Neill

My beautiful husband and father of our four children, Neill Openshaw, died on 1st January 2014, following a cerebral aneurysm. He was 49 years old.

Neill was an Orthopaedic Surgeon with a thriving practice in Bunbury, Western Australia. He was fit, healthy and loved his life. His four children, Emma, Charlotte, Kate and Henry adored him. We were months away from celebrating our 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Without warning, Neill collapsed at home on the morning of New Year's Eve. He was flown to Perth where we received the devastating news that he could not recover. As a family, we suggested he could become an organ donor.

Neill has given new life to four people, with his kidneys, lungs and liver all being successfully transplanted. We miss him more than words can ever say. He is our hero.

Last year, our son Henry won his age division of Donate Life's writing competition with a short story about his father being an organ donor. The ABC then filmed Henry at his school, telling his story. You can see it [here].

We always say the world is a better place because Neill was here. He was a talented surgeon, a very loved husband and father and an organ donor. An amazing legacy.