

## Mr. John R. Green, Jr.

November 22, 1933 - September 10, 2009

Mr. John R. Green, Jr. was born in Bangor, MI on November 22, 1933 to John, Sr. and Mabel (West) Green. He was one of 2 children born to this union. John was joined in marriage to Leontine Staten, and celebrated 48 years together. To this union brought together eleven (11) children. He departed this life at the age of 75 on Thursday, September 10, 2009; at his home in Kalamazoo, MI.

John served in the United States Navy from 1951-1954. He received several medals and commendations for his duty during that Korean War. He served in the inactive Naval Reserves from 1954-1959.

John held the position of Administrative Vice President with the Mailhandlers Union Local 307, State of Michigan from 1972 to 1992. In 1992, he held the position of State Representative with the Mailhandlers Union Local 307, State of Michigan. He later retired from the United States Postal Service in October 1992, after 29 years of working as a U.S. Postal Worker.

Over the years John worked numerous part-time jobs to provide extra support for his family. These included 25 years for the Kalamazoo Gazette and 9 years for DeNooyer Chevrolet. John is preceded in death by his parents, John Sr. and Mabel (West) Green; one brother, John (Corrine) Green, and one son-in-law, David Ri'Chard.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 48 years, Leontine (Staten) Green; one brother, Edwin (Catherine) Green; one sister, Phyllis Greene; 11 children, Teri (Ralph) Jackson, Kathryn Redsky, Darryl (Beverly) Green,

Allyson Cobbs, Carita Ri'Chard, Alana Green, Joni (Bernard) Robinson, Lori (Steven) Holt, Cheryl (Anthony) Green-Ollie, Mary (Mark) McCormick, and Donna (Wesley) Parker; 26 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; a special cousin George West, Jr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. John R. Green, Jr.



Harper Funeral Home - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. John R. Green, Jr.

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. John R. Green, Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Brazeal Pearl lit a candle in memory of Mr. John R. Green, Jr.



Brazeal Pearl - November 03, 2022 at 10:37 PM

DG

“ *Daddy. Life is rough right now. Just going through the daily motions. Think of you everyday. I really miss ya.* ”

darryl j green - December 30, 2021 at 12:04 PM

KR

“ *Hi daddy, wow so much has taken place since you've been gone , I'm sure you already know. Thank you for the blessing of love with my younger brother , nieces , nephew and sister in law. You're always with me and I miss you dearly. You never got to meet Charles but uncle Ed did. Now all three of you are together chopping it up along with the rest of our love ones. We are coming up the 12th anniversary of your transition and not a day goes by that you are in my thoughts . I've been trying to always to stay strong but sometimes It gets difficult , however I'm doing it. Your name comes up so much which means your legacy lives on. Last but not least your first born son Darryl is a god sent. He's helped , love and supported me through this trying year . You have to be so proud of the man he is, I know I am. I'm so happy to finally getting to know your younger son Roger . He's also amazing and I love both my brothers. Teri is a Queen and quite a woman daddy. I'll close now, you know I forgot that you can still post on here. So I'll be coming back often. Please give loving hugs to grandpa Green, gma Katherine, uncle Ed . Grandma Green and my beautiful great grandparents West, grandpa Murphy. I miss & love you dad forever. Continued peace daddy .* ”

*Love , Kathy*



Kathryn Redsky - May 07, 2021 at 05:45 PM

TJ

“ *Good Morning, Daddy, thinking of you, as always. Welcome another beautiful soul! 🥰❤️* ”

Teri Jackson - February 10, 2021 at 10:08 AM

DG

“ Hey Daddy, it's me love you  
Darryl

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**Darryl Green** - January 16, 2021 at 05:25 PM

GD

“ Daddy it's me mom coming to you

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**Green Darryl** - May 27, 2019 at 04:43 PM

DG

“ Hello, it's been close to fours now since you passed on. Miss you  
much. Not a day goes by without thinking of.  
Some days I laugh and some days tear up. I wish that we could  
walk and talk again.  
Love you Daddy  
Darryl

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**darryl green** - April 14, 2013 at 03:50 PM



“ Dear Daddy,

*Just want you to know that not a single day goes by that I don't think about you. I seem to think about you every few hours - sometimes more. All the thoughts are good: the good times we had, the good father you were, how much my children loved you. I am so thankful they got to know you, although I wish they could have known you better. They will always remember you, though. I think about those last days and don't know exactly what you could see or hear. I hope you heard all of us telling you how much we love you. You fought the good battle, Daddy. As much as I wanted to be selfish and tell you to fight some more, I know you were tired. I keep coming to this site to look at pictures of you, although you are permanently embedded in my mind and heart. I am so lucky to have had you in my life. I Love You and always will.*

*Your loving daughter,*

*Teri##imported-begin##Teri Jackson##imported-end##*

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October 23, 2009 at 01:32 PM



“ Meeting you was very intriguing. i thank God for allowing me, and my son to have had an opportunity to spend time with you.

*Love,*

*Herlyn & Dony##imported-begin##Herlyn & Dony  
Roberson##imported-end##*

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October 07, 2009 at 12:16 AM



“ I miss you very much G-pa. Every time I see and old man or an old couple I start crying. You were the funniest, fussiest, big baby, strapped, loving, and only grandpa I ever had. I just got to keep pounding it in my head that you in a better place now. Love you always. Tasha###imported-begin##Tasha Cobbs###imported-end##

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September 24, 2009 at 11:41 AM



“ Daddy, it's been 12 long days. It's still so hard to believe that your not here with us. Every morning when I awake I pray to Our Heavenly Father and thank Him for watching over me and my family while we slept. I thank Him for my life, my family, my children, my husband and all that I have. I've been asking Him to give me strength because the pain of loosing you hurts so bad. I ask Him in the name of Jesus Christ to keep me and my family free from all hurt and harm and to keep us close to one another. I ask Him to keep his loving arms around everyone who you loved and cared about. Before I say Amen, I ask Him if I can talk to you. I know you can hear me. I can feel it in my heart. I know your watching over us until we see you again. I miss you so much!  
Joni###imported-begin##Joni (Green) Robinson###imported-end##

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September 22, 2009 at 08:00 PM



“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your beloved father. Your family is in my prayers. It's never easy when we lose a loved one. Keep the faith, rely on god and you'll get through this difficult time.###imported-begin##Wanda Noe###imported-end##

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September 22, 2009 at 09:59 AM



“ *Daddy, you had a good long life and made the journey home. We will miss you alot, but we will see you again. Lots of love and treasures from our hearts to yours.  
Your loving daughter; aj*

*Allyson, Dennis, and family##imported-begin##Allyson Jon Cobbs##imported-end##*

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September 22, 2009 at 12:40 AM



“ *We will surely miss John! What a beautiful testimony of a life well lived and well loved!##imported-begin##Clyde and Carol Brown##imported-end##*

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September 20, 2009 at 09:23 PM



“ *I'm a friend of kathy.  
I send my condolence to the family from the Dillard family. I never got to meet Mr. John Green. I'm sorry I didn't because all the things Kathy has told me about here dad would have been a joy to meet him. My pray's go out to the family in there time of lost. God will keep this family up when times are hard and he'll laugh with ya'll remember Mr. John Green also ... So go and be blessed because God is watching.##imported-begin##Laverne Dillard##imported-end##*

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September 20, 2009 at 01:39 PM



“ Hey Daddy, as I always opened up with my phone calls; I miss you yes I do. However I just want you to know that every word you have spoken to me , every gentle kiss and every wink, smile and laugh is sooooo deep inside of me that all I do is close my eyes and you appear. It's a wonderful thing daddy. You are not gone you are forever here with me and all of us. I thank your loving wife most of all for being with you all of these 48 years and loving you and supporting you and being your strength, your soul mate. Daddy I know you are so proud of her as I am. She and you were united together and had such a love and understanding that no one on this earth knows better than the both of you. I will along with my siblings will ALWAYS be there for her because as I said previously you gave me many gifts and you two were blessed with each other, that is a gift that no one can replace. Thank you daddy for everything but most of all thank you daddy for the love and the love of life that I will carry on through all of my days.

Your Loving daughter, Kathryn##imported-begin##Kathryn Redsky##imported-end##

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September 20, 2009 at 12:40 PM



“ Hi Daddy...It has been nine long days!!! While I know you are in the best place ever, free of pain. I miss you so dearly. Right now, I am listening to Hank Williams! I am still your "buddy"! My heart yearns for you so much! I can feel your spirit in me and in my life still and always. You gave me the best life, you and mom. I will always treasure you. I found your star in the skies!##imported-begin##Cheryl Green-Ollie##imported-end##

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September 19, 2009 at 11:16 PM



“ *Daddy, I miss you so very much. You are my hero, close friend, and advisor. Daddy, Steven told me to keep talking to you because you can hear. Daddy it's so hard. I love you forever.##imported-begin##Lori Holt##imported-end##*

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September 18, 2009 at 08:21 PM



“ Oh, Grandpa! This, I know is one of the hardest things I've had to deal with. My mommy is your 10th child, and I'm your 23rd grandchild. Sounds a lot, huh? Well, thank you so much for being the spark of such a huge family. No matter the disagreements, the Greens are a strong and loving family and I wouldn't trade it for the world. YOU, John Green Jr., are my only Grandpa. The only one I have known, loved, and cherished. It will totally be different, knowing I have no Grandpa now. 10 years ago, before I left for Philadelphia, I remember I stayed the night with you and Grandma and I slept in between you both in your bed. Stevie and I had visited you every summer and you and Grandma made yearly visits to your baby, Lori, and the baby grandchildren, Danielle and Steven. You were always so excited about me coming back to Kalamazoo to attend Western Michigan University and at one point you were worried I was gonna change my mind. I'm here now and I'm glad you witnessed the days I moved into my residence hall. I remember me, you, and Stevie would sing Hey Good Lookin' by Hank Williams over the summer, one of your favorite songs. Our summers together are legendary. You kept CNN and MSNBC on the television 24/7 and that passed down to my mom, and now you have me watching the news every chance I get. So many memories, Grandpa. Notice I capitalize the "G" in your name. You are THE Grandpa, you may be John Green Jr. but you're Grandpa to me. When you left, seemed surreal, you were never to leave. You always wanted your family to come together, you threw your fits but you brought us together, Grandpa. You did it somehow, and this is how you did it. I'm so thankful that I have your last name and I never want to have it changed, I'll try to pass down that last name somehow. If there is a chance to reunite with you, best believe I will take that chance so that we can reminisce and go blueberry picking again, and then instead of going through the infamous and legendary and ancient photo albums, I'll meet the previous Wests in person. I love you so much Grandpa. Rest in a place greater than the greatest peace. Love, Danielle Green.##imported-begin##Danielle Green##imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 08:18 PM



“ I wish thank you for signing daddy's guest book. May God Bless you  
Love Darryl###imported-begin###darryl J. green###imported-end##

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September 16, 2009 at 05:15 PM



“ John,I knew you for 51 years, for 49 of these years I was your  
Sister- in -law. you always spoke your mind, I admired you for this. I  
will never forget when Ed was in the hospital how you visited him  
two and sometimes three times a day. I really appreciated the  
support you gave me. How you drove me around town to find the  
best rehab center for him, and how you said you had to look out for  
your younger brother. You knew more about Ed's and your family  
than just about anyone, how they were related and when they first  
came to Michigan years ago. Everyone will miss going to you for  
this information.I had 4 brothers and you were like a brother to me  
too.I will miss your phone calls each day telling us about something  
in the news or discussing politics with you. I will think of you  
whenever I go pass Walgreens as I think this was one of your  
favorite stores. I will miss you. Rest in Peace.  
Cathy###imported-begin###Cathy Green###imported-end##

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September 15, 2009 at 06:19 PM



“ *To the Green family  
You were our newspaper family growing up and we all went to St. Augustine together. I just want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*God Bless  
Valerie Brooks and family###imported-begin##Valerie Brooks###imported-end##*

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September 15, 2009 at 04:45 PM



“ *I love and miss you so much. I have so many great memories of us together. I remember when we went to the country and you fell face first in the snow. We laughed so hard. =) You were the best grandpa ever. I am really going to miss your phone calls every night. Love always. Tonia###imported-begin##Antonia###imported-end##*

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September 15, 2009 at 09:05 AM



“ *Joni and family,*

*I never met Mr. Green, Mrs Green briefly, yet knowing Joni and meeting Darryl recently his legacy lives on in his children and grandchildren.*

*When speaking of her father Joni always said "Daddy", this told me he held a special place in her heart.*

*He's in HIS arms now and without pain.*

*Bless you all today and may your strength be guided by our Lords grace.*

*Kath###imported-begin##Kathy Porter###imported-end##*

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September 15, 2009 at 07:46 AM



“ Darryl & Beverly, my prayers go out to you both during the loss of your loved one.##imported-begin##ethel smith (jones)##imported-end##

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September 15, 2009 at 12:57 AM



“ Papa! I know your probably in a better place now. maybe you can say hi to my big sis Mimi for me . You never once judge me for anything; others may havebut not my papa! I love you deeply papa and I will miss you very much. I sit back andwish we could have spent more time together. I love you alot papa and i will miss you deeply. YOur 2nd oldest grandchild Rasheeda##imported-begin##Rasheeda Green##imported-end##

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September 15, 2009 at 12:07 AM



“ To the Green Family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. From the moment I met Mr. Green, he was so loving and embracing. Not because I was Herb's wife but because he was that type of man; authentic and engaging. I loved witnessing the love he had for his family and his friends.*

*He left a bright light in my life and I will forever cherish knowing him. Thank you, Lord for lending him to us. I pray you are comforted at this time and I will continue to keep you lifted up in prayer.*

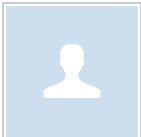
*Much love to you all,*

*Tiffany Washington Jackson  
(Herb Jackson's wife)*

*PS...Thank you, Lori for sharing the same spirit as your father; you both have left a wonderful impression in my heart.##imported-begin##Tiffany Washington Jackson##imported-end##*

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September 14, 2009 at 11:40 PM



“ Darryl and Lori

*Prayer are with you and the entire family ,in the Home Going of your Father.*

*Delores Range##imported-begin##Delores Range##imported-end##*

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September 14, 2009 at 08:55 PM



“ I am John and corriens olddested daughter Marsha. Sorry to hear about your dad. He was by my dad side when he left to be with his lord. And now they will be together. With no more pain.##imported-begin##Marsha Emory##imported-end##

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September 14, 2009 at 02:43 PM



“ We wish all of Johnny's family our heartfelt sympathy in your time of grief. May God bless John Green, Jr. and may he rest in eternal peace.  
Love Always, Jennifer, Nina and Emmett Garner, III, Merrillville, Indiana##imported-begin##Jennifer Jones-Garner & Family##imported-end##

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September 14, 2009 at 01:14 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the entire Green Family. John was a man who loved and cherished his family and you brought much joy to his life. I know you will all miss his kindness, his support and his jest for life. Let your cherished memories sustain you always. God Bless....##imported-begin##Sandra Jones, Chicago##imported-end##

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September 14, 2009 at 12:37 PM



“ To My Father Law i will miss you alot sleep in peace love ,Beverly##imported-begin##Beverly Green##imported-end##

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September 14, 2009 at 09:22 AM



“ Grandfather.....You have left a great legacy behind you. I am proud to be your grandson. I will miss you very very much. Riding in the car with you to the counrty and doing the paper route. And protecting me from uncle darryl and aunt Cheryl when they would mess with me as children. I love our family very much and i hope we all will stay in touch and keep in contact now that you are not here to bring us all together. I love our family as much as i have loved you!!! I will See you when i get there.....##imported-begin##Cameron Resina Baker##imported-end##

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September 14, 2009 at 08:56 AM



“ Dear Daddy, Thank you for all the gifts you have given me..your unconditional love, your support, your words of wisdom and loving everything that was a part of me. Your smile, that wonderful laugh, the winks, the history of family and life and these trademark freckles that I share with several siblings. You made me so proud to be your daughter and although I will not see you for now; these gifts you gave me are forever inbedded in my heart.  
I love you daddy. Rest In Peace!  
Love you forever. thank you for the forever memories.  
Kathy##imported-begin##Kathryn Ramona Redsky##imported-end##

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September 14, 2009 at 08:39 AM



“ *Daddy, Just wish you could still be here with us. In your own way you told that you must go home to be with Lord. I understand today that you are my HERO.*

*I love you so much, I miss you and you are in my heart. I will look after our family. I will look forward to seeing you someday.*

*Love you much,*

*Your only son,*

*Darryl Jon Green##imported-begin##Darryl Jon Green##imported-end##*

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September 14, 2009 at 08:26 AM



“ *I love and miss you dearly,*

*Your buddy, baby girl Cheryl##imported-begin##Cheryl Green-Ollie##imported-end##*

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September 14, 2009 at 03:44 AM



“ *Uncle John. I will miss the barbecues in the country. I will miss listening to you talk about our families history. I will miss you very much. Thank you for being such a good uncle to me and my kids, such a good father and husband, and for being such a good brother to my dad. Love you always, Dawn, Alex & Megan.##imported-begin##Dawn, Christian and Megan Everett##imported-end##*

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September 13, 2009 at 09:23 PM



“ *To my brother John: I will miss you very much. You wasn't just a brother to me, but my best friend. I love you. Your brother ED.##imported-begin##Ed Green##imported-end##*

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September 13, 2009 at 09:00 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Green family. I am so sorry to learn of his passing. I first knew Mr. Green when I moved to Eleanor Street in 1986. We were neighbors until 1997. We continued to keep in touch when I moved to another house in the neighborhood. I will miss him and keep his family in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Sharon Carlson##imported-end##

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September 13, 2009 at 08:41 PM



“ I will miss you Uncle John. You were there when my dad was sick every day and I will never forget that. You are a great man and I will miss talking to you about being in the Navy and just generally visiting with you. Rest in Peace!##imported-begin##Leslie Ann Green##imported-end##

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September 13, 2009 at 07:55 PM



“ I would like to send my deepest condolences to the entire family From the Watkins family it seems like i have know him forever he was at first our paper man then he became family along with the rest of the family God Bless an stay strong our prayers are with your Family##imported-begin##Alisa Watkins##imported-end##

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September 13, 2009 at 06:16 PM



“ Hey Grandpa, I miss you so much already but you are in a better place right now. I never got to spend as much time with you as I wanted because of distance, but you were always in my heart, and you still are. You established a wonderful family and we are all staying strong, just like you taught us. I love you lots, and again, I miss you.

Love,

Stephanie###imported-begin##Stephanie House###imported-end##

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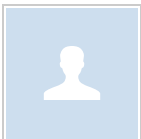
September 13, 2009 at 05:23 PM



“ Grandpa, I know you are in a much happier and better place, but me and everyone else miss you so much here. I will always remember coming to Kalamazoo to visit in the summers when i was younger and even through my adulthood. I appreciate all your words, time spent together, your time visiting me and coming to wisconsin. I always have and will think and remember your smile, laughter, words, jokes and everything else you had to offer. There is NO ONE else at all like you and thats what makes me miss you the most. I love you and continue to rest with no worries and peaceful.###imported-begin##Akilah Baker###imported-end##

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September 13, 2009 at 04:25 PM



“ hey grandpa, thank you for everything you have ever done for me. Your the best grandpa in the world. I love you and i miss you.###imported-begin##charlene###imported-end##

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September 13, 2009 at 04:18 PM



“ We love and miss you with all our hearts. however, it brings us a sense comfort knowing you are in a better place. We will never forget the precious moments we spent together....LOVE YOU GRANDPA!!!##imported-begin##Erica Jade Cobbs##imported-end##

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September 13, 2009 at 04:06 PM



“ Dear Carita and kids,  
I send you my deepest sympathy upon hearing of your father's passing. What a remarkable man he was. I'll never forget him. Many years of DeNooyer Courtesy Shuttle rides with him, he would tell me about his family. He was so proud of "his girls", and his grandson, "his buddy" and he loved you all so much. He told me so. The last time he gave me a ride, he mentioned David's name and instantly I knew who he had been talking about all those years. What a kind man. What a gallant gentleman. He raised a remarkable family and he can go to his rest in peace, proud of all of you for he lives through you all.  
With deepest sympathy to you and your family,  
Dr. Martlew, Mary, Kathy, Marcia and Jan.##imported-begin##Dr. Margaret Martlew##imported-end##

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September 13, 2009 at 02:54 PM



“ I USE TO WORK WITH JOHN GREEN, VERY NICE GUY. HELP ME WHEN MY HUSBAND WAS SICK, WITH HIS HEART. WISH HIS FAMILY THE VERY BEST.  
CLARA##imported-begin##clara Lingg##imported-end##

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September 13, 2009 at 02:18 PM



“ I love you daddy.##imported-begin##Joni (Green) Robinson  
##imported-end##

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September 13, 2009 at 12:51 PM



“ Daddy, you will always be in my heart. I cherish every moment,  
every memory we shared together. They will always be with me.  
Thank you for them.  
Missing you.  
Love Always Alana##imported-begin##Alana Jon Green##imported-  
end##

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September 13, 2009 at 08:16 AM



“ Love and miss you Dad...##imported-begin##Carita Jon  
Ri'Chard##imported-end##

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September 12, 2009 at 08:28 AM