

2 Lives Taken 2 soon.

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Rob's mother loved him dearly, Rob loved his mother just as much. Growing up for Rob wasn't the easiest- Rob's mother and father took after their strict parents. They represented christian's at heart. His father Leon before he met Caroline (Rob's mother) struck as a laid back dude who drove a Harley and wore leather jackets everywhere he went. Caroline portrayed a sweet, yet stern reserved woman. Leon instantly fell in love with Caroline from the day he met her. When Leon and Caroline got married, they vowed to love each other for eternity. In sickness, and in health. Leon started learning more about Christianity things he didn't know. They ended up living a pristine lifestyle. During Rob's pre-teen and teenage years the rules back then had been more lenient but somehow also more stern. Children could stay out until the street lights turned on, but had to be back for dinner or else they weren't eating.

One of Carolines biggest pet peeves came to Rob's music taste. He had grown up and learned a passion for the music industry. He often listened to heavy metal, which did not turn out to be Caroline's strong suit. Caroline refused to let Ro listen to the music he wanted while under her roof. Because of some of these differences, Rob and his mother Caroline didn't hold the strongest bond. They fought and bickered as usual. Caroline saw his music taste as a sin. Rob and his father embraced their bond by fishing and camping. It appeared harder for Rob and his mother.

Not too long after Leon and Caroline's marriage, Caroline gave birth to Melissa. (Rob's older sister.) Melissa was classified as an only child for some time until Caroline had Rob. Similar to many other siblings Rob and Melissa fought often, but as they grew old their bond grew inseparable. As Rob aged, his bond with Caroline stayed the same. They both seemed to be at peace with it though, they loved each other and still cared for each other like mother and son, but with a distance. Rob never thought that some day soon he might mourn and regret these feelings. Leon and Caroline weren't heavy drinkers, they enjoyed the occasional glass of wine but nothing ever too powerful to start to feel drunk. One evening, the sky steered clear while the sun beamed

across the town. Caroline sat in traffic less than 5 minutes from home. As traffic moved along she drove up along a hill towards an intersection, seeing as no one got there before her it became her turn. Before she could reach the bottom of the hill, a big blue lifted truck slammed into her side. Caroline's car doesn't respond to the impact well and tumbles across the four way. The driver of that big blue lifted truck ended up being drunk. He and Caroline both died from the impact. That day- Rob, Melissa, and Leon's lives change forever, along with everyone who loved Caroline deeply, in ways that remain indescribable. 30 years ago Rob's mother died in a drunk driving accident. 30 years ago my grandmother died in a drunk driving accident. Although she wasn't even the one drinking. To this day it obviously seems unfair. Unfair how someone incredibly destined for life, had it stripped from her hands rather effortlessly. As our family grew older without Caroline, My father Rob met my mother Deirdre, they had my brother and then they had me. Every single one of us had to move on in life without sweet, sweet Caroline. As many can imagine, the driver of the big blue lifted truck also had a family. He had a daughter who was 5, a brother, a mother etcetera. A mistake remarkably big yet immense, impacted two families forever. Drinking and driving impacts everyone on the road. Be safe, be cautious and do not drink and drive.