



The Northingtons

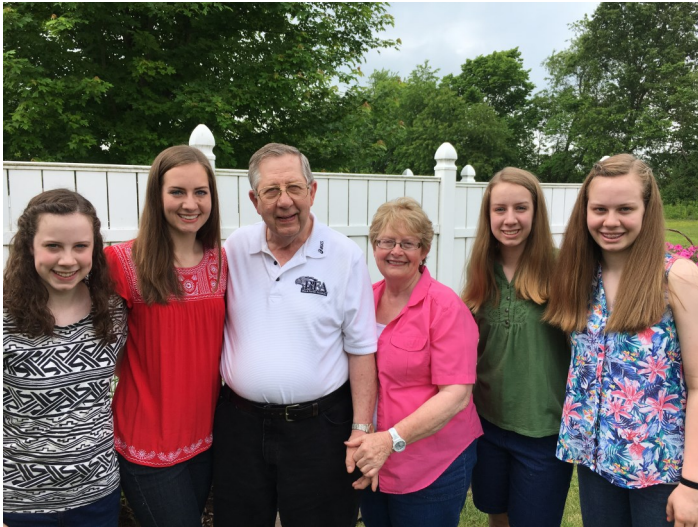
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TO HELP OTHERS MAKE
JESUS THEIR ONE MASTER

MATTHEW 6:24: "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God & Wealth."

God's Faithfulness



Katie, Hannah, Grandpa, Grandma, Gracie, and Emma

In the midst of celebrating Father's Day, I am reminded of how God has blessed me with my dad - Bill Purpero.

It has been six years since my dad was diagnosed with early Alzheimer's. At that point in 2011, he is the one that actually noticed his memory loss. He was still running a business, making the financial decisions, driving, and doing life as usual.

Our family was surprised and saddened by his diagnosis at age 69, but within a couple years we could see the disease setting in and stealing his way of doing things.

It has been a challenging six years for our family . . . the emotional toll of watching my dad decline and trying to seek the Lord on what the next steps are for both my

parents . . . the physical toll of taking over a business in order to close it, selling four different properties, and cleaning out lots of different areas where my dad liked to store stuff!

I've made the 90-minute drive to my parents many times over the past 6 years. I've had a lot of time to think and pray. At times my dad's disease has been overwhelming and just too sad. I remember driving one morning on my way to see my parents. It was actually still dark because I left so early. As I was driving east, the sun was just rising and the passage in Lamentations 3 came to my mind . . . "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." (v. 22-23) It was a wonderful moment as I watched the bright sun fill the sky, and God reminded me of His faithfulness and compassion for us.

At this point, my dad needs full-time care. Physically he is great, but he just can't remember the basic ways of doing daily tasks. For the most part, he's in good spirits. He still knows us, and although he can't carry on a conversation, he enjoys being with people and making them laugh.

As for our mother, Becky, she has taught us much through this process. After almost 56 years of marriage, she continues to live out her marriage vows in front of us kids. Only she and the Lord know how difficult it's been for her, but we continue to trust the Lord to meet her needs and are amazed as we all experience God's faithfulness throughout this challenge.

Thank you for your partnership with us!

Grateful for you,

Andrea and family