A Man Of Many Words

he was a good man... Lived

David A. Cole, b. 1939

tribute to remarkable

who died last April

He envisioned a world

imaginary world, created

So there he sat,

over the matter and trying to find some

In more ways than one,

consistently outstanding marks on

his family.

He hoped he might be

and fun-

teacher worth

Underneath the self-deprecation,

his students adored him

he looked up.

my life.

impossible, the world as an enchanting adventure.

a lifeline toward the

to mix metaphors

Brooklyn

Cole was

The book that of course remains the

story of his life

with its routine

In working

he turned emotions and anxieties into another

also explore daily life.

Voice

talk about

with stamps or a passion for the

characters, when not playing

were of little interest to him.

author

nonsensewords,

unscramble an anagram

advocate

In comprehending his tireless devotion to

this linguistic enterprise.

Cole at work

working together

he felt a willingness to throw everything

away if the work wasn't going right. This came

first: making the work work.

walk in the woods just paging through the books in art.

died committed

to

unparalleled correspondence.

ideals that most of us abandon

smiling boyishly and dreamily.

his own capacity

catch phrases

line drawings,

who created

what will they think about?

he was a very great artist indeed.

Following Cole's

an ambiguous moment

is bound to inspire

goodbye,

Cole's

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