**15012, Daniel Davis - Eulogy**

Hello Everyone,

First I want to thank everyone for joining us today to celebrate the life of our dear mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother - Maureen Glenn. Each of you in your own way helped to make her life better as well as helping us as a family these past few months. I want to thank Father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for his spiritual help and guidance as well as his prayers through all of this. Please know that our family appreciates you.

Maureen is one of the strongest women I have ever known. Since her diagnosis with Crohns Disease and Colitis she fought a courageous battle. From the time she entered the hospital in November 2014 until she passed away this past Thursday, she was constantly worried about her children. More so than she was about herself. She was 79 years young and always put her family first. She didn't want to disappoint them so she fought her hardest to get better. But, it came to the point where she just couldn't fight any more. It took all of us to tell her we were ok with that. We loved her very much but we knew we had to let her go.

I can only say I am honored to be the one to give her eulogy. She was a very special person to me. But, I know that she wouldn’t want us to concentrate on our grief right now. She is at rest now, no longer sick or in pain. So, today I would like us to spend this time celebrating her life and remember the lighter things.

To begin with, Maureen has four girls. I am married to Sharon. The others are Kathleen, Margaret and Liz. My brothers in law are Mike, Jim, and Dan. If you knew Maureen you knew that she was so very proud of her children. Sometimes it was hard for her to convey that to them directly, but when my brothers in law and I would talk to her about them she would have this glow about her which to all of us showed how incredibly proud she was.

I like to brag a little that I was her first son in law. That’s something special to me. When I first met Maureen every time I went to her condo she would always ask me to take her garbage out with specific instructions on how to do it. She lived in a condo and had to put it in the right dumpster. I used to complain to Sharon about it all the time. I find it funny now. And believe it or not am going to miss it terribly. I used to joke with Mom that she did an awesome job raising all those girls but don't tell the other sons in law but I think I got the best one!

Mom was a woman of great morals. I can attest that I found that out the hard way. Before we were married my Sharon would sneak me in to her condo at night. Well Mom caught us one night. I have to say I was pretty worried what she was going to do. What she did was make me sign this contract to never do that again. And, she kept a close watch to make sure I kept my part of the contract. No matter who you were you always knew where you stood with Mom. She would tell you like it was and she wasn't afraid to tell you. I mean that in the most loving way!

Which leads me to my wife Sharon. She is a nurse, a certified wound care specialist so she had the responsibility of taking the lead for the last year and a half of her mother’s care. It was a heavy burden that we all cannot thank her enough for carrying. She took the time to explain to everyone in laymen terms so we could understand everything Mom was going through. It was only fitting that she was the only one there when Mom passed. She has struggled with this because she wished everyone was there with her. We have all tried to tell her it was just supposed to be that way and that is exactly what Mom wanted.

Maureen was a dedicated Grandmother and never missed any of the kids’ activities, especially all of those dance recitals. They were so long but she sat faithfully through many of those because she has 6 Granddaughters and they all took dance. But, she was fair to all her grandchildren. She had one grandson, my son, and she went to many of his soccer games and she loved them all!!! Mom was an incredible lady. She gloated about her kids and her grandkids. She was so proud of each and every one.

Meals with Mom were unforgettable. First of all she made the best potato salad. And, every meal we had involving any kind of carving the meat I can hear her say, "make sure you slice it thin.” LOL. At the time it could be annoying, but I will miss that too!!

One story I have to share about the day before she passed. All the girls and brothers in law were all by her bedside in the hospital. Mom had just made her decision to receive no more care and we were all very sad. So, here we all were, standing around the bed and an alarm started to go off. A red light in front of the doorway was blinking rapidly. Uncle Jim was checking to see if mom had pushed the button accidentally but she did not. Then the nurse was checking to see if the cord had pulled out of the wall. Suddenly, 4 aids came running into the room. I was leaning up against the wall and I leaned forward to let the nurse see if it was an alarm on the bed. As I did that the nurse started to laugh. It seems I had leaned up against a panel on the wall and accidentally pushed the panic button. LOL At that point the security guard had come into the room, saw us all laughing and he asked who the culprit was. Everyone in the room said they didn't know but they all pointed at me. Well, that just busted up Maureen. As sick as she was she had a great laugh over that. I share this to say that in this grave moment she still was able to smile and have a chuckle. The funny thing is that is something that I would do on my own, not accidentally.

 In closing, as we meet here today, let us remember our happy memories of Maureen. That would please her more than anything and would help us all to say goodbye to her in the very best way.

Thank you