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To The Clarion Community and UltraTree Customers:

It is with deep sadness that I announce the passing of my beloved husband and life partner of fifty-nine years, Phillip Carroll.

Phil passed away after a hard fought battle from the complications of lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and kidney failure. His loss will be deeply felt by those who knew him, and those who had that pleasure, will all agree that this world is a better place for having this kind and gentle man as part of it.

To the Clarion community, Phil was known for the development of the third party template he named UltraTree.

What many of his customers and Clarion users would not know is that Phil could be counted among the first users of Clarion, dating back to 1986, with the first release as a DOS product. This occurred while he was still working as a Senior Software Developer for IBM. After a 30-year career of programming IBM mainframe computers, he knew the future was in desktop computing, and found Clarion to be a product for the future.

Prior to his long hospitalization of nearly two months, he had reached a point where he knew it was time to explore what opportunities might be available which would allow him to transfer his product to someone who could continue to make it available to all the customers whose applications depended upon it. Unfortunately, time was not on his side, as he was unable to realize those wishes.

Although I am not a software developer and knew little about the technical side of his business, after his passing, I knew that I had to fulfil his wishes. It would be what he would want me to do and what I had to do for his many loyal customers, whom I did not want to be left in the untenable position of having UltraTree just vanish.

I turned to Phil's and UT's long time friend and user, Mike Gorman of Whitemarsh Corporation, for guidance and advice. If it were not for Mike's perseverance, encouragement and wealth of knowledge and experience with the product, I would be writing a very different announcement. Without Mike's help and good judgement in plotting a path forward, another Clarion template would have ended.

Instead, after many emails of bringing me up to speed on how continuing its life could be accomplished, with Phil's computer two thousand miles away from Bowie, Maryland, I am proud and pleased to announce that UltraTree will continue to be available to the Clarion community.

An agreement has been reached for Mike Gorman to take over the product on an interim basis until time, manpower and other resources are available to transfer the product to SoftVelocity. Mr. Zau-nere, to whom I shall be eternally grateful, has agreed that UltraTree is a product which should remain available to Clarion users.

In the immediate future, Mike Gorman will develop a new website to market the product for sales, subscription renewals and tech support. He will also upgrade it to all new versions of Clarion. The name of the product will continue as UltraTree, but will be marketed as Whitemarsh UltraTree. I have agreed to leave the website for Enabling Simplicity active until such time as the transfer has been completed and Mike is confident that all files and data relating to the products have been transferred. All current annual subscriptions will be honored and any new renewal notifications will be sent from the Whitemarsh UltraTree website.

If anyone has any questions regarding UltraTree, or is in need of tech support under a current subscription, I invite you to contact Mike Gorman directly. His contact information is outlined below.

When all the details have been finalized, an email will be sent to the customer database which will outline scheduling and other pertinent information regarding product updating, tech support and pricing.

As I write this today, December 6, 2023, it is a very special day in our lives. Today, we would be celebrating Phil's 89th Birthday. Knowing that his work will live on, in his very humble way, Phil would consider continuation of his work a great birthday present.

I appreciate the patience and indulgence of the current customers while this transition is taking place. It has been a difficult and trying time and I have tried to do what I thought Phil would want me to do by making it my responsibility after he passed. Clarion and UltraTree have been part of our lives for nearly forty years. But the time has come to pass the torch.

On Phil's behalf, I would like to take this opportunity to relay our most sincere thanks and gratitude for the loyal support of the customers who made UltraTree an important part of their work. He would be most proud to know that the work of his second career will continue.

Best regards,

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