

English 100, Second Place; Professor, Dr. Jacqueline S. Wilson

## **Inspiration**

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Ever since I was 8, I was awakened around 5:30 by the smells of vanilla french toast, sweet maple syrup, and golden crisp hash brown. My dad is a good chef. He cooks all the time. When I watch home video of when I was little, he used to sing to us when we were in our rockers, “Fly me to the moon, let me lay upon the stars.” And he has such a deep, rich voice. Every song Frank Sinatra sang, he probably knows. He use to sing his songs to help us fall asleep.

During breakfast we talked about the most strangest things. I was so promiscuous. I was always wondering why things were the way they are or why things happen a certain way. I swear he knew every detail or explanation I needed to hear. When my drink was getting low, he would refill it without asking because he knew I loved juice. This 45 minute breakfast made my day worth living. I felt like it’s where we connected the most. As soon as we were done, he got ready and was out of the house no later than 6. I hated watching him leave in his (which looked filthy) grey shirt and his jeans shorts with his boots laced all the way up. I mean I knew he would be back but I loved spending time with him.

My dad stands at 6’9” so that means he has to duck to go in a doorway. He’s super tan because he works outside. I swear his shoes are for giants. When I was little, I always wore them. I would slide them on my little feet and stomp around until they fell off. “Where’s my boots?” He would stay very loudly so I could hear him. As I scurried to put them back, he would pick me up and swing me around. He had me laughing so hard, I would snort.

He is also a very hard worker. He owns his own construction business. It's called, Voss Construction. He started his career by working with his father. And as he got older, he got quicker and better at his job. Than when he started a family with my mother, he decided to move out of Chicago and into the country. He than opened his own business. When he sets his mind to something, he usually accomplishes it. But one thing that bugged me is that he had to leave early and work long hours.

I appreciate him so much