Gordon Aikman's fundraising campaign reaches £600,000

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Gordon on the left with his husband Joe Pike. The couple married in March 2015.

Only eight weeks after his death and on what would have been his 32nd birthday, Gordon Aikman's fundraising campaign has broken through £600,000. The funds will be used to find a cure for Motor Neurone Disease which is what Gordon was diagnosed with two years before he died on 2 February 2017.

Gordon successfully lobbied the First Minister to double the number of MND nurses and fund them through the NHS, He also raised over £500,000 to research a cure for MND.

Please give to MND in Gordon's memory using the hashtag #GordonsGift and this link here <u>GordonsFightback.com</u>

Gordon's husband Joe Pike along with a team of his friends have now set the target at £1 million.

Joe said: "Today, for the first time I won't be able to kiss my husband, hold him and say: 'Happy birthday. I love you'. There are no cards this year, no gifts, no fancy meals – just memories.

"I miss Gordon's voice, his eyes and his smile. I miss the injokes and affection and finishing each other's sentences.

"But Gordon never wanted pity, and I don't either. I want to turn a negative into a positive. Today, I want everyone to mark Gordon's birthday by giving the gift of a cure for Motor Neurone Disease.

"Gordon's real passion was finding a cure. Doctors do not know what causes Motor Neurone Disease, let alone how to cure it.

But scientists in labs doing research provided him with hope. Not that he would be saved, but hope for future generations.

"A cure for MND – that would be a real gift to remember Gordon by."

Lawrence Cowan was a close friend of Gordon's and is a member of the Gordon's Fightback campaign. He said: "I miss Gordon every day. He would have been delighted to smash £600,000. But he would want us to cure this terrible disease once and for all.

"That takes money. So the Gordon's Fightback campaign will do everything to fund the cutting edge research we need to stop deaths from MND.

"For Gordon, and everyone else battling this disease, we will make it our personal mission to raise £1 million.

"Every pound in your pocket is progress towards defeating MND. So please give what you can at <u>GordonsFightback.com</u>"