

WhoDrivesYou?

“ I feel that somewhere, always, I have my father with me. ”

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"My father was a big man with a very strong personality – he was very strong physically, mentally. And he gave us this guidance in life: Always see the good in others. Even if they are bad to you, always see the good through your eyes. No matter how other people spoke to him, he always demonstrated that generosity."

His name was Iranna Banakar. He retired when he was 60. My eldest son was born during that time, and they were very attached – my son was the first grandchild, so he had a lot of pampering.

I had my second son in June 2023 and when I brought him to my parents' house, my father was very happy. But about a month later, Dad developed a fever. He had never been sick for more than a day or two, but this time, it never subsided.

He went for blood tests, which revealed that he had acute myeloid leukemia, which was why he wasn't recovering.

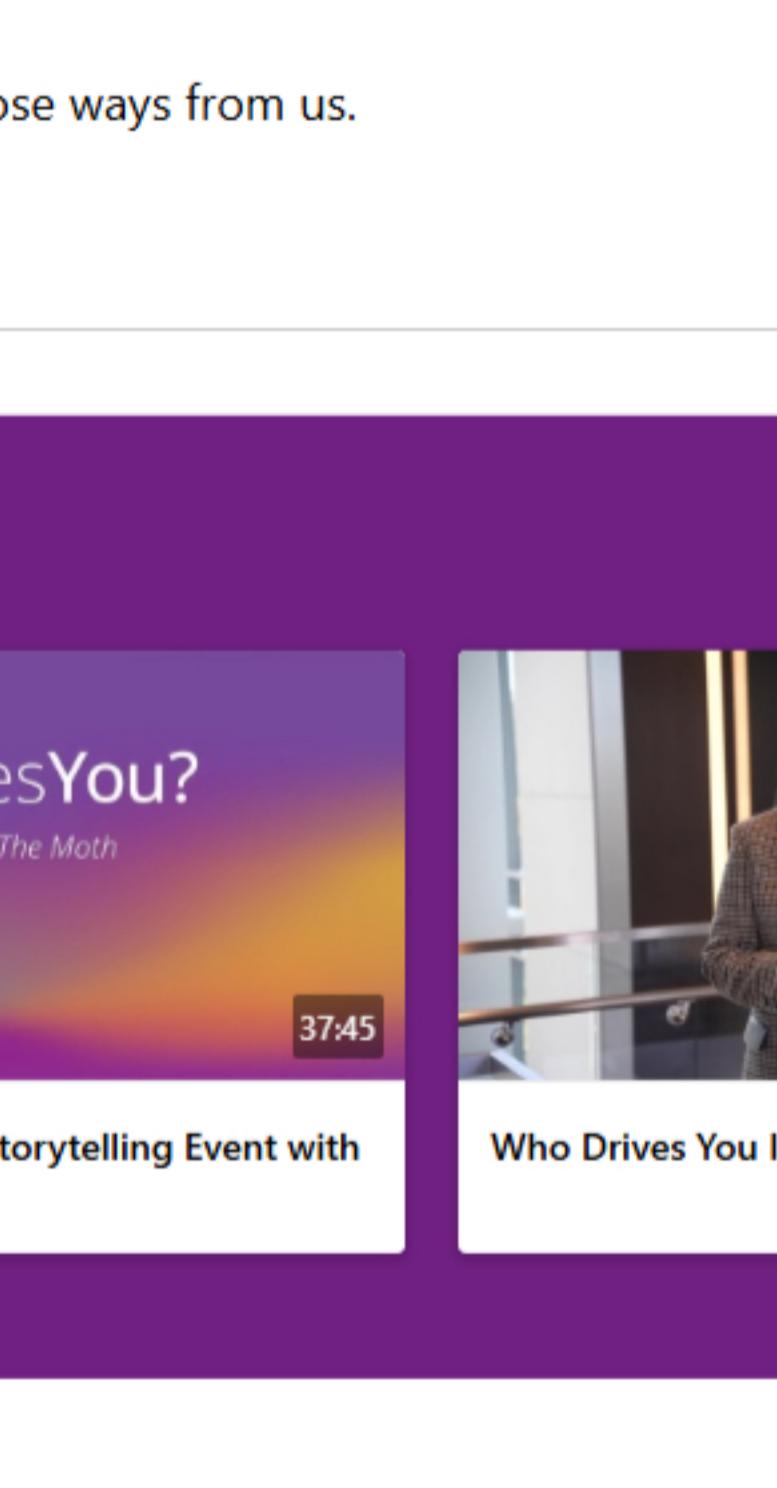
It was a shock for us. I went to the hospital and told my father: "You have always been good to others. So don't worry; God will be good to us."

Doctors recommended a specialist and he went through two or three cycles of chemo. It was very painful for him. In December, we started telling our relatives because doctors told us he was not responding to the chemo.

It was Christmas time. How could I go to someone – especially my Dad – and ask him what his last wish was? We were all broken.

My younger son's first birthday was approaching. We talked about the celebration we were planning. I wanted to remove all negative thoughts from his mind.

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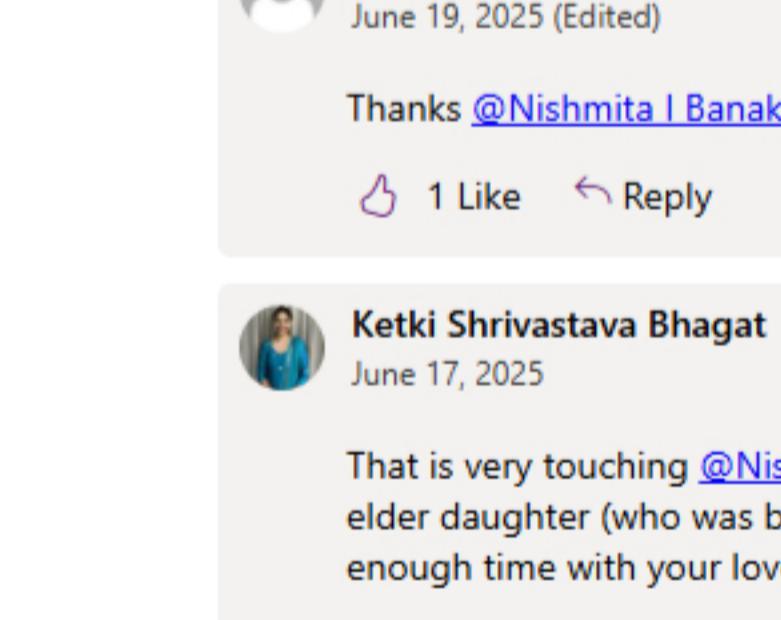
My dad did not have any regrets in life, because he had enjoyed his life until the end. He died in March 2024, eight months after his diagnosis.

I resemble my father, especially my eyes. Even today, when his friends see me, they say they feel like they are seeing him again. I feel that always, somewhere, I have my father with me.

I remember how I used to question him about his philosophy of kindness: "I am human. If I am feeling hurt, is that wrong?" But now, when I am hurt, I close my eyes, and I think about him. I still follow his words: "Let's be good." This drives me in my personal and my professional life.

I hope to pass that along to my sons. Only when we, as parents, show them will they adopt those ways from us.

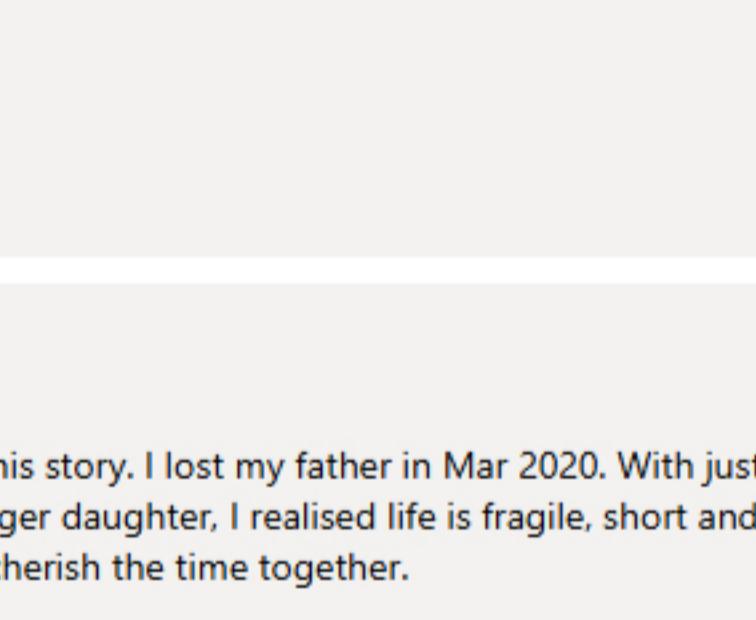
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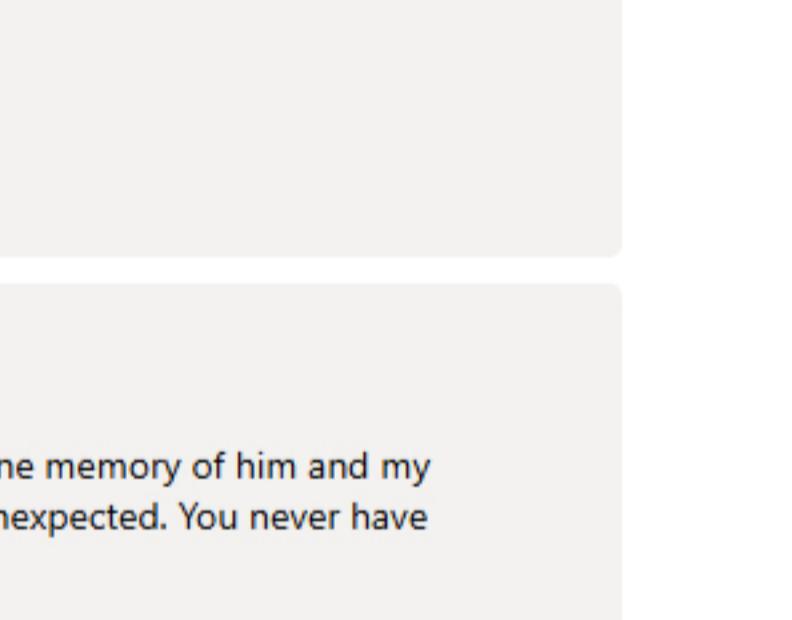
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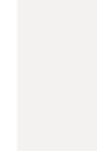


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September 8, 2025

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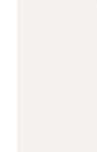


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The time spent living with our parents never comes back—it leaves a deep imprint on every heart.

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Thank you for sharing your story and being vulnerable @Nishmita I Banakar

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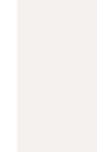


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June 19, 2025 (Edited)

Thanks @Nishmita I Banakar for sharing. Big hug to you.

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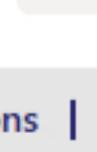


Ketki Shrivastava Bhagat

June 17, 2025

That is very touching @Nishmita I Banakar, specially because I resonate with this story. I lost my father in Mar 2020. With just one memory of him and my elder daughter (who was born that year), and no memory of him with my younger daughter, I realised life is fragile, short and unexpected. You never have enough time with your loved ones; so whenever and however we can, try and cherish the time together.

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Nishmita I Banakar

June 17, 2025

thanks Ketki. i agree we dont have enough time with loved ones. Before time takes them away we should spend it meaningful

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Sanjay Yadav

June 12, 2025

Thank you so much! Your kind words and warm handshake are truly appreciated 😊😊

Yes, our Indian traditional culture is rich with values like respect, unity, and heartfelt storytelling. It's wonderful to see how these stories still touch hearts and carry hope for a better future. I'm really glad you enjoyed reading it!

If you ever want to explore more stories, culture, or anything else—I'm here for you. 🌎 IN

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Urszula Slepiorworska

June 11, 2025

Thanks for sharing @Nishmita I Banakar such a heart touching story "Let's be good" ❤️❤️❤️

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Dmitry Voronchikhin

June 9, 2025

Thank you very much for sharing, @Nishmita I Banakar - very much touched by your story!

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"thank-you, for sharing!! @Nishmita I Banakar - "Let's be good", "Let's be good".

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Silvia Morales Ortiz

June 6, 2025

Story of 4 years, and after this painful battle he passed away. My Husband's words were always "Let's be Good" @Nishmita I Banakar

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Aysen Abdollahzadeh

June 6, 2025

Thank you for sharing your story, it was really beautiful, you passed that message along to many: "Let's be good" @Nishmita I Banakar

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Rajendra Srinivasan

June 6, 2025

Really heart touching story @Nishmita I Banakar. Thanks for sharing

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Jennifer Renda Priore

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Such a beautiful story @Nishmita I Banakar, thank you for sharing it with us all.

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@Nishmita I Banakar such a moving story. Thanks for sharing.

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Thank you for sharing this beautiful story @Nishmita I Banakar

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thank you so much @Niki Kapsambelis for this wonderful opportunity!

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