

Roy was a strong and opinionated man. As you know, he loved to argue and he was always right (so he thought). He would usually give me what I wanted, but when he got a certain tone in his voice and said NO, I knew there was no more pushing him; my cause was over. He also was the most loving, kindest man. When I was sick, and when I had my knee replaced last year, he did everything for me. He went with me to every doctor appointment, taught me how to use his crutches, took me to my PT's; he just took care of me from head to toe. He was very understanding. I work a lot, as many of you know, and there were times that he would get upset, he would ask me every morning when I would be home, and I would say maybe 6 or 7, but then it would be 8 or 9 and he would say popcorn for supper? That would be what we would have that night, sitting on the couch eating out of the same bowl, once in awhile holding hands in the bowl, but that was supper.

Roy also gave some very strong and wonderful hugs and I would draw energy from those hugs. When you leave here today, all I ask of you is that you take your husband or your wife, your friend or loved one, and give them a big hug and tell them how much you love them. The time on this earth is short; do not work your life away. Go home and enjoy your family and friends.

Roy and I thank you for everything that you have done for us over the years and I thank all of you for the strength, thoughts, hugs, love and prayers at the hardest time of my life. I thank you from the bottom of my heart, Dianne

On Wednesday night, friends and family gathered with Dianne to open a box that Roy had deemed “off limits” because it was the box that was sent home from Vietnam. In the box we found a pencil that is about a foot long and an inch thick. On it the words, “Think Big” are engraved. Dianne gave him the pencil when he left for Vietnam so he could write her letters. He carried it with him every day, and he did indeed write her. We also found a ribbon titled, “How to use the Bible”. Dianne wanted to share what was written on it with you:

When in sorrow read John 14
When men fail you read Psalm 27
When you have sinned read Psalm 51
When you worry read Matthew 6: 19-34
When you are in danger read Psalm 91
If you have the blues read Psalm 34
When God seems far away read Psalm 139
If you are discouraged read Isaiah 40
If you are lonely or fearful read Psalm 23
If you feel down and out read Romans 8:39
When you want courage for your task read Joshua 1
When the world seem bigger than God read Psalm 90
When you want rest and peace read Matthew 11:25-30
When leaving home for labor or travel read Psalm 121, Psalm 107: 23-31
If you get bitter or critical read 1 Corinthians 13
If thinking of investments and returns, read Mark 10: 17-31
For a great invitation-a great opportunity read Isaiah 55