

To the New Covenant family:

Please send a note out to everyone to say THANK YOU all for the prayers, phone calls, cards and the awesome "care basket" left at our door on Saturday!

You are truly our "family" and we feel very blessed to be part of New Covenant. The week in Buffalo was long (and the weather was less than ideal), but Dad's service was absolutely awesome and a true celebration of what his life had become after so many years of addiction and despair.

So many of his friends (most from AA) told us stories of how Dad would help them over the last few years: no matter how sick he was or how bad the weather was, he always offered to take a friend to the doctor or shopping if they couldn't get out on their own. He was able to acquire extra medicines or oxygen at the VA to help out his friends who had no insurance and no money to pay for it themselves. He bought plane tickets for friends who had made amends with families they hadn't spoken to in years.

We, as his own children, didn't know about any of this because he was not one to boast or brag; we had no idea he was giving back so much, but we do know that he felt that it was only by the grace of God that he had what he had so he thought it was his duty to give some back.

I am very grateful for all the wonderful stories we heard; it helped to make the entire experience easier to bear.

Thank you again for everything. We love and appreciate you more than you could ever know....

Chris Standridge