

A Fitting Tribute

September 24, 2017

Thank you so much for choosing to worship with us today! We are thrilled you are here!

There are things that you know are coming but when they finally arrive you are never as prepared as you think you may be.

This past Friday Phil Judd died after a long battle with cancer. The thing about Phil is that hardly anyone knew he had cancer, until just recently when it began to affect his mobility. That is just so Phil. He was always concerned about everyone around him and tried as much as he could to meet their needs. He shared with me a couple of weeks ago that he was concerned Carole wasn't getting enough sleep because he was making noise at night. Not that he was in pain or uncomfortable but that he was bothering her. Amazing selflessness.

Things I was not as prepared to handle as I thought:

- Intense sadness and hurt in my heart;
- Bursting with pride to know he is not just my father-in-law, he is my dad;
- I am not just his son-in-law, I am his son;
- The overwhelming memories that have shaped me into who I am today;
- The sheer amount of things he taught me;
- The things he will continue to teach me;
- The deep faith in God he instilled in me over the years;
- The change in our relationship;
- How much I am like him in the best of ways;
- How much I will miss him every single day;
- Knowing I will see him again.

In memory of one of the greatest men I have ever known!

All Things for Christ,
Michael