

# *Roving Revelations*

By Damaris Molina

This Month as Fathers Day nears, naturally we think of our earthly Fathers .The memories we had with them growing up, some of them wonderful and some not so great. It is important for us to remember that no matter what relationship we had with our Dads, we ALL have a heavenly Father that loves and forgives us continually and most importantly will never leave us! The following are some special thoughts and memories revealed.

*Somewhere I heard the expression, "The definition of a good friend is someone who knows all about me and yet still likes me." That is a weird way of me describing my relationship with my Dad. My father's memories are soft and nice and also hard and not so nice. I am very blessed to have had a father. He was well accomplished in his field of work and in his hobbies and could talk about them with much knowledge and expertise. I learned great lessons about all sorts of things. One thing he hammered into me was, "Achievement was everything." Again he did have extremely wonderful values about life that he instilled in my heart. When it came to God values I was on my own. I had to learn over the years and am still learning that head knowledge is foolish in the eyes of the Lord. My earthly Father showed me about being a parent and a real person with faults. Thank goodness my heavenly Father is there to right wrongs and show that he is the best model to follow. We do not need to overly-value success in the worldly way because that can lead to pride and destruction. My Heavenly Father teaches us to love each other with all our imperfections as we would love ourselves. I only wish I had the memory of telling my dad that I loved him in spite of his imperfections. Fortunately, my God can put that need to rest and love me in a way that no earthly father can match!*

Patty Wiggin

*My Dad was 91 when he passed away just last year. He had a very full life and thankfully he accepted Christ (in his 80's) and was baptized. As the youngest of 4 kids, I was the last child home when all my siblings went off to school. As a young girl (under 5) I would accompany my dad on his frequent doctor visits in Oakland. Afterward, the two of us would always go have lunch at a little hole in the wall called, "Smokey Joe's Caf  ." Mind you this was not the real name of the place my Dad just always called it that. There was a long dining bar you would sit at that faced the cook and grill where he cooked your meal to order in front of you (and yes it was pretty Smokey!). It was incredible Chinese food. I relished the opportunity to have my dad all to myself when my other siblings were at school. I made me feel special as daddy's little girl.*

Nina Borello

*I have the benefit of knowing what our Heavenly Father is like because I have been blessed with such a terrific earthly father! He models what Christ is like and shows me what a godly husband and father should be. It is no wonder that I am still single; there hasn't been a man that can measure up to my Dad.*

Alison Wood

***"Honor your father and mother"-which is the first commandment with a promise- "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."***

***Ephesians 6:2***