

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRAM (TI AMO NONNA)

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I WOKE UP THIS MORNING KNOWING I HAD A HARD WORKOUT TO DO THIS MORNING. BUT THEN I REMEMBERED WHAT TODAY WAS, HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRAM. MY GRANDMOM WOULD HAVE BEEN 81 YEARS OLD TODAY BUT HER LIFE WAS SNATCHED AWAY FROM HER JUST OVER 6 YEARS AGO. LIFE JUST ISN'T THE SAME WITHOUT HER. NOW MY MOM HAS LYMPHOMA & I WAS SO AFRAID THAT I COULDN'T EVEN ASK HER IF THIS COULD TAKE HER FROM US. & JUST YESTERDAY I LEARNED THAT IT IS A FATAL TYPE OF CANCER. TOMORROW MOM WILL HAVE A BONE MARROW & LYMPH NODE BIOPSY DONE. SO I WONT BE SLEEPING MUCH NOW. BUT I WENT INTO MY WORKOUT WITH A HEAVY HEART. BEFORE MY CONSCIENCE HELPED TO MAKE ME WHO I AM TODAY, I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT OF DEATH THAT MUCH. I NEVER REALLY CARED. I DIDN'T CONSIDER THAT SOMEONE ON THE NEWS JUST LOST THEIR KIDS OR THEIR GRANDPARENTS OR WHATEVER THE LOSS HAPPENED TO BE FOR THAT PARTICULAR STORY. & NOW DEATH WEIGHS ON ME HEAVILY, & A BIG PART OF THAT IS GUILT. I STILL GO BACK TO THE NIGHT I ENDED MY LANDLORDS LIFE. DID I HAVE T HIT HIM THAT HARD? DID I HAVE TO HIT HIM MORE THEN ONCE? DID I HAVE TO PICK UP THAT HAMMER? WHY DIDN'T I CALL 911 WHEN IT WAS OVER? I KNOW YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST BUT THIS SATURDAY WILL BE 16 YEARS SINCE THE NIGHT THAT DESTROYED SO MANY LIVES. & THE GUILT DOESN'T GO AWAY. I HAVE THOUGHT OF REACHING OUT TO MY VICTIMS FAMILY TO APOLOGIZE BUT THE MAN WHO KILLED MY JUSTINE, THE LAST THING I WANT IS AN APOLOGY FROM HIM. SO I'M SURE THAT THEY DON'T WANT THAT FROM ME. BUT LEGALLY I'M NOT ALLOWED TO CONTACT THEM ANYWAY SO MAYBE THATS BEST. I DID READ AN AMAZING ARTICLE THOUGH & I WANT TO SHARE IT. I MIGHT EDIT IT SO IT'S SHORTER. BUT IT'S ABOUT A JUDGE FROM OREGON WHO WAS VERY ANTI-DRUG & HIS OWN DAUGHTER WAS A DRUG ADDICT/SELLER. & SHE ENDED UP BEING MURDERED & THE JUDGE'S STORY AMAZED ME. I'LL INCLUDE IT AT THE END OF THIS. PLEASE READ THE JUDGES STORY, I WAS HONESTLY VERY SURPRISED AT IT. THIS IS A MAN OF TRUE FAITH & FORGIVENESS. HE'S A BETTER MAN THEN I COULD EVER BE. HIS STRENGTH TO FORGIVE IS SOMETHING I COULD NEVER DO. WHEN I WOKE UP, I LOOKED AT MY CALENDAR & REMEMBERED IT AS MY NONNA'S BIRTHDAY TODAY & I LOOKED AT THE BIG PICTURE I HAVE HANGING UP OF HER & MY JUSTINE & I SANG HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY GRANDMOM. AM I A LITTLE NUTS FOR THAT, MAYBE, BUT I LOVE MY GRANDMOM & SHE LOVED BIRTHDAY'S, NOT JUST HERS, EVERYONE'S. SHE LOVED SPOILING HER GRANDKIDS EVERY CHANCE SHE COULD. I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU GRAM & I WILL NEVER FORGET ALL THAT YOU TAUGHT ME. THANK YOU. I'VE LEARNED ALOT OVER THE YEARS BUT GRAM TAUGHT ME HOW TO LOVE PEOPLE, HOW TO BE A BETTER PERSON, SHE HELPED ME LEARN TO FIND JOY IN HELPING OTHERS. WHEN I DO SOMETHING NOW, I ASK MYSELF, "WHAT WOULD GRAM THINK?" & I GO FROM THERE. GRAM ALWAYS FORGAVE, NO MATTER WHAT THE DEAL WAS, SHE FORGAVE. I JUST WANTED TO TALK ABOUT MY GRANDMOM TODAY & THANK EVERYONE FOR LISTENING. ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SPEAK UP. TAKE CARE, STAY SAFE, ENJOY THE REST OF SUMMER & GOD BLESS. CIAO