE SHOOT
WITH THE FIREMAN
IN HIS FIREMAN BOOTS.**

**AT THE END OF THE DAY
I GO HOME WITH MY FOLKS
‘TIL ANOTHER SUN RISES
ON THE MIGHTY OAKS.**

**THEN I WALK TO THE LODGE
WITH MY MOM AND MY PAP
AND I LIE ON MY CUSHION
FOR A LONG MORNING’S NAP.**

