

## Tim's Remembrance

Hello - I don't really know where to begin. Suffice it to say I found out about Jessica's passing today, from an old friend of mine who herself had only learned of it recently. I was and *am* stunned. We knew Jessica during the SCA days, and though I drifted out of that hobby I still remember the people I knew then fondly, if at times only distantly.

Among them Jessica was a shining light. In those days Jessica and A. J. were a couple, and two fine people. I would only see them at SCA events, but they always treated me as if I were an old, close friend, and always had an embrace and kind words for me. I was bewitched by Jessica, and always felt an indescribable happiness when in her presence. It was as if the positiveness and energy she had within her was radiated outwards to encompass anyone within her vision. I never saw her when she wasn't smiling or laughing. No matter how down I might have felt, just seeing Jessica and being near her would make me feel infinitely better. In the years that have rolled by since those days I can honestly say I have met very few who had as sweet or as honest a soul as Jessica.

I knew her and A. J. only for that short time of 2 or 3 years from what now seems light years ago, but when I heard the sad news tonight and was told of this site I felt as though I had to come here. And once I saw the photos, they triggered my memories of her and I felt compelled to write. I am struggling to make sense of this, and must say I am at a loss to do so. If there *is* a loving God who cares for us mortals I know Jessica and hers must be with him now. And he is richer for having her with him ...

In the SCA days Jessica and A. J. knew me as Timothy of Edessa, my real name is

Tim Bennett - Thanks for giving me the opportunity to share this.

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