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It is written by a store owner who carries my work

I am truly honored...

Angels are Watching Over All of Us

Some of you may know this already, but last year tragedy struck our lives at Ma Maison and one of the owners lost her 15 year old son, Taylor LaKamp, to a tragic motorcycle accident.

Our lives were forever altered and the grieving process continues, but with all horrific life experiences we have now found that there can be some shining light if you let it in.

Amidst all the ensuing chaos of living life after a sudden death and running a business we were approached by an English Gentleman who claimed he was drawn to the store to show us a product line that he made. Despite our initial reaction of hesitation we agreed to hear him out and view his art. His company is "An Englishman in LA" and the primary pieces he featured for us were actual photographs of angel statues from the cemetery in Highgate, London England. Jeff, the 'Englishman in LA', took these photos himself of beautiful ornate architectural statues and then reproduced them using a truly unique process of putting the images on a wood tablets that he made and applying a hand aging method to give the appearance of an antique treasure.

After our first glimpse at his inspiring and serene pieces both Katie and I wept, knowing that this artwork was a gift brought to us for comfort and positive energy both for the store and our lives. Jeff too had lost a loved one and was very sympathetic to our emotional state and also the current economic downturn, so a business relationship was started out of odd circumstances.

Ma Maison took many of The 'Englishman in LA' pieces into the store on consignment, ranging from the Angels to Pastorals, to Botanicals and a wide range of Crosses. Jeff was determined to make a peaceful angel available for every household in Santa Clarita and we were grateful that he had trusted us with his products that are sold Nationwide.

Prior to him coming to us, we did not carry inspirational items and did not know how this shift in our product mix would be accepted.

Lo and behold over one year later, in one of the worst economic downturns in our lifetime, The Angels have increased our annual sales by 22%. We have forged a fantastic friendship with Jeff Cane and he calls us his flagship store, bringing us the newest creations and making monthly appearances at the store to meet our customers. Ma Maison now offers custom tablets that can be made in days with a family photograph, custom marriage and birth certificates and a catalog of thousands of images to cover your wall with artwork sure to be a family heirloom.

To this day Jeff does not know what drew him to come into our store, since he lives in the Valley and had never been in to our store before. There is no doubt that throughout the last year and half the positive energy flow that we have experienced, the amazing people we have support from and the heightened awareness of everyday being a blessing is from Taylor watching over us, our Angel forever.

To see "The Englishman in LA" artwork is an experience we invite everyone to enjoy, come by the store anytime – we'd love to meet you and hear your stories too.

-Ede Eichmann
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