



Guardians Remember Their Loved Ones

*“My beloved Shannon B. Mom and I miss you more than we can say. You are the best!”
– Christopher B.*

“Christine & Louis K.” – Erin K.

“To my fabulous hubby, Matt Z. Thank you for supporting me as I work my way—pint by pint—to earning my 10-gallon hat. When I make it to 20 gallons, will the 20-gallon hat fit on both our heads?” – Love Z.

“My father was recently killed in a motorcycle accident. He would often go out of his way to help people, even perfect strangers. He had a charisma that touched everyone he met, and he would always make sure those around him were taken care of and felt loved. And although he could never really stand the sight of blood (and you'd never catch him in a blood bank), it is in his memory that I make sure to donate as often as I can. I may not be able to get more time with my dad, but if I can give the gift of life or time to others to spend with their loved ones, I will do it and will encourage others to do so as well. It is the least I could do to honor a great and noble man. I love you and miss you, Dad.” – Edward B.

“Missing you Liannu! You would've been a wonderful nurse for Christ. Here's to donating more blood that you would've given to your patients!” – Jonathan W.

“Shirley K., known as Nana throughout our neighborhood, passed last January but will be remembered always as a caring, benevolent presence to all who had the good fortune to spend time with her. She was my wife's beloved mother and a splendid grandmother to our children. Born on Halloween, it's no surprise it was among her favorite holidays; after all, dozens upon dozens of kids and adults delighted her by visiting in costume each year and none left without treats. This is the first Halloween she's missed but we will feel the embrace of her love and humor throughout the season. Happy Dia de los Muertos, Nana Shirley!” – James H.

“I donate in memory of my mom Guan Ying W., who we lost in November 2017. She received over 100 units of blood products before she passed away and I dedicate every drop I give to her. We miss you so much, mom!” – Marion L.

*“Francisco R. Thanks for everything you have done for your family and community.”
– Steven R.*

“We miss you mom with all our hearts! It has been tough not having you here to see my kids grow into amazing adults. You taught me everything I know about being a mom. Until we meet again! XOXO” – Stefanie F.

“Dalia D. The family and I miss you so much! We think about you every day. I will forever cherish our memories.” – Priscilla R.

“Mom, I miss you every day.” – Lynn F.



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"I would like to honor the memory of my Grandmother Sally T. She lived life humbly and loved her family until the day we lost her." – Lisa S.

"My Mom, Gloria H., poured so much of her spirit and love into the holidays that they were always that much brighter. When I was younger, she handmade my costumes creating pieces that were memorable and envied. During Thanksgiving, she made enough savory and sweet treats to fill our bellies for weeks. For Christmas, well, even today I can hear Doris Day belting out Christmas songs on our record player, while my mom hummed along and decorated every inch of our house with automated Santa Clauses and crocheted snowmen. The holidays were the best time of the year for my mom, though almost every Sunday she spent making a grand breakfast that would put any brunch to shame. She loved to cook and bake just as much as she loved laughing with her sisters. Her laugh was vivacious. I miss her every day, week, and year that has passed since she left us. I wish she would have met the man I fell in love with and married and saw me in my wedding dress. I wish she was here today making conchas and pan de muertos with me. I have lots of wishes...but while she is not here in her physical self, I love that her spirit lives on." – Darlene H.

"I wish to honor my father, Norman C. who died too young at the age of 60. He inspired me to donate blood so others may have a chance." – Ann R.

"Julie W., you were a friend but more like a sister. We had some madcap adventures together, but my favorite memory involves boogie boarding at twilight at Torrey Pines beach until our teeth were chattering from the cold. We went to Sam's afterwards to warm up with pizza, and wine, of course. You were so brave staring down cancer for as long as you could. You lived your life with passion, compassion, humor, and style. It's been a year since you left but I will never stop missing you. Oh, how I hope we will meet again." – Laurel A.

"I would like to honor and will always remember Eliana F. She was a beautiful little girl who didn't get to experience life on this earth and the love of her family and friends. I miss her terribly and look forward to seeing her again in the perfectness of heaven. I love you, Eliana." – Scott F.

"My grandparents, Mary & Joseph C. are no longer with us, but I miss them dearly. They both were so loving and caring. They helped raise me and I enjoyed spending so much time with them, they taught me several life lessons that I have passed on to my own daughters." – Suzanne W.

"Honoring my brother George P. for being a wonderful big brother and helping me grow throughout my life. He kept our family connected and a day doesn't go by where I don't think about or miss him. Luckily, we share space and when I look at the moon, I know he is there watching over us." – Sabrina W.

"Remembering Barbara M. with gratitude for all of our adventures together." – Mary S.



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“Roger & Betty F. were the best examples and grandparents one could hope to have. They were married for 50 years, not always perfect years but always years filled with love and respect. He was quiet and loving but firm when needed. He passed on a love of family, baseball, respect for others and work, and always being there for your family. He lived to be 72 years old before Alzheimer's took him. She was strong and sassy and showed us all how to truly love as she cared for him till the day he left this life. She lived another 23 1/2 years after he was gone and continued to lead our family every day. She was 95 years when she left this life to join him, never losing her sense of humor or quick wit. She was the bravest, strongest, best person I knew and I miss her every day. They are missed by many people but were loved many more.”
– Jennifer M.

“Uncle Ron - thank you for being the father I never had. I miss your goofy questions, you being nosy, and asking one of us to bring you some random food item you thought of. We miss you.”
- Lashonnu B.

“In memoriam of Paul K., my beloved dad whose poise, wisdom and love are missed daily. While our memories of you live on in our hearts, we will continue to sing your praises to your grandkids who never had the opportunity to learn from you first-hand and to use you as a role model and a listening ear and shoulder to lean on as they go through the challenges of growing up. We miss and love you, Papa K!” - John K.

“I think that my reason for continuously donating blood is inspired by some of the most important people in my life— my Dad, who served his country in the Navy, my Mom who provided equal service by guiding and supporting our family while my Dad was away or recovering from issues stemming from his time in war, as well as my astounding wife, Lori, who remains the most giving and selfless person I know. An astounding individual who is ALWAYS doing all she can to better her children, family, or anyone else she can. And with examples like theirs, how could I not contribute regularly as an attempt to serve the community and provide assistance to those in need? While my efforts will never equal theirs, it is the least I can do to follow their impressive examples.” - Richard R.

“Rest in peace John T., Marty T., Noreen H., Calvin H. and all others who have passed over the decades.” – John T.

“This message is to remember Alexander B. He was a wonderful, caring hardworking individual. He will forever live in my heart.” - Suzanne H.

“Buddy M. - Dad, I miss you with my whole heart. Please say hi to mom & bro there in heaven. Counting the days till we see each other again.” - Sarah G.

“Lorena B. 04/06/86 - 04/21/07, Roman B. 08/09/62 - 02/20/08, Aurora C. 11/11/26 - 06/10/05. Always loved, never forgotten.” - Christina B.



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“My Father, Thomas I. was a regular donor to the Blood Bank and when he passed, I am pretty certain he was up there in the 50 plus Gallon Club. He never boasted or talked about his donations. He just did it. He was Type O- and knew that his donation could be used by all. I never understood this as a child. But now as an adult, I understand the joy it brought him, to do what he could for others. I LOVE YOU DAD! Thank you for encouraging me to continue the family tradition of donating blood to those who need it.” - Laurie I.

*“I would like to honor my father, ALFRED WILLIAM J., a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a man of integrity. He was the hardest working man I knew, and my sisters and I miss him every day. We love you Dad, thank you for being the best father we could've have had.”
- Mark J.*

“We have lost a few in the last year. I want to honor my mother Marianna H., my grandfather Gerald P., and my friend, Father Ramon D. Thank you. Please get the Covid vaccine if you can.” - Marcus H.

“Grandma Jane, I think about you often, and wish you were here to see the person I've become. You'd be so happy to know that I am happy and so are the rest of us. You are always missed and always loved.” - Michelle M.

“Arturo, gracias por inspirarme, ayudarme y conectar conmigo siempre. Me has enseñado a disfrutar cada momento. Te amo por siempre. Tu negrita cucurumbé, Arlin G.” - Olga G.

“So many happy memories of my loved ones. Jimmie, you will be forever in my heart. My best friend and true love. We were supposed to grow old together. All those fun and crazy times we had will be with me forever. Daddy, I will always be your little girl. I am still walking to defeat ALS in your honor. Aunt Barb, you are my sunshine. Love you all including those I have not mentioned.” - Rebecca M.

“Fondly remembering my sister Judie A. She was a wonderful role model, best friend, great person! Love you always, Sis.” - Pat B.

“Mitchell P. A beautiful soul who left too soon. I love you sweet nephew!” - Kelly N.

“I would like to honor my mother Julie R. Without her I would not be the person I am today. Miss you tons mom.” - Kyle R.

“Owen D. was my adopted "father". His love of God, his family, and country were a part of his character and what he taught by example to those around him. He was a faithful blood donor until health issues prevented him from donating. He was an inspiration to be a donor, to give of what you had to the betterment of the people in need. I'm proud to have been drawn into his family and I want to honor him for his dedication.” - Cody J.

“Ronnie Jo C. - Miss you terribly!” - Gene C.



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“RIP Ms. Brenda C. I hope that you are proud of the great guy that Kevin is and becoming more of everyday. RIP grandma, D'Andre B., and Ms. Kelly M. I miss all of you and these days has been challenging lately but I hope that I am making you proud and that you will always continue to watch over me.” - Michael T.

“The point of life was to press on, to do the best you can, to make the world a better place. - Tom Clancy. My father-in-law, Clancy S., was an avid Tom Clancy reader and definitely left the world a better place. He left us only seven months ago and there isn't a day we don't think about him. On this first Dead of the Dead, we don't look back in sadness but instead celebrate his full life and remember his wry smile that was just the best look. We miss you. Your DIL and SD S Family.” - Rabecca S.