

My Dad

I have learned so many things from you over the last 36 years. You have given me so many opportunities and taught me so much about life and living. Your love of the great outdoors gave me a great appreciation for nature. I have often thought you should have been a forest ranger, or perhaps had a job with the DNR would have been best for you. You always seemed to know the rules and laws for so many different issues.

You are so talented and always ready to create with your hands. Your wood working skills are beyond compare. You created for us the most beautiful pieces of furniture that will be heirlooms in our family for generations to come.

Summer gardening was always one of your favorite projects. It always kept our family feed and kept you busy in the summer months. I always remember you firing up the big noisy tiller and working the soil over and over until it was good and ready for planting. And you were so particular about planting. I will never forget a few years ago helping you plant a row of green beans and how you got the ruler out and made me follow the pattern just perfectly so that every seed was spaced evenly apart! You were so particular about that! The garden always produced well every year an over abundance of fresh green beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, and the squash. Not to mention the strawberries in the spring!!! Yummy!

My Mr. fix it! If anyone could fix it Dad could! You were always fixing things, the cars, the house, appliances, you name it Dad could fix it! I still call you to this day to fix things for me, even though I know that John can fix things just as well.

You gave me your passion and love for photography. Thank you for teaching that to me it has been the best gift a father could give to his daughter. I have wonderful pictures and memories that will last us a lifetime.

You taught me to be a responsible person and to use good common sense. I learned so much for you. Everything that I am today is because of you and God. You are a wonderful father and you will always have a very special place in my heart.

Dad I miss you so much it hurts. I want to see you again and to laugh with you. I miss your great sense of humor and your positive attitude enough through the roughest of your days. I want to tell you again how much I love you and I want to take care of you just one more day. But I find comfort in knowing that you are no longer suffering and that gives me the peace that I need and the strength to go on. I know that someday I will see you again in heaven! I promise you I will make it there too!

I love you so much Daddy!
All my love forever and always,
Your Baby Girl ~ Laurie

