

Dear Daddy,

I wanted to tell you this in person but don't think I could get the words out without crying. Please forgive me for taking the easy way.

I don't know when I will be able to come back to visit you. I will call everyday and check on you, but please do not feel that you have to talk to me if you do not feel like it. I will understand. I know that you are not feeling well at all and that you have very little energy. You need to conserve it.

I do not like to see you suffer. It is very frustrating to be unable to help you in any way. I know that you are in pain and discomfort and do not want it to go on for any longer than you want it to.

I will miss you very much, but want you to know that it is okay for you to go home when you need to go. You do not have to wait for me; I will understand that, too.

Please know that it has been a privilege to have you as my father for all these nearly 40 years and I will never forget anything about you. Thank you for all the things that you have done and said, all the things you have taught me, and for loving me always, no matter what I did or said. You are the greatest father and grandfather that anyone has ever had.

I love you very much and will see you when I get there.

Your baby daughter,

Mary