

Memorial Book



In Loving Memory of

John C Graham
(August 28, 1938 - April 12, 2007)



Life is eternal and love is immortal; And death is only a horizon, And a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.

Rossiter W. Raymond

This memorial website was created to remember MY Dad **John C Graham** who was born in The **United States in Oak Park, Michigan** on **August 28, 1938** and passed away on **April 12, 2007**. You will live forever in our memories and hearts. Its Been only a Few Days and you are so missed

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Gallery

so sweet, so unforgettable...



dad sleeping



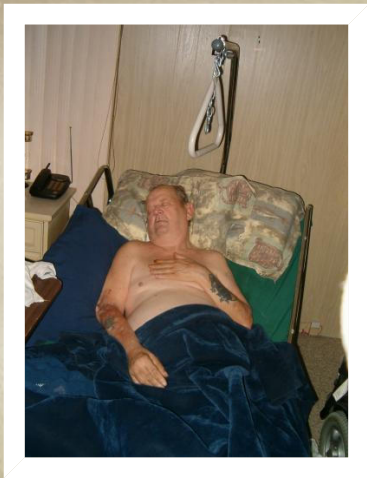
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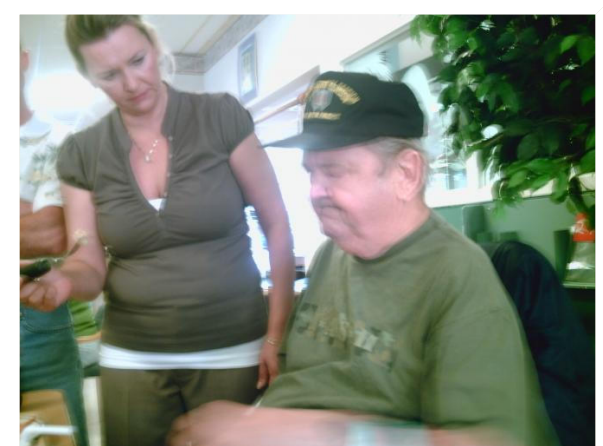


dad Sleeping



Picture 102





Picture 101



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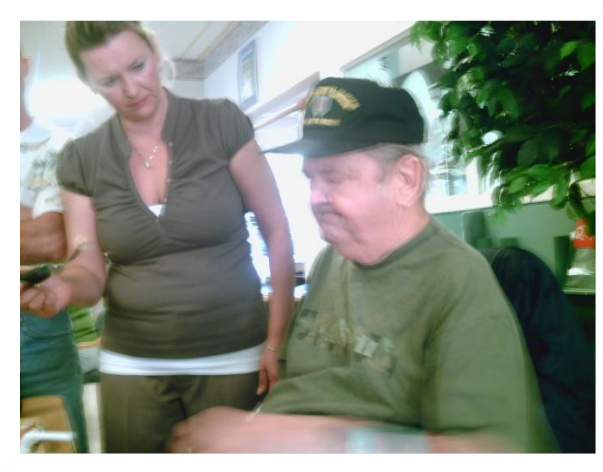
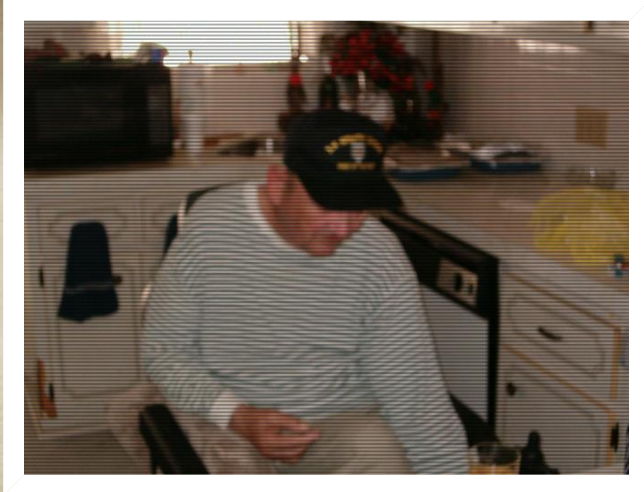


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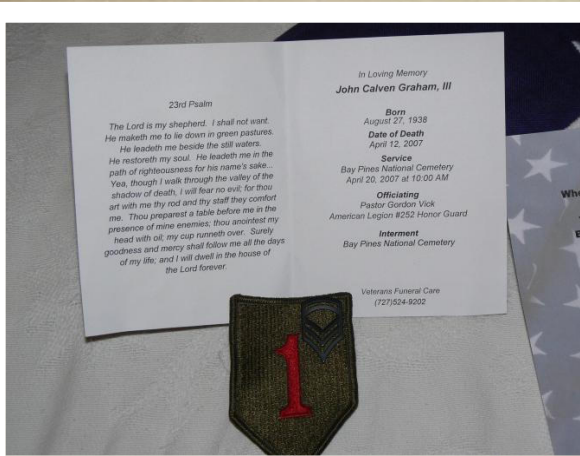
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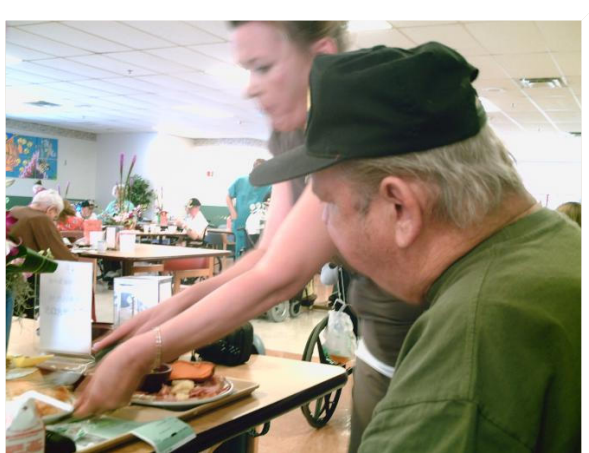
mom and dad at nicole,s wedding



Picture 114



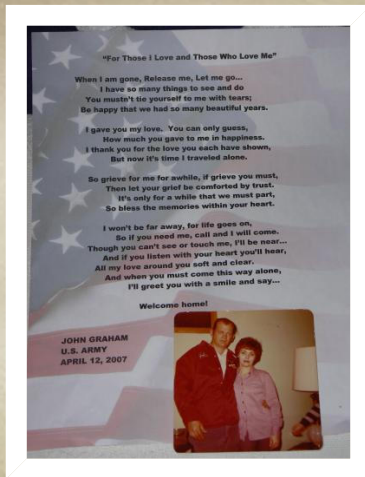
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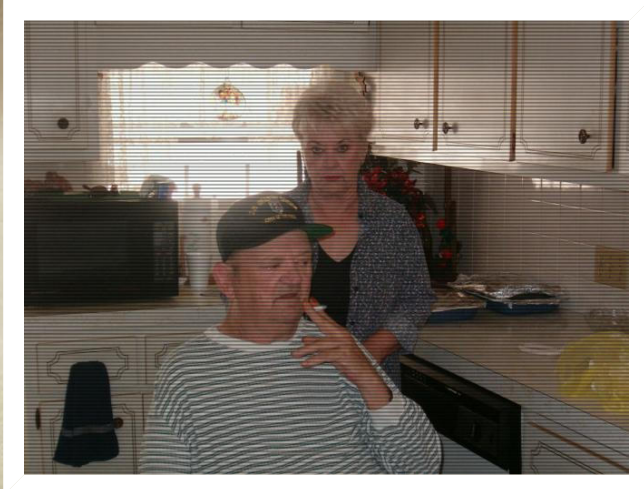


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Buddies In Heaven



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Memorial Candles

our words, your light...

11/06/2009

Lorraine

Not a day goes by that I don't need you :o(I miss you so much. Everyday is we feel the loss...holiday season is the worse

11/06/2009

Lorraine

Hi Dad...the pain of missing you is still here and the tears flow. You are such a great man and left your mark on so many people.

09/29/2009

Yvonne Graham Levy

It was so long since I seen you last. I have very nice memories of you. So saddened when I heard you passed away.

09/27/2009

nancy

Gosh, I mis your phone calls and good times. I know you are with the angels.

09/27/2009

Frank

Miss you brother. I always think of us as boys on Leroy. Love you and will see you soon, but not too soon.

09/26/2009

Terry Graham

I love you Uncle John, I could not have been more proud.

09/24/2009

John Graham

Hey dad i came to see you the other day, man i miss ya, I got so much to share with you. tell paula's mom(see next message)

09/24/2009

John Graham

Tell her that paula is doing good and I am taking good care of her, tell her how much i love her daughter and when we get to heaven

09/24/2009

John Graham

To come over for diner and some laughs , we should be there in about 30 years!!!!

09/13/2009

Charlene

Hi Dad, sorry it's been so long since I've been here. It's hard for me but i wanted you to know how much I love you...

08/28/2009

Mom to Angel Melissa Platt

I light this candle in memory of your beloved John on his birthday, God Bless you...

08/28/2009

Laura Lewinson

Happy Birthday to my Dad!! I love and miss him so much!

08/28/2009

Melissa Eiler (Visitor)

*Happy Birthday John. May
God forever Bless You &
yours.*

08/28/2009

Paula

*Happy birthday John I miss
you.....*

08/26/2009

John Graham

*Dad boy o boy i think if you
were here you would join me
and become a republican,if
you only knew what
congress and prez is doing*

08/25/2009

mom 2 Waylon Kitchens

*Your love will light our way,
your memory will forever be
with us !! You will never be
forgotten! ~HUGS~*

08/10/2009

Paula

*Hi, John,i was just thinking
about you today.Tell mom i
miss her and think about her
all the time and i miss you
both VERY MUCH.*

07/30/2009

Paula

*I would like to no what you
thought of our president.and
another thing i miss all your
soups.*

07/30/2009

Paula

*John,i was just thinking
about you.I would like to
talk to you about our
country and how it has
changed so much.*

07/25/2009

John Graham

Miss ya pop

07/18/2009

Paula

*I am thinking about you and
my mom tonight,even
though it has been years the
PAIN NEVER goes away.I
love you..*

07/14/2009

Paula

*Just wanted to say i was
thinking about you and miss
you.*

07/07/2009

john graham

*Hey dad ,just thinking about
you , i miss ya dad*

06/04/2009

Laura

*I know you were with me in
my kickboxing class today!
You told me to stop hitting
like a girl. Then I
remembered how to do it!
ILY*

06/04/2009

Lorraine

We miss you dad. Not a day goes by that I don't need to talk with you. You were such a smart man. We still need you. I Love U

05/25/2009

Paula

Just wanted to say i was thinking about you.....

05/01/2009

Lorraine

I still miss you so much dad. The loss and emptiness does not go away. I love you.

04/26/2009

Paula

Its already been 2 yrs without you,time goes by fast,we all miss you.tell my MOM i miss her very very much to!

04/18/2009

maxwell

Grandpa, it feels like yesterday you passed,its been hard without you. i love you and your in my thoughts always.

04/12/2009

Mom to Angel Melissa Platt

I light this candle in memory of your beloved John on his Angel Day, God Bless you.

04/12/2009

Charlene

I can't believe it's been 2 years already, seems like yesterday. You are missed so much. I love you. Happy Easter!!!

04/06/2009

Lorraine

Hi Dad, in 6 days it will be two years since you left us. You are missed so much. I hope you can feel how much you are loved.

04/04/2009

maxwell

Grandpa, i miss you so much and i love you,i miss sitting with you, and when you told me stories of when you were in the army.

03/09/2009

Lorraine

I sure am missing you dad. I wish we could talk. I still need your wisdom. I love you dad.

02/09/2009

Paula

Just wanted you to know i was thinking about you and my mom,not a day goes by that i dont think about you two.love ya

02/05/2009

John Graham

Hey Dad I Passed My state Exam yesterday on my birth day , it was a 6.5 hour test and i got a 87% on it .Love Ya

02/05/2009

John Graham

Hey Dad miss ya , i am 44 now and sure could have liked to have a beer with you on my B-Day.

02/05/2009

Lorraine

You would be so PROUD of your son and his accomplishments. He looks out for all of us and has been someone Max can look up to.

02/05/2009

Lorraine

Hi Dad...not a day goes by that I don't miss you. Every day I wish I could call you for advice. I love you dad.

02/01/2009

maxwell

Grandpa sorry i have not wrote in a long time i just wanted to say i love you so much and miss you. i love you grandpa.

02/01/2009

Charlene

I so wish you were here, i need your advise right now and I'm not sure what to do. Please guide me if you can

12/31/2008

Lorraine

It's almost 2009! Happy New Year, dad. I love you. I miss you more each day. It's not true...time does not heal loss

12/08/2008

Lorraine

The holidays are so different without you here. You are missed so much dad. I love you.

12/02/2008

Jphn Graham IV

Hey Dad i miss you, i am thinking about you , tell Paula's mom she misses her so much

11/26/2008

Charlene

My Trixie is with you and I know she is happy.

11/26/2008

Charlene

WOW... reading all your candles for the past 1 1/2 years, you are surely loved & missed & we have the best family ever!!!!

11/26/2008

Charlene

Happy Thanksgiving!!!! I'm missing you so much. I will be there tomorrow with Mom & Lorraine. You are always with us. OXOX

11/20/2008

Lorraine

So many months have paased but the loss is still so new. I love you dad and miss you so much every day. It's been really hard.

11/11/2008

charlene

SO PROUD!!! I love & miss you so much.

11/11/2008

Charlene

Rachael is pregnant with your 2nd Great Grandchild. Mick is in the Army, I guess all those talks with her paid off. You would be

11/11/2008

Charlene

Hi Dad, I know it's been along time since I've been here. Today is a day to honor you for serving our country.

10/24/2008

john grahgam

Hey dad i have lots to talk to you about . I miss you

10/23/2008

Lorraine

The Holiday's are creeping up on us. I wish you were here dad, I miss you. I love you and I'm proud to be your daughter.

10/13/2008

Lorraine

I'm missing you dad

10/02/2008

Lorraine

Mom had a nice Birthday, the only thing missing was you. Watch over us dad, I know you are our Angel. We love and miss you so much

09/24/2008

Lorraine

It's a beautiful day today. Not too hot with a little breeze, it feels like the beginning of Fall. I wish you were here dad.

09/19/2008

Paula

I was just thinking of you today John,it's FRIDAY that was your favorite day of the week,love your favorite Daughter-in-Law.

09/17/2008

Lorraine

Hi dad, just thinking about you and missing you...as usual. I love you dad!

08/28/2008

Paula

Happy Birthday John, I miss you.

08/28/2008

Edwina ~ Troy Mitchell's mum

Happy Birthday dear John, keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

08/28/2008

Dessa Smith

Happy Birthday John holding you and your family close to my heart. Joseph's mom

08/28/2008

John Graham

Dad I love you,Its your 70th b-daybut in heaven your 33 and feeling good , have fun up there on your b-day.see you in my deams!!!!

08/28/2008

Lorraine

Happy Birthday Dad. I wish you were here for me to bring you your favorite gift. I wish I had spent more time with you. I love you

08/27/2008

Lorraine

It's someone's birthday tomorrow ;) I miss you dad. You are still so much a part of my day. I love you.

08/22/2008

Lorraine

Take care of this stupid stuff dad. Life is to short to waste. We still need you here to referee. I miss you so much.

08/21/2008

Lorraine

Tell Paul we miss him too. It's been a year today. I miss you so much dad. I enjoy our talks on my way home from work everyday

08/15/2008

John Graham

It still hasent got easier . the pain of our loss is always present , I miss you Dad and i wish i had more time with you

08/12/2008

Lorraine

I miss you dad. I think about you all of the time. Watch over us and continue to guide us. We still need you. I love you

08/06/2008

Lorraine

Wish we could talk about the Presidential election. There are so many things that come up that I need to ask you about. I miss u

07/29/2008

John Graham

I am thinking about you dad , i miss you , please forgive me for all the crap i gave you throughout life , i miss you

07/17/2008

Lorraine

I sure am missing you dad. I love you.

07/05/2008

Lorraine

I missed you so much yesterday. We don't do the family cook outs like we did when you were still with us. Nothings the same

07/05/2008

Lorraine

There is this sadness that looms over all of us. Even if we don't talk about it we can see it in each others eyes. We miss you

07/04/2008

CHARLENE

Dad, I miss you everyday. I wish you could see Graham, you would be so proud. I love you so much!!!!

07/02/2008

John Graham

Dad i am thinking about you !!! life is differant with out you , there is a spark missing in everyday life without you

06/20/2008

Lorraine

Charlene and I are talking about you right now and reliving wonderful memories of you. We love you so much dad. We miss you.

06/15/2008

Lorraine

Happy Father's Day. Terry and I left you flowers. We both miss you so much. I am so proud to be your daughter. We love U

06/11/2008

Lorraine

Saturday was not the same without you. It was a nice day but over-shadowed by your absence, We love and miss you so much.

06/07/2008

Paula

Zachary and Samantha's party was wonderful, We are so proud of them, you and my mom would be so proud too. I MISS YOU BOTH ...

06/05/2008

Lorraine

I wish you could have met my dogs you would love them..especially Dodger. I tell him "my dad would have loved you so much"

06/05/2008

Lorraine

Samantha's Graduation was beautiful. You would be proud of your Sammy...she's a good girl. We miss you so much dad.

06/05/2008

Lorraine

You know the problems that are going on...please help with them. Terry...mom, Laura, Charlene, Tia..the list goes on. We need you

05/30/2008

Lorraine

We're having a potluck at work and I have to bring a dish that releates to my heritage. I'm going to make Scotch Eggs. ILU

05/28/2008

John Graham

Hey Dad i visited you today , its my first with out someone with me , i miss you . sooooooooooooo much

05/24/2008

Paula

John i miss talking to you ,and my mom not a day goes by that i dont think about you both.i miss both of you so much...

05/19/2008

maxwell

GRANDPA i miss you so much i wish you were here its been over a year.i want to talk so much cant stand it with out you i LOVE YOU!

05/19/2008

Lorraine

I sure do miss you. I had a dream that you came back to visit us. I know you are always with me. You are my Angel watching over me

05/10/2008

Lorraine

I love you dad. I'll bring mom flowers from you tomorrow for Mother's Day. We miss you so much.

04/29/2008

John Graham

Dad zachary and michael made honor role , i know you would be proud of them like me !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

04/29/2008

Lorraine

I miss you dad. I think about you all the time. Our lives have changed so much without you here. You are loved more then you know.

04/22/2008

CHARLENE

Hi dad, missing you so much!!!

04/20/2008

Lorraine

We had dinner with mom today and shared memories about you. We miss you so much dad. I love you...

04/16/2008

Lorraine

Every morning I drink my tea and think about you drinking coffee on your way to work. Its the little things missed too. I love U

04/12/2008

Charlene

I also can't spell.

04/12/2008

Charlene

It's I can't believe it's been a year. My life wiill never be the same

04/12/2008

PAULA

I just want to say how much i miss you.....

04/12/2008

Dessa Smith

*John, I light this candle in your memory, keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.
Joseph's mom*

04/12/2008

Lorraine

Good Morning dad! I miss you so much...we all miss you. We shouldn't have to do this today. It's not fair. I love you

04/11/2008

Laura Lewinson

I wish I were there tomorrow morn. with everyone! Dad, I know you tried to keep us all together. I'm sorry!! I suffer. ilu

04/11/2008

john graham

Dad i am bringing you a cup of coffee in the morn . i miss you pop!!!! you are so missed . love ya dad

04/10/2008

Lorraine

It's been a hard week. I love and miss you so much.....just one more day to spend with you...to hear your voice and to hug you

04/06/2008

LAURA

I love and miss my Dad! But I know his spirit is here through my sisters and brother. I thank God for my family! They are special!

04/03/2008

john graham

You came home and within 12 hours you were bed ridden , never to rise again and 6 days later you were gone , ilu

04/03/2008

john graham

O daddy were are you , i miss you so , in 3 days its a year , it still hurts so much , that dam smoking took you from us

04/02/2008

maxwell

You would be so proud of grandma she quit smoking on monday she is going through a rough time so prey for her i love you grandpa!!

04/02/2008

maxwell

Hi grandpa i miss you so much it gets harder every day without you.i cant belive its been about a year i love you and miss ALOT!!!

04/02/2008

Lorraine

My job is going pretty good. I wish we could talk. I love you dad. I miss you so much. Every day is still so hard without you here

03/31/2008

Lorraine

I sure am missing you dad.

03/23/2008

Lorraine

Happy Easter Dad! You were still with us last Easter. We miss you so much. I hope you like your flowers. I love you dad.

03/21/2008

Rachael

Hey papa I just listened to the song that reminds me of you. I miss you so bad, I wish I could talk with you over a cup of coffee

03/19/2008

Randy

Hi Pops, I love & miss you Your Rebels Husband!!!

03/19/2008

Charlene

Hi, I miss you so very much. I have so much going on & I wish you were here to help me thru this. I love you!!

03/18/2008

Lorraine

Johnny takes such great care of your website. I'm so thankful to be able to write down my thoughts and feelings. I love you...

03/18/2008

Lorraine

Well I started my job yesterday. I like it. I'd rather stay home but that's not possible. I miss you so much dad. Im sad

03/17/2008

John Graham

I found your Drivers License yesterday ,i but it in a safe place , I miss you so much

03/13/2008

Lorraine

I start my new job on Monday. I wish you were here so I could talk with you about it. I miss you so much dad. I love you...

03/10/2008

Lorraine

I miss you dad.

03/10/2008

John GraHAM

Dad its almost a year without you , you are so missed, you are still my hero!!!!

03/03/2008

Lorraine

I love you dad and miss you so much. I feel your presence with me all of the time. I can't believe it's almost been a year

03/03/2008

Lorraine

I went on a job interview today with BCBS and it seems like it would be a perfect I pray that I get it. Put in a good word for me

02/23/2008

Charlene

Hi, just wanted to say, I Love You & Miss you so very much.

02/19/2008

john graham

Dad If Lorraine would Call me i would Advise her like you asked me to do in your place . let her know

02/19/2008

Lorraine

I think about you all of the time. I still need your advice and need to hear you say everything will work out and it will be ok.

02/19/2008

Lorraine

I don't know what to do about work. I'm feelig discouraged. I miss seeing you and hearing your voice. I love you dad.

02/17/2008

Paula

I wish i could talk to you and my mom i miss you both very much.

02/15/2008

Charlene

I have your Great Grandson tonight and he looks so much like you, Randy always says he looks just like Big John. Love you so much!

02/15/2008

john graham

Dad we miss you this valentine day. tell paula's mom we miss her to on this day. We miss you both,its so hard without you both

02/14/2008

Carla again

P.S. I have your PJ's on tonight & there falling off my ass but they make me feel closer to you, so I wear them anyway!!

02/14/2008

Carla

Hi Dad, life sucks without you. I miss you everyday. Tell Jesus I said Hi!!! If Rachael's cats there take care of him.

02/14/2008

Paula

Happy valentines day

02/10/2008

Paula

Just a little note to let you know i am thinking of you and miss talking to you.

02/07/2008

Lorraine

I love you dad! We all still need you so much.

02/07/2008

Lorraine

I have had a few bad days at work and have needed you so much...you always seemed to make things better. I miss you so much dad.

02/06/2008

maxwell

I love you grandpa

02/05/2008

Paula

Our hearts hurt for the loved ones in heaven, life is never the same, and the PAIN never goes away until we meet again..miss you

02/02/2008

John Graham

I but a Oldie on your site, i hope you like it . Earth Angel

02/02/2008

John Graham

Dad Its MY Birthday Monday the Feb 4th , This Will be my first with out you , Does this lump in my throat ever go away, I miss you

02/02/2008

John Graham

Daddy Died 3 weeks after the pictures i took with him in the Mash shirt . God We miss him. Tell Him

02/02/2008

John Graham

Problems , Problems !!Dad I wish you were here for Advice, but i do belive from with in I Hear you loud and clear, I love you

02/02/2008

Charlene

Rachael, Mick & Graham moved out today and it's killing me. I wish you were here to help me through this. I love you!!!

01/31/2008

LAURA

:(I am soo sad without you. Too sad to even write. :`(`

01/28/2008

Lorraine

Just thinking about you and missing you terribly. I love you dad.

01/25/2008

Lorraine

I know you are watching over us. You'll always be our dad taking care of us..huh. I love you and miss you so much.

01/25/2008

Lorraine

It's so nice to be able to hear your voice on this website. I miss you so much dad. Nicole is doing much better.

01/24/2008

Me

*Thinking about you dad , but
the good news is we will see
in a few years or ?*

01/24/2008

Lorraine

*Another day missing you. I
have so many questions
every day. I'm cooking a
turkey on Saturday and
need your advice. I love you*

01/11/2008

Lorraine

*I sure am missing you dad! I
look to you everyday for one
thing or another. Our lives
are forever changed. I love
you & miss u*

01/06/2008

maxwell

*I wish you were here right
now its so hard with out you
i love you and miss you
verry much!!!:)*

01/01/2008

John Graham

*Dad you are so missed, your
wisdom is unmatched. i love
you pop*

01/01/2008

Lorraine

*Happy New Year dad. We
have had a lot of 1st this year
without you and it doesn't
seem to be getting any
easier. I miss you!!*

12/25/2007

Lorraine

*Merry Christmas Dad! You
are missed so much. I love
you.*

12/25/2007

Carla

*Oh Dad how I missed you
tonight, nothing is the same
without you. I miss you so
very much. I Love you,
Charlene*

12/24/2007

Jake

*Grandpa i miss you so so so
much i wish you were here
right now because it is
christmas and I love so
much.*

12/24/2007

Laura

*I miss you!! They said your
chair is reserved for you
tonight! Merry Christmas.
Tell Jesus we said Happy
Birthday. Love you Daddy*

12/24/2007

Lorraine

*It's hard to make new
memories without you. I
know you want us to...but
you have left such a huge
void. We wish you were here*

12/24/2007

Lorraine

*It's Christmas Eve and I
have been cooking all day
for tonight. It's not the same.
You are missed so much. I
love you dad.*

12/13/2007

Lorraine

I miss you dad. I need to talk with you so bad. I miss how you were always on my side and how you hated it when I was upset.

12/09/2007

maxwell

I miss you so much grandpa and love you so much!!!

12/08/2007

Lorraine

I had a dream about you last night. I miss you so much dad. Every day is hard but the holidays are almost unbearable. I love you.

12/01/2007

Laura

You have been here for me and I feel you when I really need to. I miss seeing you and I can't wait to see you again! I love U

12/01/2007

Charlene

She just needs her an angel to watch over her & now you have a hot line, because I know you are still here in spirit, watching

12/01/2007

Charlene

Thanksgiving was not the same w/o. Christmas will even be harder. I need you so bad. Nicole is home & is doing ok, for now!!!

11/30/2007

JOHN GRAHAM

This just is not geting any easier. i miss you pop

11/27/2007

maxwell

Hi grandpa i miss you so much sorry i have not wrote in awile. i miss you so much its so hard without you i love you! and miss you

11/27/2007

Lorraine

I'm missing you dad. You are my inspiration to be nice to people at work. You are always with me. I love you.

11/22/2007

Lorraine

Happy Thanksgiving Dad. I had a nice visit with you today. I wish you were here with us. I miss you so much dad.

11/17/2007

John Graham

Dad i was just in washington and i was at Arlington and the Pentagon area and your thoughts were all arround me ,I MISS YOU DAD!!

11/17/2007

Lorraine

Dad, take care of Nicole she really needs you right now. We love you so much. We still need your strength. I miss you.

11/12/2007

Lorraine

Happy Veteran's Day, Dad. I love you.

11/10/2007

Charlene

I need you, I miss you & I love you so much. Graham is all that & you would be proud!! Love you, Carla

11/07/2007

Lorraine

Every day Iis so hard without you dad....we still need you. You left us way to soon. When do we stop needing you...NEVER. I love U

11/06/2007

Lorraine

You are never far from my thoughts. I have little conversations with you inside my head all of the time. I love & miss you dad

11/02/2007

Rachael

Hey papa, I just wanted to say I love you and miss you

11/02/2007

Mom

Honey I miss You so Much" I will love you my darling for ever. You are my love always.

10/30/2007

Lorraine

Good Morning dad. I miss calling and checking on you every morning when I got to work. I love you and miss you so much.

10/29/2007

John Graham

Dad I have to be truthfully its hard working on this web page ,it hurts so much to work on your site but i know everyone need this

10/29/2007

Lorraine

I miss you dad. I went back to work and really wish I could talk with you. I wish I had listened to you more. I love you dad.

10/25/2007

steven

Papa, I miss and love you very much.I wish you were here to give me one of your lectures,im about due for one.Ill be thinking of u

10/24/2007

Lorraine

You're family misses you dad!

10/24/2007

Lorraine

Mom came through surgery ok. I know you know that because you were right beside her and also sitting with us in the waiting room.

10/24/2007

Lorraine

Well dad, I'm back to work. I know you guided me to do it. I miss you so much. I wish we could talk. Come visit me if you can.

10/23/2007

Charlene

I'm sad and I miss you. I wish you were here to give me advice, so much is going on in my life and I need you.

10/13/2007

Charlene

I wish I had 1 more day, 1 more hour or even 1 more minute with you, just to hear your voice again. I love & miss you so much

10/12/2007

Lorraine

Dad, you would be so proud of Johnny. He is taking good care of mom and his sister's. He has a hard job with all of us.

10/12/2007

Lorraine

I miss you dad....so much. Every day is hard. hold mom's hand on Thursday. Keep her safe. I love you.

10/01/2007

Lorraine

I'll say Happy Birthday to mom from you. I love you dad. You're missed so much everyday. Watch over us.

09/27/2007

Lorraine

Oh Dad....nothing is the same. Life has changed so much without you here. We miss you so much. When does it get easier? I love you

09/26/2007

John

I was Reading the court papers today and under your name it said decesed . Wow that hit hard today .I miss you Father

09/25/2007

Laura

I miss you soooooooooo much!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!

09/17/2007

Laura

I have Mom here with me! It's weird not having you call here every hour. I miss your calls so much. Dad, you were the best!

09/14/2007

Felicia

Hi Papa. I miss you so much. I wish we could sit in the kitchen and talk. I hope heaven is everything we imagined. I love you.

09/12/2007

Paula

I miss you both very much.

09/12/2007

Paula

John,there is so many things going on here I wish we could talk about.you and my mom would always have the best advice to give.

09/11/2007

Lorraine

Dad, I wish we could talk. I love you.

09/07/2007

Lorraine

Dad, You were loved and respected by so many people. I am proud to be your daughter. I know you are watching over me. I love you

09/03/2007

Lorraine

Dad, look after mom. She loves and misses you so much. Help guide and direct all of our paths...we still need you. I miss you.

09/02/2007

maxwell

I cant stand it no more grandpa its way to hard without you im cringing knowing i wont see you for a long time I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!

09/02/2007

maxwell

Hi grandpa i miss you so much you left us way to soon i love you and cant wait to se you agian im lost without you!!! i love you!!

09/02/2007

Lorraine

I am missing you so much dad. I see all these old people around me and I feel so robbed. You left us way to soon. I love you.

09/02/2007

Lorraine

Tomorrow is Labor day and we usually have a cookout....I don't feel like it much this year..It's not the same without you.

09/01/2007

Charlene

Hi Dad,It's Rachael B-day & I am babysitting Graham. You would be so proud of Him & Rachael. I love & miss you..

08/29/2007

john Graham

Dad Sorry i did'nt write you or visit you yesterday , i went to bed depressed yesterday . It was a hARD dAY

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john Graham

Dad Sorry i did'nt write you or visit you yesterday , i went to bed depressed yesterday . It wasw a hARD dAY

08/29/2007

maxwell

Grandpa i miss you so so much its been 4 months i cant stand it with out you i love you and miss you

08/29/2007

Laura

I never believed I would not have my Dad my whole life. You warned us! It's so hard living without you. I will always love U!

08/28/2007

Paula

Happy Birthday, John I miss you.

08/28/2007

Charlene

Hi Birthday Boy!!! Dad I love & miss you so much. Tell your buddy I said HI

08/28/2007

Lorraine

Happy Birthday, Dad! I miss you more today than I did yesterday. Every day without you is a struggle. I love you dad.

08/21/2007

Lorraine

Dad, let Uncle Paul know that we will look out for David, Terry and Christopher. We love and miss you so much. Have a nice visit.

08/19/2007

John graham

Dad i have been up to see you a few times last week , i miss you !!! take care of mom from you vantage point Please

08/14/2007

Charlene

I know you miss her but i'm not ready. please tell god, (jesus) to have mercy on this family. i love & miss you everyday.

08/14/2007

Lorraine

Dad please take care of mom right now.....ask God for mercy...we just lost you. Please make sure mom is ok. I love you.

08/13/2007

Lorraine

Dad I have been home sick for a while and you are always on my mind. I look for your advice every day. I love you very much.

07/31/2007

Lorraine

Good Night Dad....I love you and miss you more and more every day.

07/31/2007

maxwell

Grandpa i miss you so so much each day the pain grows it feel like years have passed sense i seen you last i miss you I LOVE YOU=)

07/25/2007

Laura

I miss you like crazy! I can't wait to see you again!

07/24/2007

Lorraine

I'm really misssing you a lot dad. I love you.

07/21/2007

Charlene

Dad, I miss you & your wisdom everyday. I'm sorry for not always being the daughter I should of been. I MISS YOU!!!

07/18/2007

MAXWELL/GRANDMA

G-ma told me to tell you she loves you and misses you with all her heart i love and miss you and think about you every day love u!

07/14/2007

maxwell

Its been 3 months and in feels like years have passed i think about you every day and know your in a better place i LOVE YOU=)!!!!

07/12/2007

Lorraine

It's been three months today dad since you left us...it feels like three years. I miss you so much. You are always in my heart

07/10/2007

Lorraine

I miss you dad...so much. I have been sick and home from work with so much time to think about you. I love you with all my heart.

07/08/2007

Paula

The days still go by without you here, and what an empty place that is left in our hearts. I miss you and my mom. EVERYDAY::

07/08/2007

Lorraine

It's early Sunday morning, everyone is still sleeping. I wish I could pick up the phone and call you. I miss you so much dad.

07/05/2007

Lorraine

I miss you dad. It feels like everything is falling apart without you. Watch over us and guide us. I love you with all my heart.

07/04/2007

Laura

I have been thinking about you all day because of the "American&qu ot; that you were. Happy 4th, Dad! I miss you so much!

07/04/2007

Charlene

Dad, I LOVE & MISS you with all my heart.

07/02/2007

maxwell

Grandpa i miss you so much i miss talking with you and i really want to talk with you i love you so much I LOVE YOU and miss you!!

07/02/2007

Lorraine

Good Morning dad...another morning I'm at work and I need to talk.I had a bad night and needed to talk with you. I love you

07/01/2007

maxwell

I miss you so much i wish you were here i love you and miss you and cant live without you each day the pain grows I LOVE YOU!!!!!!

06/29/2007

maxwell

Happier if you where here with us i miss you i love you i want to talk!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

06/29/2007

maxwell

Each day the pain grows and grows i miss you so much if you where here i would be ALOT

06/28/2007

Lorraine

I love you dad. I miss you so much. There is this huge hole in our everyday lives where you use to be. We still need your guidance

06/27/2007

Paula

I was just sitting here thinking about you, and how i wish i could call you.I miss you..

06/26/2007

Lorraine

Dad, every day is harder then the day before. I miss you so much. I miss talking with you in the mornings while I'm at work.

06/26/2007

John Graham

Dad will you leave us a message like when you worked nights in michigan and we would write you and you would leave us all a note

06/25/2007

Lorraine

I am so sorry for how sick you felt in the last months of your life. I wish that I listened more. I love you dad.

06/25/2007

Lorraine

Good Morning dad. I have been sick all weekend and in bed and all I could do was think about you. I miss you so much.

06/22/2007

Laura

Now is a "good" time to call! I still you need you and want you to make me dream of you. I need you!!!!

06/22/2007

Laura

Dad,I know you see what's going on here. Yes, Steven is still full of "bullshit" ot;.Help me to help him!I trust U&God

06/20/2007

Laura

Your face kept popping up at me today. What's up with that? Do you have a message you are trying to give me? I open to dreams!

06/20/2007

Paula

John, I just want to say how much I miss you, it's been hard on your son and I wanted you to know that I am taking care of him.

06/19/2007

John Graham

I came by and left a balloon a cup of coffee on your stone for Father's Day. I miss you dad. you are in my thoughts always.

06/17/2007

Laura

Happy Father's Day. I lit a candle for you today. I miss you so much. I need to talk to you. Call me if you can:)

06/15/2007

Charlene

The days don't get any easier. Whoever said that LIED! I love and miss you so very much.

06/15/2007

Charlene

Your Great Grandson, Graham Dane Rust was born on 06/09/07 but you already know that. You would be so proud of Rachael & Mick.

06/13/2007

John Graham

Dad you are so missed, I miss coming by and drinking coffee and talking politics, I think of you all the time

06/13/2007

Lorraine

Thank you dad....I feel you with me all of the time. I know you are watching over me and wished me a Happy Birthday yesterday.

06/12/2007

Laura

I love you Dad. I wish I could hear you say "I love you too". I am aware of you guiding me right now. Thank you!

06/08/2007

maxwell

It's pouring rain and I thought I cried more than it's raining I miss you and I want to talk I LOVE YOU!!!! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!

06/06/2007

maxwell

I miss you so much I wish you were still here so we can talk I love you so much and miss you with all my heart I LOVE YOU!!!!!!

06/06/2007

Lorraine

Dad, you are loved so much by so many people and you never even realized it. You are such a great dad and missed so much. I love U

06/05/2007

maxwell

Grandpa i miss you so much and i wish you were still here with us today but it was your time and i respect that i love you!!!!!!

06/01/2007

Rachael

I was thinking about you today, so I just wanted to say I miss you a lot. I love you!

06/01/2007

Lorraine

It seems like forever since you left us, yet it's only been 6 weeks. I feel lost most of the time. I love & miss U so much

05/31/2007

Laura

OK,OK,I'm working on it,Dad.Hurry up and get settled.I need your guideance now!I love you!!!!

05/30/2007

maxwell

You where the bravest man i ever knew i miss you so much and you will always be in my thoughts i love you! i want to talk!!!!!!!!!!

05/30/2007

maxwell

Each day your gone i miss you more and more i wish you where still hear with all of us i want to talk I LOVE YOU and i miss you!!!

05/30/2007

maxwell

I just woke up and i am missing grandpa more than anything

05/29/2007

maxwell

I miss you grandpa so much, i wish you were hear with all of us i want to talk I LOVE YOU!

05/29/2007

Lorraine

Dad, I knew you were with me yesterday as I sat at your grave. I feel you with me all of the time. I just wish we could talk again

05/29/2007

Lorraine

It was Max's birthday yesterday and Memorial day. I had a cook out but nothing is the same without you. I miss you so much dad

05/27/2007

Charlene

Dad, I really just want to drink a beer with you. I miss you so much. I LOVE YOU!!

05/25/2007

Laura

I need you so bad! You were such a big light in our family, and I did not know how bright you really were until now! I love you!

05/23/2007

Mom

Just a line to say I Love You! Miss you honey. You are my love for always. "Lone some Mom" Sending you kisses and hugs. MOM

05/23/2007

Lorraine

Dad so many people love and miss you. You are such a great man and left your mark on so many people. I love and miss you so much.

05/21/2007

Lorraine

I had so many questions this weekend that I knew you would had the answer to. I even picked up the phone to call you. I miss you.

05/17/2007

Laura

I love you and miss you! But don't be sad about having to leave. I am happy you are with Jesus. We will see you soon!

05/16/2007

Felicia

I'm missing you a lot tonight Papa. I wish I could talk with you. Watch over me tonight. I love you.

05/16/2007

"MOM"

HONEY, It has been hard without you. I miss you so much Everyday is just as sad as the first day. You are so loved and missed.

05/15/2007

Lorraine

DAD, I got to hear your voice today. Johnny put a video on your website. I miss you so much

05/15/2007

Lorraine

I miss our conversations. I miss calling you and asking questions that you would always have the answer to. I love you dad.

05/11/2007

John

Dad i had a bad day at work today and i need to talk to you, you always made it better. I miss you and You will always be my Hero

05/11/2007

Lorraine

Hi dad. I'm feeling really sad and missing you a lot. I have so many things to say. So much that I want you to know. I love U.

05/08/2007

Laura

I need to talk to you. If you see and hear me...talk back to me...I need answers..I need you!

05/08/2007

Laura

Please help me still with my boys. They need you. I need you!!!!!!!!!!

05/08/2007

Laura

Life is not fair! Life can be cruel when you realize someone like you, Dad, will not be here to talk to, spend time with, etc...

05/07/2007

Lorraine

I've had a hard few days dad. Little everyday things bring floods of memories of what we're missing with you.

05/05/2007

John

Daddy its 6 am and your in my thoughts! I miss you . Paula loves you and tell her mom she loves her and misses her

05/05/2007

Charlene

Everyday is a struggle, Mom is not doing well. She needs you & you know what to do. I LOVE you..

05/04/2007

Mike & Tracy

Pops, We love & miss you everyday. You are forever in our hearts! xoxoxo

05/03/2007

Terry

Hey big John it's Terry. I miss you my friend. I remember golfing with you like it was yesterday. I love you John.

05/02/2007

Laura

I keep searching for some hint or clue that you are here with me.

04/30/2007

Lorraine

I miss you dad...my heart hurts all the time. I want to be able to talk with you. To hear your voice would be the greatest gift.

04/29/2007

John

We Miss You , They say the days get easier with time , But for now it hasent. Miss ya Dad

04/28/2007

Lorraine

I love you dad....we miss you so much. You have been our lfe vest for so long and we all seem lost without you.

04/28/2007

Laura

This is too hard! Where are you? I hate everyday without you. I need you right now.

04/27/2007

Charlene

Dad, here I am again, missing you like I do everyday. Your in my heart & soul, forever!!!

04/26/2007

Lorraine

Hi dad....yet another day to face without you, This is harder then I ever thought possible. I love and miss you so much.

04/25/2007

Steven

Papa,i love you so much! Theres only one thing i regret,and it was not beein with you as much as i wish i could have.I miss you!

04/25/2007

John

Dad were are you ? we still need you ! I need a Hug and to Give you One

04/25/2007

Nicole

Papa, I love you more than you know! I miss you so much! I feel like I have someone to talk to now when I am alone!

04/25/2007

Laura

Dad, I miss you so much!!!!!! How am I going to move through each day without this saddness? I want one more day!

04/24/2007

Lorraine

Good Morning Dad, I just wanted to let you know how much I miss you. You are always in my thoughts. I love you.

04/23/2007

Rachael

I miss you so much papa. I love you and think about you everday.

04/23/2007

Felicia

Papa,I can't begin to explain how much I miss you and how much you mean to me. You're the strongest man I have ever known.

04/23/2007

Lorraine

Dad, I miss you every minute. I love you with all of my heart. I wish I could give you a kiss and tell you how much you mean to us

04/21/2007

Charlene

Dad, I love & miss you so very much. I wish I could pick up the phone & call you. I just want to hear your voice again.

04/17/2007

**kate christopher porter
mum**

Lighting this candle in memory of John to let you know i care

04/17/2007

John

Dad Its 12:55 Am and i am Thinking of you ,I love and Miss you

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Condolences

from the deepest of our hearts...

I Am Now In Heaven



I am now in Heaven,
The gates have opened wide,
And now I have the privilege
Of walking by His side.

The angel choir is singing
And the music is so sweet;
I'll join them just as soon
As I have worshiped at His feet.



I am now in Heaven,
The blood washed through is here;
I recognize a lot of them,
There's not a single tear.

There's joy beyond description
And reunions by the score;
There'll be no more separations,
For we'll be here evermore.



I am now in Heaven,
Please wipe away your tears;
I've fought the battle, run the race,
And I'm rid of all my fears.

There is no pain or sorrow here,
The heartaches now are past;
I've read and sung of Heaven,
And now I'm here at last!



I am now in Heaven,
And oh, this place is grand!
No one could have ever told me
Of all the beauty in this land.

Since I cannot describe it,
You'll have to come and see
That it was worth the many trials
To live here for all eternity!

***Lawrence & Janet
Eastman***

Condolences

April 30, 2007

Our heartfelt sympathy is sent to John's family in their time of grief. We knew him through his daughter, Lorraine, who has become like a daughter to us since she married our son, Terry. May the memories held deep within your heart help to soothe your spirit at this time. Love and hugs, Larry and Janet Eastman

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Memories

all the gray you turned into colors...

Lorraine

My visit's with dad...

April 12th 2007

My dad passes away at 3:23pm. I left my mom's around 6:00pm and on my way home I was crying and praying. I asked my dad to give me some kind of sign that he was okay. That he was happy. I was crying so hard that I could hardly see the road I was driving on. I was stopped at a red light at 66th street and Ulmerton. I had been having doubts and questions about the after life for a couple of days now. After asking my dad for a sign I started to get nervous that he would get all stressed out if God would not allow him to show me that he was ok. I told my dad while stopped at the red light that if he couldn't give me a sign to please not worry about me that I would be okay. I'm just really sad and I miss him.

Sometime early the next morning while I was sleeping I had an encounter with my dad. It was in a dream but was as real as if I were awake. I was at my mom's house and she was sitting with the Hospice nurse going over my dad's medication. I was cleaning up for my mom and the phone rang. I did not get to it in time. A minute later the phone rang again and I answered it, on the other line was a voice that said I have a collect call from John Graham will you accept the charges? I was really excited and said yes. The 1st words my dad said was "where is you mother" I told him that she was with the hospice nurse. He said okay. I told him that he sounds sooooo good. (he had been sick with lung disease) I said I love you Dad and he said "I love you too Lorraine" I instantly awoke and knew that my dad had found a way to come to me. He settled my doubts and I knew he was okay.

April 25th 2007

I went to bed about 10:00pm. I talked with my dad for a moment. I told him that I loved him and I missed him and goodnight. Sometime in the early morning I had another visit from my dad again in a dream. In my dream I was on this paved road with nothing except grass on each side of it. It seemed to be dusk or dawn (now believe it was dawn) I'm on this road and a beam of light is shining from the sky onto this road. I know that I have to go to this light but I'm saying I'm scared, I don't want to go, what if they don't let me come back. I hear a voice say it's okay Lorraine no body's going to hurt you. Then from the sky in this light I see a hand reach down for me to take it. It was a hand but not like yours and mine. It was beautiful and peaceful. The next thing I know I am up in the sky in what seem like a room. I knew my dad was there but I didn't see him. I asked, "dad are you afraid" he said no Lorraine I'm not afraid. "I said dad you sound so good" he said I feel good Lorraine. I asked, "are you happy dad" he said I am very happy Lorraine. Then I started seeing scenes. I'm looking down on these visions as if I'm on the ceiling looking down. I see all of us standing by my dad's bed as he dies. The next scene I see all of us at my dad's funeral and then a flash of everyone at my house after the funeral. The next scene I was at my brother's house and then Charlene's house just looking in. There was a scene at my mom and dad's place. I see my mom in bed crying, I see her in the dining room. I see the chair where my dad sat all of the time. Then I vision my mom changing the kitchen and taking the nook out where he use to sit. The next thing that I saw was my sister Laura's house, she was in her family room standing there all by herself, she was crying and so sad. I remember feeling bad for her because she was all alone and her big house seemed so lonely and empty.

I told dad that I'm worried about mom. He said Your mom is going to be okay. I said you need to help her dad. He said "I am helping her, through you kids" I said I love you dad. He said I love you too Lorraine.

I awoke instantly and felt as if I had been awake for hours. I looked at the clock and it said 5:18 I laid in bed going over in my mind what had just happened and realized that my dad was showing me things that he has seen. He was letting me know that he is watching over us and that he loves us. I told my mom about this the next day in which she relayed the story to my brother and sister Laura. Laura called me the next day and asked me exactly what I saw so I explained to her my visit with dad. She started bawling because the previous day to my dream she was alone in her house all day crying and having a really hard time with the loss of my dad and how alone she has felt. I knew my dad was watching and he hurts for us. He loves

us all so much. I remember the feeling of sadness and loneliness that I felt for my sister.....it was actually her feelings and my dad was feeling them.

Later that day when I came home from work my daughter Samantha and I were talking I she said that she was tired....that she had woke up before her alarm went off and just laid in bed. I asked why she woke up and she said that out of no where she just sat up in bed and looked around....she just had a weird feeling. I asked her what time it was and she said 5:18. I have no doubt that I had visited with my dad and he was returning me home safe. I feared going because I was afraid that I wouldn't get back home to my family and they needed me. He brought me home.

I love you dad.

06/12/07

It seemed like forever that my dad had come to visit me. I thought that maybe the two visit's were all I would have with him. But sometime in the night (my birthday) my dad came to me again. I was sleeping and I felt someone sit on the bed next to me. My blanket tightened around the right side of my body, where someone had sat on the bed. (I do not share a blanket with Terry because I always said he makes me feel like a rolled up burrito because he turns with the blanket and it gets tight around my body and I wake up) My dog was in his crate and my cat was outside. So I know it wasn't them. When dad sat on the bed I could not open my eyes and I could not speak, but I could very slowly turn my head toward where he was sitting and I could feel myself smile from ear to ear. Because I couldn't speak I was thinking in my head that I'm not afraid dad, I know it's you, I know you're here with me dad and I love you. I felt so much happiness and no fear because I knew my dad was telling me that he loves me and happy birthday. He wouldn't let the day end without letting me know that he didn't forget that it was my birthday. He was only with me a minute but I have NO doubt that he was there. Once I no longer felt him I was able to open my eyes. I felt like I had been awake for hours. I turned and touched Terry's back and he said "who was that" I thought he too knew that my dad was there (maybe somewhere inside he did). I asked him what do you mean and he said oh I don't know and he got up and went to the bathroom. When he came back to bed I told him what happened and I started crying. Terry told me that my dad loved me very much. I know this

without a doubt. I can not explain the feeling of knowing he has visited me on these occasions.....It is the most undeniable experience. Unless you have had a similar thing happen I don't believe anyone could really understand. But I know.....and my dad knows, that's what really counts.

I love you dad and I miss you more with every passing day.

Jesse Ballantyne

Another Day with Papa

A usual day with my grandfather was going to his house and listening to him tell me and my little brother old war and military stories. He was always in the same place no matter where my grandparents lived, only about ten steps from the refrigerator in the kitchen. He always liked to be close to his demise and there was not a time were I saw him without a beer or cigarette in his hand. But this day we were not meeting him at his usual place we were going to be at a place were he was going to be for a while. This place is further than ten steps of his security blanket.

Papa was not going to be speaking to us today. We were going to be speaking to him, we were going to be telling him how we appreciated all the talks and lessons he told us. The two nervous people at this place were my mother and me, we were the people with paper in our hands. My grandmother did not have the usual happy look on her face and her sunglasses were the new big ones she bought the day before. We all parked at the peaceful field were papa was going to stay for a while. There were not enough chairs for everyone so only the kids and their spouses could sit. Everyone my grandfather loved was there to here what we had to say about him. I was eighteen years old. My grandfather was sixty-seven.

The weather was perfect not to hot for the time of the year. As the ceremony started the military recognized his service and the pastor recognized his faith. My mother looked at me because it was my time to go. I stood up at the podium nervous but collective. I opened my mouth and every word seemed like I was

talking to him to his face, telling him how much he meant to me and it was okay to hang out with his friends for a while till I get to see him again. Everyone was looking at me as I got to tell them how much one person has affected so many lives. I never shed a tear, to many people were looking at me for strength for I was the largest man in the room and my grandfather was usually the biggest man. My grandfather was not there physically, he was there spiritually.

When my mother finished her speech, I carried my grandfather to his place where his sins were contained he watched over me as I placed them in the ground. As each grain of dirt was placed on the container, his life lessons that he told me and my brother at his little stoop were being buried in my conscience. I was the last person to hold my grandfather before he was put to rest. He would have been proud.

John Graham



Graham

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The patriotic Scottish race of Graham claims traditional descent from Game, a Caledonian chief who expelled the Romans by demolishing one of their defensive walls, the ruins of which became known as Graeme's Dike.

The first authentic ancestor, with a record back to 1128, seems to be William of Graham, one of the witnesses of David I's Holyrood Charter in 1143-47. He afterwards obtained the lands of Abercorn and Dalkeith.

His great grandson, Sir David Graham, acquired Dundaff from Patrick, Earl of Dunbar; and Strathblane and Mugdock from the Earl of Lennox. He had three sons: Sir Patrick, Sir David, and Sir John. Sir John

Graham was termed the 'right hand' of the great Scottish patriot Wallace, who fell at the battle of Falkirk in 1298. Sir Patrick, John's heir, a 'goodly knight' fell in defense of Scotland at Dunbar in 1296.

Sir Patrick's son, Sir David, signed the letter to the Pope in 1320 and got from Bruce a charter for old Montrose in 1325. His descendent, Sir William, Dominus de Graham et Kincardine, obtained from Robert, Duke of Albany, a charter of entail of Old Montrose.

Thus, the Graham clan started. It is an old and distinguished family who took the laurel (Buaidhchraobh, na Labhras) as their symbol. They were later described sardonically as "mostly honorable men."

The principal first name used by Grahams was and is John, and its Gaelic version, Iain, coming from the older Eoin. John means 'The Lord's Grace'. Hence, also MacIain, MacKain, and Johnston, all of which mean 'the son of John.' Thus, there are many John Grahams both famous and infamous.

For example, John Graham of Claverhouse, Viscount of Dundee, greatest of the Jacobite commanders and known as 'Bloody Clavers of Bonny Dundee', fell at Killiecrankie in command of the army of James VII in 1689.

In more modern times, John Graham represented the Boston Athletic Association at the recommencement of the Olympics in Greece in 1896 and was impressed by the running of the marathon. He came back to his club in Boston to recreate the event in the new world. Thus, the first Boston Marathon took place on Patriot's Day in 1897. John Graham noted as "trainer and manager" started the race as he did for many years thereafter.

At the oldest golf course, St. Andrews, in Scotland, there is a history wing where one can see the evolution of the golf ball. The oldest golf ball shown is a stitched leather ball packed with feathers. It bears the name ... of course ... John Graham.

The first Graham recorded in the New World, was, apparently, according to a commercial firm that records different families, Anton Graham who came to Virginia in 1651. One will have to take that 'fact' with a pinch of salt. Who ever heard of a Graham being called Anton -- especially in 1651?

Many later Grahams arrived in the new world by way of Ireland, having been evicted from the Scottish highlands by the English and then were forced to move onwards by the great potato famine. Most of the Irish Grahams settled in the southern states.

In recent years, parents have named their offspring Graham, using the name as a first name. However, that is tantamount to a woman wearing a kilt: 'ambitious but mistaken.'

Lorraine

This looks like the road I was on when you came to me in my dream.

Lorraine

Today I put a Christmas tree on my dad's grave. This is our first Christmas without him and it is very difficult. As I sat at his grave I thought of the many Christmas's before and looking at the tree I brought reminded me of the time we lived in Dollar Bay, Michigan, my dad brought home a silver Christmas tree and we tried to be excited but in the end we (us kids) cried. My dad felt bad and ended up buying us a real tree. That is the same year that he was up all night putting our new bikes together. Us girls had pink and white bikes and Johnny had an orange bike. I don't remember a lot of conversations with my dad as a young girl but now that I'm a parent I can look back and see all the unspoken things he did. As I grew into adulthood I have so many memories of conversations I have had with my dad. He was a very wise man and I miss him so much. I still look to him for answers, advice and guidance. I wish we could have more conversations. I wish we had more time.

I love you dad.....you are missed more each day.

Lorraine

Lorraine Eastman

Happy Veteran's Day....we're proud of you dad!

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

Throughout our history, America has been protected by patriots who cherished liberty and made great sacrifices to advance the cause of freedom. The brave members of the United States Armed Forces have answered the call to serve our Nation, ready to give all for their country. On Veterans Day, we honor these extraordinary Americans for their service and sacrifice, and we pay tribute to the legacy of freedom and peace that they have given our great Nation.

In times of war and of peace, our men and women in uniform stepped forward to defend their fellow citizens and the country they love. They shouldered great responsibility and lived up to the highest standards of duty and honor. Our veterans held fast against determined and ruthless enemies and helped save the world from tyranny and terror. They ensured that America remained what our founders meant her to be: a light to the nations, spreading the good news of human freedom to the darkest corners of the earth.

Like the heroes before them, today a new generation of men and women are fighting for freedom around the globe. Their determination, courage, and sacrifice are laying the foundation for a more secure and peaceful world.

Veterans Day is dedicated to the extraordinary Americans who protected our freedom in years past, and to those who protect it today. They represent the very best of our Nation. Every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, and Coast Guardsman has earned the lasting gratitude of the American people, and their service and sacrifice will be remembered forever. In the words of Abraham Lincoln: ". . . let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the Nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle" On this Veterans Day, I ask all Americans to express their appreciation to our Nation's veterans.

With respect for and in recognition of the contributions our service men and women have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, the Congress has provided (5 U.S.C. 6103(a)) that November 11 of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor our Nation's veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2007, as Veterans Day and urge all Americans to observe November 11 through November 17, 2007, as National Veterans Awareness Week. I encourage all Americans to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans through ceremonies and prayers. I call upon Federal, State, and local officials to display the flag of the United States and to support and participate in patriotic activities in their communities. I invite civic and fraternal organizations, places of worship, schools, businesses, unions, and the media to support this national observance with commemorative expressions and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Lorraine Eastman

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and I'm finding it hard to get excited about the day. Terry and I had Thanksgiving at our house a couple of years but dad came over VERY early in the morning to get the turkey started. Thanksgiving was his holiday. He loved to smoke turkeys and they were always the best. It is going to be so hard to get through the day without him there for advice on how to make something, to hear his prayer of thanks and to see him with this huge family he started. Nothing is the same since he left us and I'm sure it never will be. I am thankful for the time we had with my dad but I regret that I didn't spend as much time as I could have with him. He did so much right and the love his kids have for him proves what a great man he was. He loved us kids so much. He and my mom moved back to Michigan in 1995. Dad missed us all so much that he moved back to Florida jjust a few months later. Terry the girls and I went to visit them two months after they moved and dad was so sad when we left. He wanted to get in the car and come back with us. He wrote a really nice note to Terry that brought tears to our eyes as we read it on our way back to Florida. Mom and dad moved back a month and a half later. There are so many momories but they are hard to write about because of the pain from missing him. People say that if I knew then what I know now things would be different....it's true....dad I would do, act and say things so much differently. I hope that you knew and still know how much I love you.

Dad we miss you so much...every day is sad without you and the holidays are especially hard. You are with us in our hearts everyday.....just wish we could talk, I wish I could see you. I need a hug.

john graham



MY Dad

I remember when dad would be gone for weeks at a time in the military and i missed him so much , i would lay in mom and dads bed and i could smell dads pillow and ifelt he was there by the smell. last week i was at Moms and i couldsmell dad scent in the house , i walked to his weelchair and icould smell his scent , i walked in the Bed Room and icould smell his scent. I did

everything i could to hold back the Tears it was so hard too but i did . was dad there with us ? I wonder does God let them visit us once in a while?

I never in my life felt so much sorrow and it just wont go away . I try and hold my Head High and try and Be the Man but there are times when i just want to be a little Boy again and stand there looking up at My Hero.

Because make no mistake about it He was and will always be My Hero.

Dad Days pass and they say time heals but i feel that I will not heal or be the same person from now on . I was lucky to have you when we did and I thank God he Gave us almost 5 years after you were told that you had Cancer. But I wish we had more time ,I Miss you so much i want you and the World to Know

you were a Good man, you always listened and always knew the right advice to give , I hope i can Fill your shoes because they are so big to fill?

I hope you are proud of me and i will always try and Be the Man you Tought me to Be

Love your Son

John

Felicia

I was thinking about the war in Iraq the other day and had questions. I really don't pay too much attention to the war because it makes me sad but there were things I was wondering about. I grabbed my cell phone to call you, knowing you would know, and realized I am not able to call heaven. I miss you Papa. You are in my thoughts every day. I know grandma misses you a lot too. The holidays are getting closer but I don't want them to come, I'm not ready to celebrate without you here. Christmas Eve will be the hardest thing I will ever have to do. I recorded you last year, remember? You were so cute. It won't be the same without you there. I love you. xoxo

John Graham



Dads Best Friend Paul Marcotte Passed away monday Aug 21th 2007,in a House Fire

He will be layed to rest just a few Graves From Dad .

I had to post this picture , It Reminds me that they were best friends in life and Now they are joined as Best friends in Heaven.

Mom I Hope heaven is Ready for the Two of them. They are having fun together telling stories and laughing and being the life of the Party.

MAXWELL EASTMAN

A GREAT MAN BORN AUGUST 28TH 1938 PASSED APRIL 12TH 2007 HE WAS MY GRANDFATHER I LOVED HIM TO MUCH TO THINK ABOUT HIM WITHOUT CRYING AFTER HE PASSED HE TOLD ME ABOUT THE STORIES WHEN HE WAS IN THE ARMY WEEKS AFTER HE PASSED I FOND OUT HE NEVER KILLED ANYBODY AND I WAS PROUD BECAUSE HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY WITHOUT KILLING ANYONE I ONLY HAD TEN AND A HALF YEARS WITH HIM AND I WOULD DO ANYTHING TO TALK TO HIM ONE MORE TIME IT FEELS LIKE YEARS HAVE PASSED BUT IT HAS ONLY BEEN THREE MONTHS AND TO DAYS SENSE HE DIED I MISS HIM SO MUCH.

Lorraine

July 4th 2004 was the last day I smoked and the day that we found out my dad's cancer had spread to his brain. Here we are 3 years later missing him tremendously. He fought so hard for so long. He was soooooo mad at Charlene and I for forcing him to go to the VA emergency room, but by the time we had left there he was grateful that we are the kids we are and that we noticed when something was wrong. The truth be known my dad was so courageous and so strong that when any little thing was out of line it was obvious. It wasn't because Charlene and I are so smartit was actually because my dad was so strong and we seen a small weakness....something that my dad did not display under normal circumstances. He was so strong, loving, kind, direct and had a hilarious personality (if he allowed you to see that side of him). He loved his family and we all knew it. He never shorted us on love. It took him leaving us to fully unerstand that. If he was mad at us....he never stayed mad for long. We could always count on him for advice, support, love, truth, reality checks and an ear to listen

I love you dad and miss you so much every day. I really miss our visits.

Paula Graham

I remember when i first came into your family you treated me like a daughter me and you had a special bond that started Oct 19 1985.we use to talk alot about everything.I remember when you and John would have a disagreement you would always call me and talk to me about it and at the end of the conversation you would always say help him to see my point of view,and i would.and he did,I miss talking to you and my mom,you both had that special gift of making everyone feel better no matter what the problem was at the time.now you are both together,watching over us.I miss you both so much,everyday is hard for me, but i just keep saying to myself i will see you both again some day.

John Graham

Dad we would fight over politics and views and i miss calling you on the phone daily , just to hear your voice and here you say " hey"or your going to rip my face off or hina hina hina . it made me feel so good ,



i miss all the long talks while i am driving to fort Myers , i Sometimes start to call you and for that moment before i remember your not with us anymore i feel like your still there and going to answer then it hits me and i hang up and feel all the sorrow rush over me in a instant.

Dad I Never Knew How Much Pain it would be with out you. I am A little Mad at you for smoking and leaving us , we still needed you and wanted to share more memories with you!!!! but that Dam Smoking took you from us!!!!!! and for that i feel cheated by your choices you made years ago with the smoking . I will have to learn to live with it but the Pain i Feel i Fear will haunt me until my

Death .

Dad you worked hard and did not get to enjoy retirement like you should have .

Sometimes life just is not fair.

John Graham IV

Charlene A. Brean

Growing up, I always felt safe with my DAD, he was always the strongest man in the world to me, now that he's gone(in heaven) I was scared, until I looked at my Brother at his furnal and I just knew my Dad lives through him, so I'm still safe.

Samantha

Tall, and wrinkly, brave and strong. My grandfather is the greatest man in my life. He has always been there for me since day one. He was there when I got caught stealing cookies from the cookie jar at age five. I know he will be here for me when ever I call on him. My grandfather has impacted my life in such a extraordinary way. He always seemed to teach me something about life. I never realized it, but looking back I have learned so much from this wise, soft spoken man. He use to tell me war stories over and

over again. In these war stories, they each seem to bring a special value into my life. He spoke about friends and how they will be there when you need them the most, he spoke about love and how us women were always right, he spoke about forgiveness because you never know, one day your worst enemy may be the one saving your life. When I was younger I always missed the point and say "hey papa did you ever kill anyone", and he would tell me that he was not allowed to tell me until he was on his death bed. I just laughed thinking that day would never come and just imagined my hero at war fighting off all the bad guys. He also taught me that no job was too small. He worked as a cook in the war, but he was the most respected man that I have ever met. I love my grandfather so very much. But, it took him dying for me to ever realize all he has done for me in my life. I did find out that he never killed anyone, however, he did change every persons life who ever met him. I love you Papa.

Lorraine

It has been a little over two weeks since my dad passed away and every day new memories come to me. I miss him so much. I worked for my dad when he owned Graham Tool and Machine (GTM) and I have wonderful memories of that time. However, I will never forget the time when my dad and I worked at SunMicro Stamping together. I would have lunch with him everyday and not a day would go by that I didn't go back to my office with a smile on my face. My dad was so much fun, had a sense of humor and a goofy side that you couldn't help but laugh and have a good time with him. No matter how my day was going I could walk about a 100 feet and talk to my dad. He would be happy for me when I was having a good day and would hug me and tell me that he loved me when I was having a bad day.....when I was dating Tony and I spent too much time in the shop and not in my office he would tell me that too. No matter what the situation I could count on my dad. Some of the best times I had with my dad were when we worked at SunMicro. I was at a really difficult time in my life and my dad held me up every day. I have great memories when I worked for my dad at GTM but it was different when we worked together at SunMicro....he wasn't my boss, but instead my friend, co-worker and my dad all at the same time. At GTM no matter what I did he couldn't fire me....because I would tell MOM and we all know who the REAL boss was when he had that shop :o) My dad would tell me when I was f'in up and wouldn't sugar coat it...he would literally say "what the "f" is wrong with you....do you have rocks in your head" but no matter if I was right or wrong, if I called him upset or crying he would be in my corner and want to beat whom ever it was that upset me. My dad was smart, intelligent and the best damn Jig Grinder in Pinellas County. He was a legend in his trade and there are not many people that work in Machine shops in the area who do not know of John Graham. He could probably piss off more people then I could imagine.....but there is not

anyone who knew my dad that didn't love him. He has left his mark on so many people's lives and I know that he will not be forgotten. He loved his friends and co-workers over the years and adored his family....he was and will continue to be the greatest man I have ever known.

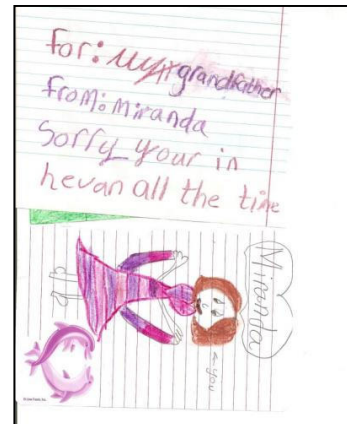
I love you Dad and miss you with every passing day.....you will live on forever in our hearts and in the memories of everyone who ever knew John Graham.

Miranda



The other side...

Miranda



Dearest Poppy,

Miranda brought this to me last night and asked if we could bring it to you -- I told her they don't have refrigerators in Heaven, but that we would post it on your website so everyone could see it. The drawing speaks for itself -- I love and miss you too.

Michele

Jesse Ballantyne

I know I didn't get to hang out with my Grandfather as much as I wanted because we lived in different cities. My love and respect for him never failed. I respected him so much that there are two men in this world that I am scared of when I did something wrong~one being my Dad and second being my Papa~~not because of his massive size or his stern voice, but for fear of disappointing him.

When I found out about him being sick in 2001, it hit me hard. It was the first family member of mine that had come down with a terminal illness. Also it was the first real shock of how short life can be. I never thought he would pull through for this long. But if there is one thing my Papa is~is a fighter. Fighter for his country, fighter for his family, fighter for his friends, but most of all his Lord and Savior~Jesus Christ.

When I saw him after he came down with lung cancer in 2001, there was one thing he was worried about~he was scared that he wasn't a good enough man, father, or grandfather to everyone. I told him, "Papa, you have a beautiful wife who you have been named to for 46 years. With her you have had four wonderful children, one of whom had made me. And they have made enough grandchildre to start a small football team. You served your country for 17 years and served in the Korean war. You are a born again christain and believe in Jesus. You are loved by Him and every member of your family. Most men wold be lucky to have your resume when they get to heaven. And I hope I can accomplish half of what you have in your lifetime." And a light of peace came to his face and he fought his cancer for 6 years so that he was at peace with everyone he loved before he left.

I am not upset that he is gone. I am happy that is suffering is over and he is with Jesus in heaven. I just regret that I didn't spend more time with him so he can teach me to be a better man and be more like him. I will miss him, but I know one day I will see him in heaven and I hope I won't disappoint him.

Laura Lewinson

My Dad was only 68 years old and to me, that was far too soon to leave. He certainly did not want to leave, but God obviously said this was his time. Before I say good-bye to my Dad I wanted you all to know how much he meant to me.

I have lived away from home for a very long time, but always kept my Dad close to me by phone, cars, and airplane rides. It did not matter how little money my Dad had, when I needed to be rescued—he made it happen and I was always rescued. I was also spoiled by my Dad even though he did not have much to spoil me with. My brother reminded me not too long ago that back when I was 19 years old, my Dad bought me a plane ticket to fly home for a week, which he used every dime he had. Me—acting like my spoiled self, had to go to the beach. My Dad tried to explain he did not have any money left to pay for parking, gas and food to go to the beach. Well, he took me to the beach that day anyway. I did not know until years later that he pawned his grill to take me to the beach that day. There are many stories and memories that Johnny, Charlene, Lorraine, and I will love to share with you all. My sisters and brother often joked and teased each other who Dad's favorite child was. Whenever we brought this teasing to Dad's attention and ask him to answer who his favorite child was, he would get irritated and said that was nonsense. It truly was nonsense to him, because he did not have a favorite child. He loved us all so much that he made us all equally feel like his "special one". Because we were "special" to our Dad. Not only did he make his kids feel special, but also made it known to my Aunts and Uncles how much he loved them. In fact, there was a time or two that Uncle Bobby was also known as "Bobby Graham". He really loved them like his own children. There's something else I really respected my Dad for, and that's how much he loved his country. He was so proud of the service he gave to our country. I could never hear enough stories of the time he was in Okanawa or the Pentagon. He was just so very proud of being an American and serving his country. Not only did he love his country, his friends, and family, but he loved my Mother. They were married 46 years. Not every marriage is perfect, in fact, I know not one whose is. But you and Dad, Mom, were a true testament for "for richer or poor, in sickness and health, till death do us part". Mom, you were there until his very last breath. What a blessed man my Dad was to have you by his side to the very end.

Mom, you are never alone. Dad's spirit lives on and every time you look at your four children you can be reminded of Dad's love. Through us and all your grandchildren Dad lives on. We are all here—Please count on us to hold you up for now.

Dad, good-bye for now~We will see you soon!

Felicia

My grandpa was the most amazing man I have ever known. His mind was sharp and he held the answers to any question I ever had. He loved to remind me of the time I hit him over his bald head with a candle stick when I was little! He retold that story to me just a few days before he left the VA Nursing Home...said he could still feel the knot I left on his head! That story makes me laugh every time I hear it. I almost took down his awning when I was 15...I didn't have a permit yet and he let me drive down to the dumpster and back to his house and he told me I was too close and I was going to hit it as I pulled in, but I said I had done it a hundred times before with grandma and kept driving...well, I did hit it! I can hear him now..."PAULINE!!!" haha He never told my mom though, he replaced it and it was our secret! I miss him so much. My memories will never fade Papa, you've left a lasting impression on me and everyone who knew you.

Lorraine Eastman

My dad is the smartest man I know. No matter what the situation or question I had he knew the right answer. I remember as a young teenager he and I would watch Jeopardy and he would answer 95% of the questions right. I would always tell him that he should try to get on the show and win some money. I was cooking a few days ago and had a question about what I was making and my initial thought was to call dad he would know....but I can no longer do that. I remember the nights my dad would sleep on the sofa waiting for us girls to come home from our dates. Once we were home he would find his way to his bed because he knew we were safe. Other memories are of the Christmas when he bought us kids bikes and he stayed up all night putting them together and another Christmas us kids changed the clocks forward so we could open our gifts (mom said we had to wait until 5 am) Dad knew it was only 4 am because he had on his watch but he never said anything he let us enjoy the excitement of Christmas. We are going to miss the cookouts and the family gathering's that we had often, they will never be the same without him. We will miss him everyday of our lives. My dad loved us all so much that he fought this horrible disease for over 5 years.....he was our miracle, our hero....and now he is our Angel watching over us. I love you dad and miss you more than you can ever imagine.

John Graham

Me and My Dad Would Argue politics a lot , he had some good views but mostly i argued with him so he would take his mind off his medical problems . I miss you dad .

Some People say God does not answer prayers. Well in our case he did . My Dad was told he had 6 months to live 5 years ago . We all prayed for more time then 6 months and God Gave us 5 Years before Taking my Dad Home .

Dad We Miss You but We also Want to Say Thank You God For the Answered Prayers.

The background of the entire image is a textured, mottled brownish-gold color. In the upper right quadrant, there are two roses. One is a smaller, tighter bud, and the other is a larger, more open flower with many layers of petals. The roses are rendered in a soft, painterly style, blending into the background.

Life Story

every hour, every thought, every smile...

August 28, 1938

Born in **United States Michigan** on **August 28, 1938**.

February 11, 1978

Me and Dad

We had a Cabin On Houghton Lake Michigan, my dad took me up to it when i was 13 to go ice fishing , when we got to the one room cabin i pushed the bed close to him and i had to put Tin Foil on the rabbit ears so we could get any channels to come in on the T.V. I made such a Big Tin Foil antenna that my dad was impressed, we layed in bed and eat ham and mayo sandwich with pringles on them we watched a cowboy and fell asleep . I woke up and dad made a big breakfast , He liked to do that , we fished in the ice Shack all day , we didn't catch anything but we drank hot coco and talked . Its amazing how those memories come rushing back when he is gone . The Good Old Days , Dad could always make everything alright .I hope i can do the same for my Boys , Dad i Miss you

April 17, 2007

Passed away on **April 12, 2007**.

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