

# Communiqué #1 – 12/31/2009

December 31, 2009

To the friends of our mother,

It is with mixed emotions that I write this communication. As I'm sure you are aware by now, our mother—Françoise André Stegeman—passed on December 4, 2009 at approximately 7:15 AM ET. Although her passing was not unexpected I have been shocked to discover how the experience has moved me in unexpected ways.

My mother had “a good life.” This is not to say that her life was easy, happy, or without struggles. It is to say that she left our planet a better place. She touched many people throughout North America and Europe. She inspired, educated, and introduced us all to some of the best paintings and drawings of the 20th century. She also brought into this world three boys who all are part of her.

The purpose of this communiqué is to let you know what is happening and to reassure you that her passing will not go in silence. As my mother enjoyed traveling and bridging continents and cultures so do her children and her friends. This presents many logistical challenges. We are finally getting these challenges under control.

Status:

- As per my mother's wishes, Françoise André Stegeman was cremated December 7, 2009.
- We are planning a memorial service that will occur sometime around March. This memorial will be a way to celebrate her life and share how she touched all of us.
- At the same time we are looking to implement other technological (very unlike my mother) ways to share and rejoice in her spirit. More on this shortly.

I want to get this out as soon as possible—so I will send this now—and update information shortly.

We appreciate your kind thoughts and wishes.

Warm regards,



Daniel

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