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Prayer Letter of John Starke

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Graduation Day

Graduation Day is always a exciting celebration filled with family, friends, and the anticipation of a glorious future . It was just that kind of celebration for my father Hugh Starke, as he was ushered from this life into the presence of Christ.

My father had pulmonary fibrosis and had difficulty breathing , even talking could make him breathless. He was taken to the hospital with breathing problems complicated with pneumonia. We all gathered by his bedside at the hospital hoping and praying that he would rally from this setback.

Each day the nurses would write a goal for the day on a message board by his bedside. The day of his graduation, dad wrote his own goal for the day. It was only one word, the word was "**Heaven**".

My father was buried wearing "cap and gown." My parents' favorite Bible verse was Luke 1:74-75: "that He would grant unto us, that we might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our lives." Good job dad, you finished well.



In memory of my father
Hugh Starke

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