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Hero

 In my life the term hero has been very influential, and very important. Heroism is a very arguementive subject; people often cannot truly explain what it means. That term like many others has no definitive answer, but can be whatever you want it to be. Growing up kids may consider a Professional Athlete or even a music or movie star as their hero, but is that what a hero really is? Growing up I thought of athletes as role models, people who are successful and maybe one day if I worked hard like them I would get there. My Mom and Grandpa were the “hero” figures. A hero to me is “someone who is willing to go the extra mile to make anything possible, but who is also never willing to quit on you.” In my case my mom and my grandpa fit my definition. Heroes do come in all shapes, sizes, and types but it is really mostly how you define it.

 To my Dearest Mom and Grandpa

 I have had many important figures in my life, whether it be family, friends, or even those occasional athletes. But you both have stuck out in your own ways. I know neither one of you would want me claiming you to be a hero, but that is just impossible to do. My life would never have turned out the way it has without you both. Mom there are things that you may think disqualify you from being a “hero” but that has just made you more of a hero in my eyes. You have done everything you can or could for me even if it put you out or behind. Growing up I got everything that a kid could ever ask for. As I continue to grow up and mature you will always be that important piece in my heart telling me what is right and what is wrong. In life nobody is promised tomorrow and that is a struggle for me. Whenever I get down or depressed I think about what you did for me and how life was never easy for you, but you never complained about it you just did what you thought was right for me and the other kids. Now as a college student I continue to live by your mottos which is another heroic characteristic. You have influenced my life which is what being a “hero”. Hero is a completely different term from role model like you said you were. You have always told me that you were a role model to me not a hero and that is where I completely disagree with you. Role models don’t go out of there way for someone to succeed, or to make them happy. A role model is someone whose success is attempted to be mirrored. There is a minor flaw in the definition of hero which leads to different arguments and that is war heroes. Grandpa not only were you a hero of the Vietnam War, you also were a hero in my life. You and Grandma never let me go without, whenever mom couldn’t somehow make something happen you did and that is heroic characteristic. You changed my life so much, it is really hard for me to not have you around to see what I have become. My life is missing a major piece and that piece belongs to you. When you were battling for your life you never stopped to think that you were dying, you never admitted it because you didn’t want to hurt me, you didn’t want to let me down. Grandpa I applaud you for that it takes a really good man or person to put themselves behind others. When your health should have been number one it wasn’t it was second to family. I really wish that you could see how I have matured and how I am on my way to being successful. But I am not going to get down about it. I am just going to tell you how I feel. You are MY HERO and you will never be forgotten. I know you would disagree with me and you wouldn’t be happy that I am defining you as a hero because you were modest and you were just doing what you thought was right. If you were still here to be with me I wouldn’t change my approach I would still consider you my hero and I would be able to show you what you mean to me. When I was younger I may not have shown how I felt because I was to busy having role models that I was paying attention to and wanting to be like and you didn’t mind you were helping me try and achieve my goals and asperations and that is something that not everyone can say has happened to them in life before.

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