
losing a parent

Posted by zizzy - 2006/02/27 08:53

Hi all, I am going through major life changes. My mom passed on 1-15-06, as result of me taking her to pretesting for back surgery.. This led to heart test then bypass. Now i have to rule over this house and make right for my husband, kids and others. I have not lost mind and soul yet. I could use conversations to help me through all this. THANK YOU :)

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Re:losing a parent

Posted by Lizzy916 - 2006/02/27 09:16

hugs for you. I know what it is like to deal with an ill mother. My mom has been clinically dead 3 times but she is still here. No one knows when their going to die. my mom has cancer, diabetes, CHF, heart disease..etc, etc. The fact is she could die from anyone of her illnesses, or she could die in a car wreck. I feel for you. I pray for you.

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Re:losing a parent

Posted by boudicca - 2006/02/27 09:48

I lost my mom several years ago, she was hit by a train, while driving a Geo Metro. It was the hardest thing I ever had to do. Getting that Knock on the door...But its helped with other thigs, to show just how fast people can be taken away from us.

To know she has Grandkids she will never see grow up. And They don't have the joy of knowing who she is. Is still sad. Stay strong my heart goes out to you!

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Re:losing a parent

Posted by honeyb - 2006/02/27 11:02

Zizzy,
My heart goes out to you and your family. I know what it is like to lose a mother. There is nothing I can say that you haven't already heard, but anytime you want to talk, feel free to pm me, I will try to help you in anyway I can. Sometimes it helps just to get things out on paper. God Bless you today and tomorrow too. :cheer:

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Re:losing a parent

Posted by PeterJ - 2006/02/27 16:14

Zizzy,
Thoughts and prayers go out to you. Like honeyb and everyone said here, there isn't anything I can say that you haven't already heard, but anytime you want to talk, feel free to pm me too. I lost my mom about 10 years ago, and lost my dad fourteen months ago, the day after Christmas.

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Re:losing a parent

Posted by netty - 2006/02/28 00:45

How ironic that I see your post on this, the one year anniversary of the night I took my Dad to emerg. He died three weeks later and it was three weeks of looking at a man who was simply no longer there. I do know so well what you are feeling. My heart and support go to you.

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Re:losing a parent

Posted by Lin1on1 - 2006/03/06 13:37

Hi there:

Hugs for you and a prayer!

I too lost my mother in 2001' and I tell you I still mounre her loss....I do not think any child of a lost parent in death gets over it.Even tho' its a part of life to loose a loved one in death...weas human have to deal with it...cherish the memories and share them with your children...even the sad moments and the funny moments...share themhave her picture closeby...give her a kiss....maybe try and buy a fav plant she loved...and take care of it...and kinda...feel that her spirit is there....e/day ...which is anyways.

I found that the more I thought of my Mother- I had dreams of her.

I find talking about my mother to loved ones closest to me was so neat too...and when you have a good support system :-) of peeps you get thru the loss much easier.Focus on good things you and mom shared and did....what she taught you....made you laugh....her childhood antics...things of that nature.

Family comes first also and with consideration and understanding...its okay to cry and be lonesome for Mom..on occasion...its human nature.

I hope your coping well and love to see you here at the site more often...having new friends here at this site is a must.Add me to your friends list and we can share life's experiences...also we help each others here...this is what I love about this site...its a god-send!

May the ray of sunshine come to your neck of the woods and a ray of hope...warm your heart....daily tasks at hand..are what we become!hehe..hope you understand what I meant...LOL

tc- girl...and have a nice day C-U-soon here!

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Re:losing a parent

Posted by MB - 2006/03/06 14:22

I can come close to understanding what you're going thru, and you have my sincere empathy.

My mom is dying, from Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She was sort of in remission twice before, but it came back. This time in the groin, and swelled her belly, legs, and pushed on her kidneys, causing them to almost shut down. We didn't think she'd last more than a few hours 3 weeks ago. I had my two Aunts, Pat and Winnie, two of her younger sisters, come to stay in Kansas then.

However since restarting the chemo, she is feeling crappy, but it is working. So she is very hopeful, as are her oncologist and nurses at Cancer Center. And, of course, the whole family.

She is going to pull thru.....maybe. :)

She was ready to give up and not do the chemo route this time, but the pain involved made her do it. So who knows, as one already said, when we will go?

I certainly am praying for you and yours!

Sincerely,
MaryBeth :)

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thank you

Posted by zizzy - 2006/03/09 05:44

thank you very much, I guess i had some sort of help with decideing to join this web page. I have not been on computer much other then for bills and quickly looking at my stuff due to my household growing well before my mompassed. It had been 2 yrs my brother lost his house with 3 kids (of course she took in 14 grandson first, then around christmas i told that 16 granddaughter was coming here too).With all the kids my computer is hard for me to use. At this time 17 granddaughter had baby on sept 27) This baby was her first great grand child and she was so happy with being girl too. Now i am making it through for my kids (2 boys 13,15) and my husband. My mom talked about this happening and her talking has not stop for me. I think things happen for good reasons but not falling apart is the hardest battle for me. I guess when all this mellows out in house, then maybe if i still have job I will be going back ?? sry for delay in a heart felt THANK YOU FOR RESPONSE :)

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Re:thank you

Posted by sahm2b - 2006/04/01 12:31

I am soo sorry sweetie. I lost my beloved daddy unexpectedly in 04.' Fast forward to 2 years later, and I still can't believe he is gone. I feel your pain. I can offer this to you, I was keeping myself on the run, picking up overtime at work, doing all the housecleaning, banking, errands, then going to the gym. I would come home so exhausted that I would literally fall asleep sitting straight up. After keeping this up for almost a year, it finally hit me that my daddy was gone. When I found myself int he middle of the woods, on my knees screaming my head off, I realized that I needed to deal with this issue,a nd that I needed to make more time for myself. I talked with the hubby, who tatally agreed with me. He picked up most of the household chores, and I quit accepting overtime. For about 4 months I would come home from work, and get right in the hot tub for a few hours and just sort out my thoughts. (can be done in the bathtub too) I finally went through all the stages, and honored my own self by coming to terms with my loss. I am sure if you spoke to your hubby, friend or family member, and explained how you are feeling, and what you need (what you need to deal with this trauma may be different than mine..or maybe you just don't like water!) and asked him/her for some help around the house so that you can have some time alone to deal with your mom's death properly, he/she would be more than willing to do so.

I know I couldn't have gone on much longer the way I was going, and neither can you. Hugs to you:)

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Re:losing a parent

Posted by ladypk - 2006/06/07 10:46

I was watching an episode this having to do with Christina losing her Mom on 9/11...and wound up crying.. My Mom has been gone a long time but I never had closure with her before she passed, and we were never very close to begin with, but still there is this void...Sometimes I wonder how I can mother my kids when I was never mothered.. My children are adults now, which I think is harder still to be a good Mother and allow them to grow without wanting to smother them..My oldest just came home from Iraq and I wanted to hold him in my arms and never let him go, but he is a man and so after our visit I watched him drive away to his base again not knowing where he will be sent next..Someone please send me some courage...as I am running out quickly..

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Re:losing a parent

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2006/06/08 01:56

ladypk.....I'm sending hugs!!!! Mine are just now teenagers and I can start to relate to some of what you are saying.....but I just keep in mind that although I never had any nurturing, I'm choosing to give my kids what I would have wanted!! No, I'm not perfect at all and I have to apologize to them sometimes (which is not necessarily a bad thing!!! lol) but I truly endeavor to balance between loving and smothering and letting them be independent!!

It's a difficult task to juggle.....especially since we had no example set for us.....but the fact that we try and we love them shines through!!!! (That's my prayer, anyway!!!!)

I wish you the best and just know that you are not alone!!! ;)

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Re:losing a parent

Posted by honeyb - 2006/06/08 12:26

My little bit of courage goes out to you Ladypk! And a lot of prayers for your son. I can't imagine the worry that you go through daily. A big hug for you!!

My mother and father both have passed. My mother and i were never really close like i would have liked us to be. It wasn't her fault though. It was the way she was raised, so that is how she raised her family. My father on the other hand was the one we ran to with hurt knees and kisses to make things better. I loved him more than life, it broke my heart to

lose him. I held his hand and kissed his cheek and told him what a good father he had been. I had the pleasure of seeing him accept the Lord as his personal savior 2 days before he died. I will never as long as i live, forget that. My dad is in Heaven, and i will see him again someday.

My mother was a good woman, but so stand offish and stubborn. I think we were too much alike to get along that well. In the end, we became friends and for that i am eternally grateful. Both were wonderful people. It is lonely without your parents. They fill a void that no one else can. I miss them both all the time, it has been 10 years now, and i can talk about it without breaking down. I think God intended for children to bury their parents, but certainly not for parents to bury their children. I think that would be the hardest thing in the world for a mother to do. Your son is one of your most precious treasures, the other one is your daughters. Tell them you love them today. I wish my mother had told me, she showed me, but she never TOLD me. Makes a difference. My prayers are with you Pinkpk

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Posted by teklawgirl - 2006/06/08 13:02

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You expressed perfectly how I set about loving and nurturing my children. My mother, herself an abused child, was incapable of giving love and affection to any of her 6 children. I swore that I would do everything in my power to give to my children the things that I needed that I could not get from my own mother, and also those things that they wanted that would be healthy for them.

Since I had no healthy role models as a child, I had to make it up as I went along and do the best I could do, reading every self-help book that I could find to try to figure out how to parent. Of course, I made lots of mistakes, but at least tried to learn from them, and be as honest and present in the moment as I could be as they grew up. While my children agree that I was a much better parent to my younger child, who is nine years younger than the older one, they also feel that they got lots of love from me, despite early mistakes. At least I can say that they have both gone much farther at their respective ages than I had gone at those ages, and I am proud of both of them, and grateful that they have gotten past my parental goofs with a minimum of damage (keeping fingers crossed).

In recognition of my mother's efforts to pull herself together, she just recently hugged me for the first time in my life and told me that she loved me. I was in shock for days afterward! At 70 years old, I have to credit her with never giving up trying to find herself and find a way to reach out to others and really connect! That was quite an accomplishment for her!

Of course, I also had no healthy role models for forming intimate relationships either, so I had to stumble my way (and drag my kids through) through 5 failed marriages and divorces before I managed to get it right with Mr. Wonderful #6, with whom I have been for 4 1/2 years now, and it's absolutely a divine relationship!

With kindest regards, Donna E.:)

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Posted by LaurenB - 2006/06/14 01:55

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*****hugs*****

I'm sorry you're going through this. I've made peace with the fact that I also will face this someday.

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Re:losing a parent

Posted by jhal - 2006/06/15 08:49

I have lost both my father and mother but I didn't grieve until I lost my sister last year. I didn't know either of my parents well as my dad was an alcoholic and my mother was unaffectionate. She tried, I guess, but didn't succeed in giving any love to her three children. I didn't miss her when she passed away 6 or 7 years ago (I don't even know what year she passed as it is not important to me). Neither do I know what year my father passed.

But my sister passed away on August 31st, 2005 and I've missed her every day and can only hope there is an after life and that she is now happy and arthritis free.

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Re:losing a parent

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2006/06/15 21:20

*****hugs***** jhal!!!!

You are not alone, I just wanted you to know that!! You're in my thoughts and prayers too!!

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:(I so understand where you are coming from ..when I just had my first son in 1987, my mom <who was living overseas with my dad> was murdered then ...4 months later my father left me...it has been a struggle throughout my life that I have yet to get over...they never knew any of my children...I wish they had...I so know how you feel but I hated hearing that when my parents passed...at the time I felt like no one knew what I felt ...God bless ...

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