**PASENA MAROUN**

**FAMILY WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN MY MOTHERS LIFE, SHE WAS DEDICATED TO HER SISTERS, MY MOM WAS ONE OF EIGHT CHILDREN TWO BOYS AND SIX GIRLS, WHICH IM SURE IN PARTS OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE WORLD ARE CONSIDERED THE VILJOENSKROON MAFIA. THE BOND THAT THESE SIX GIRLS HAD WAS AMAZING, TRUST ME, YOU DID NOT WANT TO GET ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE VILJOENSKROON 6. MY MOTHERS LOYALTY AND LOVE FOR HER SISTERS WAS A GREAT EXAMPLE FOR US GROWING UP, IT STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY. THIS BOND GOT HER AND US THROUGH ALL OF THE MOVING. HER SUMMERS IN SOUTH AFRICA KEPT HER STRONG AND IN TURN KEPT US STRONG AND REINFORCED THE POWER OF FAMILY.**

**MY MOTHER LOVED SOUTH AFRICA, THE THOUGHT OF HER MOVING TO LONDON WAS EXTRODANARY, LOOKING BACK AT IT I REALIZE HOW STRONG SHE REALLY WAS. SHE MOVED TO LONDON, BELGIAN TWICE, ROME, AND THE USA TWICE. DOING ALL OF THIS WITH FIVE CHILDREN FOREGN LANGUAGES, NEW HOMES, NEW SCHOOLS, NEW SHOPS, DOCTORS THINKING ABOUT IT TODAY ITS OVERWHELMING.**

**AMAZINGLY SHE DID THIS AND AT NO POINT IN TIME DID ANY OF US CHILDREN HAVE ANY SENSE OF FEAR, OR APPREHENSION. MY MOTHER WAS SO DEDICATED TO HER HUSBAND, HER FAMILY AND HER FRIENDS THAT SHE JUST DID IT AND MADE US FEEL SAFE AND ADVENTEROUS.**

**MY FATHER HAD GREAT SUCCESS AS A BUSINESS MAN, HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER AND FRIEND. BEHIND EVERY SUCCESFUL MAN IS A GREAT WOMAN. PASEN MAROUN WAS THAT WOMAN.**

**MY FATHER HAD BEEN IN BUSINESS WITH HIS COUSIN AS BOOKMAKERS, SOMETHING HAPPENED AND THEY WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS. MY MOTHER LOOKED IN THE NEWSPAPER AND CIRCLED A JOB THAT SHE WANTED MY DAD TO GO AND INTERVIEW FOR. HE TELLS THE STORY “I WENT TO THE INTERVIEW JUST TO MAKE PASENA HAPPY, I DID EVERYTHING I COULD DO NOT TO GET THE JOB, AND SO I GOT THE JOB” AT AN ADVERTISING AGENCY WITH BRYSTOL MYERS AS A CLIENT, THE REST IS HISTORY. SO ULTIMATLY MY MOTHER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MY DADS SUCCESS.**

**MY MOTHER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OUR SUCCESS, SHE LOVED HER FAMILY AND ALWAYS PUT US FIRST SHE WAS THERE FOR US EVERYDAY, WHEN WE GOT HOME FROM SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR VISTITING HER IN FLORIDA. THE FRIDGE WAS ALWAYS FULL, THE WASHING MACHINE WAS READY AND SHE HAD COOKED, USUALLY ENOUGH FOR AN ARMY.**

**I REMEMBER WHILE IN COLLEGE CHRIS CALLED ONE SUNDAY AND SAID MOM I AM GOING TO STOP BY WITH A FEW FRIENDS ON THE WAY BACK FROM THE EAGLES GAME.**

**CHRIS STOPPED IN WITH SOME OF HIS NEW COLLEGE FRIENDS THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME WE METJOHN AND FIVE OTHER TKE BROTHERS. JOHN TOOK TWO PLATES FILLED THEM UP AND PROCEEDED TO FINISH BOTH PLATES PLUS TWO MORE, MOST PARENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN HORRIFIED, BEING LEBANESE THE BEST WAY TO THEIR HEART IS TO EAT. NEEDLESS TO SAY, SHE LOVED JOHN. MY MOM LOVED ALL OF OUR FRIENDS, UNCONDITIONALLY.**

**PASENA ALWAYS MADE US BELIEVE IN OURSELVES AND STOOD UP FOR US, HER STYLE WAS FIRM BUT FAIR.**

**WHEN WE WENT TO A NEW SCHOOL SHE WOULD TELL THE PRINCIPLE YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO DISCIPINE MY BOYS.**

**I REMEMBER SHE GOT CALLED INTO SCHOOL BECAUSE DAMIAN HAD GOTTEN INTO TROUBLE AND THE PRINCIPLE WAS UPSET SO THEY WERE IN THE OFFICE TOGETHER AND THE PRINCILPLE SAID MRS MAROUN DAMIAN WILL NOT TELL US WHO ELSE WAS INVOLVED IN THE INSIDENT. SHE LOOKED AT THE PRINCAPLE AND THEN AND DAMIAN AND SAID GOOD BOY WE ARE NOT SQUEELERS.**

**FAMILY WAS HER DRIVING FORCE, SHE LOVED HER SISTERS BEYOND IMAGINATION, SHE LOVED MY FATHER UNCONDITIONALLY, SHE LOVED HER CHILDREN WITH EVERY ONCE OF HER CORE, SHE LOVED HER DOUGHTER INLAWS AS IF THEY WERE HER OWN CHILDREN, EVEN WITH THEIR SALLOW SKIN AND HER SON IN LAW FRED SOMETHIMES MORE THAN HER OWN BOYS, BUT THE JOY OF HER LIFE WERE HER GRAND CHILDREN. LET ME TELL YOU NOTHING MADE MY MOTHER HAPPIER THAN HAVING THEM VISIT AND DO SOME POWER SHOPPING.**

**POWER SHOPPING WAS MY MOTHERS GOLF, SHE LOVED IT LIKE A SPORT. WHEN I SAY SHOPPING WHAT I MEAN IS BUYING, NOTHING MADE HAPPIER THAN GIVING TO THE PEOPLE SHE LOVED AND THE PEOPLE IN HER LIFE. COSTCO WAS HER FAVORITE STORE SHE LIKED TO GET THERE EARLY TO GET A MOTORIZED CART, THAT MADE HER DAY. ANN BERBUDEZ CLEANED OUR HOUSE TWICE A WEEK SHE NEVER LEFT EMPTY HANDED, AND MY MOTHER NEVER WENT BACK TO SOUTH AFRICA WITHOUT SUITCASES OF OLD CLOTHES FOR SHORTY, SOPHIE OR ABEL.**

**MY MOTHERS FAITH AND RELIGION WERE A DRIVING FORCE IN HER LIFE, ALONG WITH HER FAMILY IT GAVE HER STRENGTH.**

**WE WERE LIVING IN ROME AND WE HAVE DECIDED TO GO TO PONTEMILVIO MARKET. WE PILED INTO PASENA’S LITTLE FIAT, AS WE ARRIVED, SHE SAID KIDS START PRAYING FOR PARKING, SO WE ALL STARTED PRAYING AND LOW AND BEHOLD WE FOUND A PARKING. NEVER FAILS SHE SAYS WE WENT SHOPING AND WHEN WE GOT BACK TO THE CAR WE SAW THAT IT IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TRAFIC CIRLCLE, WITH CARS ZOOMING AROUND IT, WE HAD PARKED IN A TRAFFIC JAM. HER COMENT WAS I GUESS ST JOSEPH THOUGHT IT WAS A PARKING SPOT, NOBODY IS PERFECT.**

**MY MOTHER BELIVED IN THE POWER OF PRAYER.**

**LOST ITEMS, ANTHONY, ANTHONY COME AROUND SOMETHINGS BEEN LOST AND CANT BE FOUND.**

**MY MOTHER FOUND TIME TO PRAY EVERYDAY, HER PRAYER BOOK WAS TWO INCHES THICK, SHE NEVER PRAYED FOR HERSELF, SHE PRAYED FOR ALL THE PEOPLE IN HER LIFE**

**I CAN REMENBER BEING IN FLORIDA MY NEICES WOULD CALL AND SAY GRANNY I HAVE A BIG EXAM, CAN YOU PLEASE PRAY FOR ME. DARLING DON’T WORRY I WILL STORM THE HEAVENS. I VAGUELY REMEMBER IT HAD GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE MY NIECES FRIENDS WOULD ASK THEM TO CALL GRANNY AND ASK HER TO PRAY FOR THEM BECAUSE THEY HAD AN EXAM. THEY ALL GRADUATED DON’T UNDERESTAMATE THE POWER OF PRAYER.**

**MY MOM INSTILLED PRAYER INTO US FROM A YOUNG AGE, PRAYERS AT NIGHT, PRAYERS ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL, OUR BEDTIME STORIES CAME FROM THE CHILDREN’S BIBLE.**

**WHEN LIVING IN MEXICO I CAN REMEMBER MY MOM DRIVING DAMIAN AND ME TO SCHOOL, SHE WOULD NOT ALLOW US TO LISTEN TO THE RADIO, INSTEAD WE HAD TO SAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER WITH HER ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL, EVERY DAY.**

**I PRAY AND IT STUCK TO ME LIKE A POST IT, BUT WITH DAMIAN IT STUCK LIKE SUPER GLUE. HERE IS AN EXAMPLE DAMIAN WAS TELLING ABOUT THE DAY BEFORE MY MOM PASSED, NIKKI CALLED AND SAID MOMS BREATHING HAD CHANGED AND YOU SHOULD THINK OF COMING BACK FROM VERMONT, SO WE DECIDED TO COME HOME, AND GREGORY IT TOOK ME 14 ROSARYS TO GET BACK FROM VERMONT. I LAUGHED AND IM SURE MY MOTHER SMILED.**

**SO IF WE LIVE AND LEARN ANYTHING FROM MY MOMS LIFE, PRAY, LOVE YOUR FAMILY, BE LOYAL, BE TOUGH AND GIVE TO PEOPLE LESS FORNUNATE THAN YOURSELF YOU WILL LIVE A HAPPY LIFE.**

**GOD BLESS PASENA MAROUN AND GOD BLESS AMERICA THE COUNTRY SHE GREW TO LOVE MORE THAN SOUTH AFRICA.**

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