

HFART-itude changed by the Miracle

As you may recall from my husband's article in April 2010 (please read, it is easily found on our website under news-- local articles), we are once again celebrating Miracle Day this month!! Of course, I still think of that day in March 2007 almost daily, but each year as Miracle Day approaches, I am especially grateful that my husband is still with me, and that my children have a daddy.

Our sweet daughter Faith, stands next to me as I write the article this month. Remember, it was she who came up with this holiday. She wanted me to write that she would not know what to do without her daddy. She also says that she loves to laugh and play with him and catch up on the silly fun together, since he may not have been up to much play back then.

Since today is Valentine's Day as I write this tribute to my husband, I may get a little mushy. Michael and I are on our 26th year of marriage and I have to say, that our marriage seemed to get stronger and stronger AFTER he was diagnosed with cancer. I have pondered over and over on this idea. I have come to the conclusion that it is probably because I have had the opportunity to focus much more attention on what my sweet love may need from me and not so much

on unimportant matters if life, or on my incorrect perceptions of what my husband thought of me. I have also received a deeper appreciation for my husband in a very profound way. He has mentioned that having felt like he had come close to death, he had the opportunity to think deeper about his relationships with his family. This then led us to be able to communicate on a deeper level and thus understand each other better. Like my husband has shared in the past, "a heart experiencing love grows to share that love with others."

If you are one of those blessed people to have married your one true love, cherish every moment and never take any of the moments for granted. To be forever with your best friend is a blessing I will always be grateful for!

The next best thing to loving and sacrificing for your spouse is to love and help those around you. May God Bless You All, and if you are someone we have been able to help at our office, we are grateful to be there for you.

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