

TRIBUTE TO DAD

By Craig Watson

What can I say about Dad?

*Well for those who didn't know he dedicated a song to his four children. Amanda,
Ozzy Osbourne "Changes"
Laura, Ray Peterson "Tell Laura I love her"
Craig (Me), Kenny Rogers "The Gambler"
Matthew, Harry Belafonte "Banana boat song"
He had a meaning and reason behind each song that was personal to him.*

*Dad was a man about town he knew something about everything. You could ask him
about a song, and he would tell you the artist, the year it came out and the album it
was from.*

*He loved everything to do with the war, he could tell you everything about it. He
loved world history and was very knowledgeable with it all and was rarely wrong if I
googled it.*

*My dad was my superhero, he wrestled with superstars, he survived 12 rounds with
Mike Tyson, he jumped out of burning aeroplane. There are so many more stories he
told me growing up and I was fascinated and believed every word he said.*

*To most people these were made up lies and fantasies but for me my dad was the best
at everything, superstrong & supercool, just superhuman!
As I have got older and had children of my own, I realised why my dad said what he
said. It's because he wanted us to be proud of him and to look up to him as a hero.*

*The stories he told were mostly made up, but some of the world's greatest books are
made up from someone's imagination. The greatest lesson he taught me was, all you
need is your imagination and you can create anything. He invented himself as a man
who did and could do everything.*

*Whether it was fact or fiction he was a very entertaining man. I miss his stories, I
miss his jokes, I miss everything about him!
He also believed in spirits and the afterlife, so if you are still here, please
give me a pat on the shoulder or a little nudge so I know you're by side.
Love you always Dad!*

PERIOD OF REFLECTION
Build me a Daddy
Music by Luke Bryan



A LETTER FROM HEAVEN

*To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say,
But first of all to let you know that I've arrived okay
I am writing this from heaven, where I dwell with god above,
Where there's no more tears or sadness, there is just eternal love.*

*Please do not be unhappy because I am out of sight,
Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night.*

*That day I had to leave you, when life on earth was through,
God picked me up and hugged me and said "I really welcome you.
It's good to have you back again, you were missed while you were gone,
As for your dearest family, they'll be here much later on.*

*I need you here so badly, as part of my big plan,
There's so much that we have to do, to help our fellow man".*

*Then God gave me a list of things he wished for me to do
And foremost on that list of mine, was to watch and care for you.*

*I will be beside you every day and week and year,
And when you're sad I'm standing there to wipe away the tear.
When you're fast asleep and all the chores have taken flight
God and I will be closer to you always through the night*

*When you think of my life on earth and all those living years
Because you're only human they are bound to bring you tears
Do not be afraid to cry it does relieve the pain,
Remember there would be no flowers unless there was some rain.*

*I wish that I could tell you, all that god has planned.
But I can't really let you know for you wouldn't understand.
But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth's no more
I am closer to you now than I ever was before*

*And to my many friends, trust God knows what is best
Im still not very far away from you, I am just beyond the crest.
There are many rocky roads ahead for you and many hills to climb
But together we can do it, taking one step at a time.*

*It was always my philosophy and I would like it for you too,
That as you give unto the world, so the world will give to you.
So if you help somebody who is feeling down and low
Just lend a hand and pick them up as on your way you go.*

*When you are walking down the street, and you've got me on your mind
I am walking in your footsteps, just half a step behind
And when you feel a gentle breeze or the wind upon your face
Thats me giving you a great big hug or just a soft embrace
And when its time for you to go, from that body to be free
Remember that you're not going away, you're coming home to me.
And I will always love you, from this happy land above,
I will soon be in touch again with you. P.s God sends his love*