

Great White Pine (Patrick Duff Memorial)

You will never know everything  
But you may remember this  
If you empathize with your senses and appreciate their wisdom  
Gaze downward without prejudice and deep slow breathes  
Observe what's obvious with fresh eyes.  
Let that image play  
At least once a day  
Because the next visit  
I promise it will be different  
Inhale  
Exhale  
His name was Patrick R Duff  
He was an arborist misstep  
A reminder of our fragile mortality from a heartbreaking accident  
He was their son  
He was our neighbor  
And up until the end  
He was his wife's best friend

--Kilam Tel Aviv

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