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Dad's 80th Birthday

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TO MY FATHER, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EIGHTIETH



BIRTHDAY

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dated this 10th day of July, 2006 C.E.

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DAD



FOR MY FATHER:

On the Occasion of His Eightieth Birthday

Dad



*"I am the Master of my fate:
I am the Captain of my soul."*

Risk taker;
Nurturer.

Grew his wife
from tentative young lady
to self-loving, self-confident woman.

Pours out love
to his children
& Does his duty
no matter what.

Regular
as sunrise.

Courage!
King of his life.

Makes decisions:
in solitude
& silence.
Carries them through,
unflinching.

Nurtures
family, friends,
employees, bosses,
flowers & fruits.
Teacher, mentor.
Loyal friend.

Full of marital &
paternal pietas.

Body, emotion, & mighty intellect
serve intuition.

Self-Reliance.

Athlete
who transformed
a life-threatening disease
into love of Poetry--
by receiving the gift
of a teacher.

Learns from every moment;
transforms disaster
into opportunity.

Steadfast.

Nerdy-looking athlete-poet who
married the most beautiful
girl in the world.

Boy-man who
always knew
what he wanted,
& was ready to
pay the price.

Generous man:
hard to say no.

So much to say:
hard to say it.

Full of wisdom;
fewer words
as life goes on.

Integrity
honor.

Struggle
for integrity
against
perfection.

Honor
Profound Kindness
mentor

always to be able
to look at self in mirror

World-saving generation
Patriot
sadness grows
as world
repeats all mistakes,
beloved country
sinks beneath waves
of arrogance & false pride
while talking humility.

Knight of integrity,
self-ennobled.

Appreciator of beauty.
Self-taught connoisseur,
always learning
beauty in new forms.

World-wide view,
as if from a great height,
feet on the ground.

Anxiety and performance.
Envision, plan, and execute.

King, giver
of blessing.

Music love,
human voice,
voices.

Lover of grandchildren
Noble Patriarch

Dad.

