

## “LOVE”

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I was 14 years old when I interviewed my step father while he was watching tv. We started the discussion with the assignment we were working on. One thing I found out was that his grandmother was in school when the pearl harbor attack happened. I found everything interesting and my step-father was quick to respond to the questions given to him.

Nothing special was happening on the day of the interview, it was just a lazy weekend. While we were interviewing my mother was feeding my younger brother. One thing I asked my step father while interviewing him was “ Who was someone you feel close to in your family?” He responded “I feel close to my mother.”

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My step father wants to be able to be there and provide for his family. I don't think he considered having kids before being married for a few years



with my mom but now I think he just wants what's best for my brothers. He first met my mother at a bar where they danced. Years later he had three kids with my mother. He was born in Los Angeles. I don't know if he ever moved when he was younger but I know eventually that he moved to the mountains then moved in with my family. Before he moved in he would drive from where he lived to visit then go back. While he is married to my mother he had three boys all at the age of five or younger.

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My Step father did smoke and drink and because of that his body started having problems where he would throw up blood.

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I did visit him when I was younger. I don't remember if it was specific times just that we did. I think we did it by street or freeway. No, I did not stop anywhere for the interviewee. He had been smoking from a young age and continued to do so. Only a few years ago he started to throw up blood and the doctors told him he needed to stop. He has successfully stopped smoking and doesn't drink as much anymore. The smell of tobacco and cut up potatoes he makes in the mornings.

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One thing I remember about my stepfather is him doing his best to support my mother, usually at home. Often sitting on the couch keeping an eye on my brothers. He usually helped with taking care of me and my siblings because at the time taking care of three children by yourself was very difficult and my mother had to do it often. My step father sits watching tv waiting for dinner after a long day of work.

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When I was 12 years old my step father often struggled with drinking and because of that his body had taken its toll over the years. After he had gone to check out what was wrong with his body he'd had started to try and stop drinking. He often struggled with it but he wanted to get better. The smell of alcohol was there sometimes in the morning from the night before but he usually would clean up during the day. My step father had to stop drinking alcohol because if he continued he could have died. Now years later from when the event started he has stopped drinking like he used to. Sometimes he will drink one can but it usually stops after a day.

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My step-father states that he would want his body to be cremated.

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I remember not long after it came out we were watching Spider-man into the spider verse. Many different versions of Spider-man show up and they have to return to their own universe but someone is stopping them. I saw many flashes of different

colors throughout the movie in many different ways to express the tone but also the beauty of the movie. I was watching it in the living room of my family's apartment. I was with my mother, step-father and two older siblings and we all had an understanding with each other.

In the spider-man movie it introduces a second spider-man whose name is Miles Morales. He starts off at a new school where he struggles not only to make friends but to keep up with the classes. Then he gets his powers when a spider bites him but the other spider-man whose name is Peter Parker was defeated by the bad guys. So he has to figure out how to use his new powers and defeat the bad guys. He receives help from other spider-mans from a different universe and it really shows the tone of the movie from music and color that is often shown throughout the movie.

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I can relate to this because throughout Spider-man into the spider verse Miles Morales has to find himself and he has to fit a role that was left to him after Peter Parker passed away. I feel like in life we are always exploring and finding ourselves.

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He works for a warehouse. Then he pulls items customers buy. He grabs camera equipment for MBC, Universal Studios. Then just put away equipment.

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Something my step-father finds very important to him is his children. Three young boys all at the age of 5 or younger. They have curly black hair with small noses and one thing they enjoy is when you play with

them. They were something he didn't realize he needed. Something that made him want to be better.

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One accomplishment I would give to my step-father is not giving up. Staying stubborn to his beliefs and staying with the people he loves. I respect him for staying with his children and doing things with them. Showing them how much he loves them and cares for them. He doesn't give up easily and will stay with something until proven wrong which isn't always the best thing.

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One experience my step-father had to go through was growing up without a father. I think because of that he wants to be a good father to his children.

A few years ago my family was going on a trip to Fresno for Christmas to visit my step-father's mother. We were able to rent a car because my mother had just had my younger brother and he wouldn't fit in our car. We got up early in the morning to be packed the day before. It was estimated to be a four hour car ride so we all took things to entertain us. The car ride was long, we had to stop a few times to eat and use the restroom. It was a cloudy day, the air smelled like cows from here and there and there weren't many cars on the

road. You can still smell the fast food after you finish eating. Watching as trees and bushes pass by.

There is a picture from the Christmas trip that we took while we were at Fresno. My mother, step-father, brother, younger brother, and sister were in the picture. We were all standing waiting for the picture to be taken. You can see the Christmas decorations in the background.

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My step-father is a good cook. He has been able to do it from a young age and has wanted his children to be able to do the same when they are old enough. Whenever my mother is sick or unable to cook he will step in to cook for the rest of the family. He sometimes cooks breakfast for the family without us even asking. Even today he still cooks for the family whenever my mother feels sick or when he feels like it.

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Something I remember my step father wearing is a hat or beanie with a flannel. One of these times was Christmas a few years ago. We went to celebrate it at my cousin's house with my aunts. We were all there and he was wearing a flannel shirt. It was a good Christmas that everyone enjoyed.