



# William Robert Charles Bridges

18 August 1985 - 24 April 2009

The Perse was very sad to learn that Old Persean, Will Bridges, passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at Nottingham Trent University, where he had been studying for a Masters degree in Creative Writing. The School offers its most sincere condolences to all Will's friends and family.

A Facebook group "**Will Bridges – RIP our friend**" has been set up for Will at the link below by his sister, Harriet, and friends Tom Harrison and Ben Apperly. All those who knew Will are warmly invited to use that site to leave their messages and tributes.

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=87255572720&ref=ts>

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### *The following tribute was kindly provided by Tom Harrison*

Will Bridges, Bruce Wayne, Superman, The Hick, or however else you knew him, sadly passed away in his sleep on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

Will was an amazing friend to us all, who made us all laugh and smile, whose antics have become legendary, and whose legend will live with us for the rest of our lives. He was blessed with a sharp wit and lyrical tongue; a read through his Facebook profile can't but make you laugh. At the time of his passing, he had begun studying for an MA in Creative Writing, which had always been his true passion. It is comforting that he had finally found enjoyment and motivation in his studies. In the short period he produced literature for his course, he had already had work accepted for publishing.

Will's world was polarised; he was too strong a personality to adopt the middle ground. He wore his heart on his sleeve, and was a man of principled opinions. He could never do things in half measures. Outwardly, his playful, mischievous and often whimsical nature always entertained, but beneath he held courage and decency. He always looked after his friends and family, and took pride in celebrating those he knew.

Although his life was short, he lived well, and with unparalleled drama and excitement. We are truly privileged to have known him. He will be remembered with great fondness and big smiles. In that way, he'll always be with us and a part of our lives. As a good friend said, he's probably upstairs eating burgers with Elvis now.