



August 14, 2012

Dear Friends,

Receiving many cards, calls, messages, flowers, and emails has been very encouraging. It is hard to believe Friday will mark 3 months since my father's death. I'm grateful for those who have buoyed me up during this time.

Mom and I have been so busy taking care of everything neither of us have fully taken in that Dad is gone. Just this morning I had to remind myself that he is not going to care if I put something in his room. Although grieving has some definition to it, I have found the process of grieving to be unique with each person I have lost. Have you found that?

After being together everyday for months, Mom and I are going to especially miss each other with my return to Reading, MA. Together we have tackled what amounts to a mound of paper work, made a bazillion decisions - many of them hashed through many times, took a road trip visiting family, watched NJ public television on Friday nights, and cooked the simplest of meals. I am blessed to have such a great Mom.

Please pray for:

- ☀ My Mom as she grieves the loss of her husband of 59 years and adjusts to my departure and all that means.
- ☀ My walk with God as I journey along grief's road and transition back home.
- ☀ Upcoming connections and work with the teams I am a part of. We start off with a team picnic the 17th and have planning days following it. I have a trip to the west coast for national meetings with the other Leadership Development Directors from around the country.
- ☀ For college students you know as they go off to college. This is such a significant time in their lives.

As always, it is a privilege to partner with you so that the good news of God's love and mercy given freely in Jesus is spread throughout the world.

Because God's love abounds,



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