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Hi Gina,

I have read and reread your email and am going to attempt to address your concerns and answer your questions. Please bear with me as I am trying to help you. This is a very emotional time for all of us and it's easy to let emotions rule and overtake us but we need to look at the facts and try to think logically. If you just see yourself as a victim, things are never going to get better. Lets begin with some truths about wills. It is not uncommon for married couples to leave everything to their spouse. Usually when discussing wills, a husband and wife will also discuss any special circumstances for when the remaining spouse dies.

When Rawn's dad died, his mom inherited everything; when my dad died, my mom inherited everything; and when Rawn or I die, the other will get everything. After Rawn's mom died and my mom died, then and only then did the children and/or others receive an inheritance of any kind. Tom is an only child but he inherits only after both of us are gone. That's pretty standard. I have not seen Joe's will, nor Raye's, nor should Iit's none of my business. However, I spent a lot of time with Joe in the past few years of him being sick and his major concern was taking care of Raye if he should die prematurely. He wanted her to be able to stay in their home if she chose to, and realizing that she would have less income with which to cover mortgage and other expenses, as well as the rapidly growing medical expenses from his long illness , he was genuinely concerned. We worked hard to convince him that we would be there for her in every way possible. I hope you realize that your dad had to work hard his entire life to provide for his family but was not monetarily well off. He knew Raye would need whatever assets that were available to keep her going for the rest of her life.

They married almost 33 years ago "for better or worse, in sickness and in health, until death do us part". Raye has certainly lived up to her vows and has been there for him throughout his terribly painful years of fighting cancer. He wanted to be sure she was as well set as possible after his passing. I hope you can understand this desire on his part has nothing to do with ignoring you and Joe or disinheriting you. Making assumptions like that come from emotions you are feeling with your loss but are unproductive. They just deepen the hurt coming from the loss of your dad. Since whatever your dad would like to see you have or not have after Raye passes is now in Raye's hands, probably alienating her or pulling your support from her while she's struggling with the loss of her husband might not be the best move. This is just my observation.

You deprived yourself of seeing your dad at the last possible minute by getting upset and leaving before the funeral home came for him. I pray that you will change your mind about not coming to the service as that will deprive you of the opportunity to say a final goodbye, grieve his loss and celebrate his life with the rest of us who loved him. That day cannot be redone and you would have to live with that the rest of your life. Please reconsider and join the rest of the family that day. We'd like to have you there. The service is set for 11am, Saturday, November 17th at Staples in Gardiner. Visiting hours will be 9-11 am and the reception will be at Joe and Raye's home immediately after the service.

Finally, Gina, you mention not understanding why your dad "behaved that way" and maybe talking with me sometime about why "he was the way he was". Let me begin by saying I really don't know and don't want to know why you two were estranged. I do know he was very hurt when you chose to no longer be a Turcotte legally. I also don't know what was going on with you at the time that you decided to cut all of us out of your life but obviously you were going through a rough time. You could have reached out for help but for whatever reason, chose not to. We honored your wishes even though we didn't understand why. It is all "water over the dam" now and rehashing it will do nothing but stir up old emotions again. Your dad is gone, Please forgive and forget. Its time to start healing. Know that he still loved you and was pleased when you showed back up in his life. I know you were upset when you reached out to him on his birthday in 2017, and you didn't feel he reciprocated. I don't know if you really are aware of how much he has been through and how much he has suffered over the past few years. He had more strength, courage and fight in him than anyone else I have ever known. He loved life and fought for it with everything he had. Do you realize how many doctors he was seeing over the past four years: his primary care physician, his urologist, his heart doctor in Portland, his kidney doctor, his orthopedic surgeon for his thumb surgery, his osteopath and chiropractor for his back, the doctors at the pain center in Portland and finally, his cancer doctors. He was a very sick but very courageous man. Severe pain was a constant companion and most days, concentrating on anything else was extremely difficult for him.

The Joe that I knew was a little gruff on the exterior, but had a big heart, loved deeply, worked hard and fought long and hard against the cancer. I hope that you can see your dad as the rest of us do, that you can understand the hurt he felt and the physical pain he endured, but the love he still had and gave. I'm grateful that you both reconnected at the end and I pray that it gave him peace. I also pray that you can let go of the hurt that you feel and come to the service to celebrate him, grieve for him with the rest of us, and support Raye in her sorrow. Perhaps leaning on your family at this time will help you find peace as well. You don't need to go through this alone. Hopefully, this has helped you. Love, Jude [ProtonMail](https://protonmail.com) Secure Email