

Dear Donor Family:

I know you don't know me, but I would like to introduce myself. I am 80 years old and was an attorney for over fifty years. I was married in 1964, have two grown daughters and five grandchildren who enrich my life. My wife, who somehow put up with me for 53 years, was a mental health counselor who created and ran an intervention program and agency for over 30 years to help young people. Then in 2017 my wife was diagnosed with an incurable brain tumor and although we were lucky to be able to care for her at home, she died on Easter in 2019.

Three years ago, I developed eye problems that made cataract and corneal transplant surgery necessary.

Since my wife's death I have become active in volunteering at a local Hospice and recently have joined their Board of Directors. I have found this experience to be important and rewarding and have recently and currently been involved in training for End-of-Life Care. Now, I have been accepted into a nursing program to get my Licensed Practical Nursing degree so that I can become more involved in this work.

I mention this because your loved one's donations have helped me every day on this recent life journey. I believe that without their gift much of what I have been doing and the training particularly the LPN school work would be difficult and perhaps not possible. I didn't know your family member, but I think of them often and hope that you know the part they continue to play in my life.

I hope their memory brings you smiles.

