

“So, God Made a Father”

by May Patterson

And God looked down on all He had made and said,
“I need a caretaker.”

So, God made a father.

“I need someone,” God said, “to take children fishing and play catch in the backyard. It must be someone who is tough enough to saw wood and yet gentle enough to join his little girl and her dolls for tea.”

“I need someone to bring the car around when it’s raining, so everyone else can stay dry. Someone who will keep jumper cables in his truck, just in case. I need someone to notice practical things, like how the tread on the tires is wearing and if the weather stripping around the front door needs replacing, for no one else will.”

“Yes,” God laughed, “He will struggle to find his socks and keys. But I’ll help him find time for the important things, like tumbling with the kids on the den floor, or saying ‘I’m proud of you, son,’ or giving Mama a hug.”

So, God made a father.

God thought, “I need someone to provide for the family. Someone who will get up early and stay up late and never complain. I need someone who’s willing to make unpopular decisions and stand by them. Someone to provide authority and discipline, as well as love.”
“He must be someone who listens more than he talks. Who will stand by his family through laughter and tears, tornadoes and snowstorms, good times and bad. Someone who will love his kids, and love their mother, even more.”

“I need someone who is willing to carve the Thanksgiving turkey.” I need someone who’s not afraid to check on what goes bump in the night, or to remove the dead mouse from the mousetrap.”

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God said, “I need someone strong enough to open a tightly sealed jelly jar and someone tall enough to place the angel on top of the Christmas tree. And yet, I need someone who is gracious enough to let his son fish the best fishing hole, or to let his daughter win at least one hand of gin rummy.”

“Yes, I need someone who is willing to work the second-shift, or take second-best, or play second fiddle, so that his family can have it better than he did. I need someone who’s willing . . . willing to man up and provide the love, support and strength his family will so desperately need.”

So God made a father.



Father’s Day Memorials and Tributes 2026

Local Fund

- In loving memory of father and grandfather: John Curlew, and father-in-law and grandfather: George Seabright. From Madge and family.
- In loving memory of our dad’s: Captain William Gosling, Robert Eveleigh and step-father: Willis Rideout. Forever loved. From Eric and Ada Eveleigh.
- In loving memory of our fathers: Chesley Harris and Clayton Gibbons. From Nelson and Glenys.
- In loving memory of husband and father: Raymond Bennett. From wife Joan and family.
- In loving memory of my darling husband: Robert Johnston and my beautiful, wonderful son: Robert Johnson Jr. From Inez Johnston.
- In memory of a wonderful father: Walter Noseworthy. From his children: Elaine Cook, Bruce Noseworthy and Jill Chisamore.
- In loving memory of our fathers: Simon Snelgrove and Thomas Porter. From Doug and Edna Porter.
- In precious loving memory of Robert Francis. From daughter Elizabeth and only grandson Scott. Forever loved and missed every day.
- In memory of William (Bill) Lawrence. From son Wally.
- In loving memory of Jim Manuel. From Linda, Blair and Scott.
- In memory of David Boland. From wife Ethel Boland and family.
- In loving memory of husband: Claude Hoyles, father:

Douglas Rideout, father-in-law: Edgar Hoyles and brother: George Rideout. From Viola and family.

- In loving memory of our dear dad and poppy: Cyril Ivany. Always remembered and deeply missed. Love you all the world. From Kim, Kaitlin and Kristen.
- In loving memory of Cyril Ivany: a devoted dad, grandfather and great-grandfather. Greatly loved and deeply missed. From John and Michelle Ivany, Alicia, Kylie, Brittany, Riley and Hunter John.
- In loving memory of father-in-law: John Ivany and brothers-in-law: Harold, Doug and Clarence. From Roberta Ivany and family.
- In loving memory of a wonderful father and grandfather: Wilfred Lush. Gone but never forgotten. From Roberta Ivany and family.
- Ever remember, ever loved, greatly missed: husband Cyril Ivany. From Roberta.
- In loving memory of fathers: George White and Clarence Barbour. From Doreen and Derek.
- In loving memory of our dear fathers: Harvey Smith and Roger Warren. From Sharon and Roger.
- In loving memory of my dear parents: Harvey and Pearl Smith. From Randy Smith.

Building Fund

- In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather, great-grand father: Frank Adams on 'Fathers Day'. From wife Norma and family.
- In memory of fathers: Abram Squires and William Reid. From Lorne, Doreen Squires and family.
- In memory of husband, father and father-in-law. From Daphne Benson.
- In fond and loving memory of my father: Jack Bailey. From son Nelson.
- In fond and loving memory of grandfathers: Jack Bailey and Bob Francis. From grandson Scott Bailey.

Foster Children Fund

- In loving memory of father: Edmund Button, father-in-law:

Frederick Baker and brother-in-law: Garland Baker. From Byron and family.

- In loving memory of our dear grandfathers and great-grandfathers: Fredrick Baker, Edmund Button, Chesley Martin and Ken (Henry) Chafe. Forever loved and remembered. From Colleen, Kevin, Caitlin and Chelsea.
- In loving memory of fathers: Rufus Hutchings and Clayton Gibbons. From Barbara and Calvin Gibbons.

