A letter to you, Dad

Thank you all so very much for coming, it means everything to have your support.

I feel extremely blessed to have grown up in such loving home. Life was always an adventure and a true learning experience , it was a home classroom that you gave us and an appreciation for education. You sparked an interest and made learning fun, I loved your sense of humor, your steady support and encouragement.

 I remember how on my 25th birthday you presented me with a homemade photo album you compiled with your very own poems. It’s a priceless memento I’ll always cherish. I also recall your sure tenor voice singing merry little tunes for us. I treasure the memories of night viewing through the telescope. Then there was the time when I was very small, we went driving, looking for the road to the moon.

 It has been an honor and a privilege to share a household with you these past ten years, your generosity has been magnificent & unconditional. You lived an exemplary life. I am so very proud to be your daughter.

I feel such gratitude for all that you shared with me, all that you gave and the fine example you set in the community. You stood for responsibility and integrity. You set the bar of achievement high. I never fully realized until cleaning & sorting out your office what a huge body of work you had produced.

It was so special to have the family here to visit just before Christmas, and for you to get to meet your great granddaughter, Anna. It was a delight to see. Your kindness, sensitivity and playfulness shone through. You have left a legacy of love that will continue for generations.

The stellar individual that you were and the impact of your positive contributions leaves a lasting impression for those of us that follow. You cast a wide circle of influence. I recall when searching for a new home for the science equipment and books, a friend with a young son took an entire truck load of materials. You patiently recorded an audio of several experiments with instructions on how to use the equipment. The young man is now a budding young scientist.

You were the best father I could ever have had. You will always be a prince in my eyes. My love for you will never die.