
Rememberance

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To dukens pierrelouis [REDACTED]

My beloved husband,

I wanted to write you this letter because a lot of things keep coming into my remembrance. Just now I randomly thought about the Christmas party we went to at Marie Carme's church. It was our first Christmas then. We got all dressed up. I had bought so many dresses trying to find the right one. It was fun.

It's been years since I wrote you a letter. The last one I wrote I gave to you on your birthday and asked you to read it on the plane going to Haiti. I wanted you not to worry about not being able to come back. I wanted your mind to be on something else, to be at ease. something that would calm you and remind you that everything will be okay.

You are what I need.

I wasn't someone very motivated. I didn't really aspire to anything. I wanted to be a good wife and mother and contribute to my family with my little job. I was content with my job. I didn't like quarter ends but having you and the kids made it bearable.

You came into my life and gave me purpose. You were so driven and a dreamer neither of which I am. You were always thinking about our future. I followed your lead. I trusted you with all my heart that you know what is best.

I didn't fully understand all of this in my ignorance. Things have been popping into my head. For example when you canceled the cable and instead added the antenna thing. I understood why at the time that it was to save money- but now I *really* understand, it's because you were thinking about our future. I missed cable but I never added it back.

You are incredibly intelligent

You are one of the smartest people I've ever known. (Stella and JM are up there too). You are a brilliant man. Your thinking about things and the way you process information is beyond me and most people.

You went to nursing school while working a full time job and overnight shifts and never bought one book. You studied off PowerPoint slides while everyone else bought books and study guides and used the PowerPoints. I will never forget how proud of you I was at your pinning ceremony.

You are what they call street smart

This goes without saying but I am not street smart. I assume everyone is fair and mean well until I'm proved wrong. I know this annoyed you and I understand. You have experiences that give you a different perspective. You protected me from what I had not experienced.

You are hard-working. You do what needs to be done.

I know there are things you did for us that I probably don't even know about.

At work you care about your patients to the point of getting under the skin of the staff. You wanted staff and patients to be treated fairly. I lost count of how many quitting letters you wrote calling out people who were unfair. You care.

You've worked hard at every job you've ever had.
From security to nursing.

You are a provider

You take care of us. I appreciate that even now you take care of us. I thank you. And you don't just take care of me, you are also looking after what's best for your family too. Making sure your mom wasn't spending too much money because you wanted to make sure she would be able to retire comfortably when the time came.

You are a priest at heart.

One of the first things you said to me after saying you needed a commitment from me, that we would be together exclusively was, we have to go to church every Sunday. I wasn't going every Sunday back then but I loved the idea because no one has ever said this to me and it motivated me to go. You started off right away as a leader.

I didn't know I needed this but I did.

You are strong

Sometimes too strong. By strong I mean in your soul. You keep a hard shell but you let me in sometimes which I like.

So why am I telling you this?

- 1. We are not together by accident I truly believe this.*
- 2. I want you to know what you mean to me and what I have in my heart for you.*
- 3. I feel this letter is all I have to offer you right now. A text would be too long and I don't think you would like that.*

I want to be a good wife for you. I've always wanted this.

I don't know what life is like for you right now babe but I want you to know that I love you. I will always love you. I want to spend the rest of my life with You. No one can ever, ever take your place. I want to be your helper. I want to make your life easier, better. I want your quality of life to be better. I want to take care of you. I want to love you.

I don't want this to be super long so I will stop here.

P.S. there may be a part 2 to this 🤔🤔

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