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Subject: RIP - My Dad

Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 00:54:17 GMT

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Peace

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Subject: Re: RIP - My Dad

Posted by [Rob Arsenault](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 01:15:09 GMT

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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 01:24:59 GMT

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Tom

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 01:57:41 GMT  
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You said it better than I could have. We still have so much to learn from that generation. Incredible bravery and humility and they are starting to disappear now. My Dad passed away in 2001.

Hang in there Don. We'll be thinking of you here.

Deej

"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote in message  
news:4487807d\$1@linux...

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> Hey Don, I'm vary sorry to hear about your loss. He sounds like he was a  
> great guy! They just don't make them like that anymore, they were the  
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Posted by [Carl Amburn](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 03:04:22 GMT  
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-Carl Amburn

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Posted by [Edna Sloan](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 04:05:01 GMT  
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Posted by [DC](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 04:40:31 GMT  
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My Dad passed a couple of years back...

He saw the famous Sinatra / Goodman show at the Paramount in NYC that launched Frank's career, and actually met Frank on the street before the show. Was a jazz fan in NYC all through the 30's to the 50's, a time I can only dream of. Worked 3 jobs to send us to college so we could come home and tell him how dumb he was...

I will tolerate about 1/10 of the crap from my kids that he put up with from me... He guarded German POW's in WWII. I play with audio gear...

And yeah, he was still a PITA bigtime.

He had quite a life, my dad.

It's hard, man. I will see him again though.

Best wishes to you and yours in this difficult time.

DC

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Subject: Re: RIP - My Dad

Posted by [Neil](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 04:52:15 GMT

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Wow, Don... sorry to hear that. Thanks for letting us know him just a little bit by posting what I thought was a great tribute to your dad.

Neil

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Subject: Re: RIP - My Dad

Posted by [LaMont](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 05:21:00 GMT

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Posted by [Kim](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 08:05:32 GMT  
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I don't know what to say.

Thinking of you and yours.

Cheers,  
Kim.

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Subject: Re: RIP - My Dad  
Posted by [Sarah](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 08:29:16 GMT  
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Condolences, Don,

I helped care for and befriended a local jazz trumpeter named Richard Burdell during his ten year struggle with ALS. That's a very rough thing for a family to deal with.

Hugs,

Sarah

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Subject: Re: RIP - My Dad  
Posted by [rick](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 08:44:46 GMT  
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Don,

both candy and i send you our condolences for your loss. your letter proves that it is never to late to say the things that need to be said. i'm glad that you and your father were able to share your long known but seldom spoken truth

peace  
rick

On Wed, 7 Jun 2006 20:54:17 -0400, "Don Nafe" <[dnafe@magma.ca](mailto:dnafe@magma.ca)> wrote:

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 10:57:43 GMT  
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Hey Don,

Very sorry to hear about your loss. Thanks for giving us an insight into your dad's life.

In addition to your musical talents, you are a compelling writer. Just two of many reasons for him to be very proud of his son.

Cheers,  
-Jamie  
<http://www.JamieKrutz.com>

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Subject: Re: RIP - My Dad  
Posted by [Tyrone Corbett](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 14:00:09 GMT  
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My sincerest condolences on the loss of your father.

Tyrone

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Subject: Re: RIP - My Dad  
Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 15:15:23 GMT  
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Don,  
My deepest condolences to you and yours. I only hope I get the chance to  
tell my Dad how I really feel. It's tough being sentimental with these old  
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godspeed,  
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Posted by [Pete Ruthenburg](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 15:18:21 GMT  
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Peace to you and your family Don.

Pete

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Posted by [jef knight\[1\]](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 15:35:02 GMT  
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Hi Don,

Nina and I, our hearts are with you, and your family, today. Much  
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Peace

jef & nina knight

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Subject: Re: RIP - My Dad  
Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 15:44:16 GMT  
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Subject: Re: RIP - My Dad  
Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 17:45:33 GMT  
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Sorry to hear about your dad's passing Don. My thoughts are with you.

Tony

"Don Nafe" <[dnafe@magma.ca](mailto:dnafe@magma.ca)> wrote in message [news:44877418\\$1@linux...](mailto:news:44877418$1@linux...)

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Subject: Re: RIP - My Dad  
Posted by [gene lennon](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 19:14:44 GMT  
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Sorry to hear about your Dad. It sounds like he was a good man.  
Thinking about you.  
Gene

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Subject: Re: RIP - My Dad  
Posted by [Ted Gerber](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 21:01:34 GMT  
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It's emotionally draining, that's for sure. My wife's Dad passed away  
a few weeks ago, and my sister died with very little notice a few months

before that. Seems like you're processing it well. Take care.

All the best,

Ted Gerber

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Posted by [steve the artguy](#) on Thu, 08 Jun 2006 21:28:05 GMT  
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thanks for posting that, Don  
It is appreciated. Very much.

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 00:18:06 GMT  
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Don - I am sorry to hear about your Dad passing.

Best wishes and condolences,  
Dedric.

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Posted by [emarenot](#) on Fri, 09 Jun 2006 23:43:51 GMT  
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Peace to you and yours Don.  
I'll remember you in my prayers.  
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Subject: Re: RIP - My Dad  
Posted by [Rod Lincoln](#) on Sat, 10 Jun 2006 17:52:56 GMT  
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My Uncle died of ALS a few years ago. I know it's tough seeing a loved one go through that. I'm truly sorry for your loss.  
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Subject: Re: RIP - My Dad

Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Sun, 11 Jun 2006 11:43:22 GMT

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Thank you everyone for your thoughts and prayers, they are truly appreciated

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ps. He sent us a lttle message that he's doing just fine...and so are we

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Subject: Re: RIP - My Dad

Posted by [Miguel Vigil \[1\]](#) on Sun, 11 Jun 2006 15:57:32 GMT

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El Miguel

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Subject: Re: RIP - My Dad

Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Mon, 12 Jun 2006 18:29:19 GMT

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Condolences to you and your family, Don.

Death of a parent is always tough. I know how it is.

And we've got a friend who's dying of ALS right now, so we're learning how to deal with that particularly ugly disease. He's got a remarkable outlook, but it's heartbreaking to watch.

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Subject: Re: RIP - My Dad

Posted by [uptown jimmy](#) on Tue, 13 Jun 2006 01:49:56 GMT

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I wish you the best. I wish I had known beter times with my parents.

Treasure your happy memories. Moments and memories are all we have.

Jimmy

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