

AS I SEE IT!

I am so glad to see 2017 end, a very emotional year for my family. It began in February with the loss of my beloved Father-In-Law and then the week of Christmas saw us making a fast trip to Salem. My Mother-In-Law went into the hospital with congestive heart failure and acute kidney failure. She is classed as End Stage Alzheimer's, and the family had to place her on Hospice. That was the most gut wrenching decision for all of us, but we all know that it is necessary.

My Mother-In-Law was a vibrant, active woman who I considered one of my best friends. We worked together at her restaurant in Eagle Point before they won the lottery and we had so much fun together. We had a wall of coffee cups and each one was used every day, we had jam sessions twice a month and we made life long friends with our customers.

She doesn't recognize any of us but subconsciously she knows, when we were there, she wanted to go home with us. She unconditionally loved her six children, adored her 12 grandchildren and spoiled her 14 great grandchildren. I miss her.

There were some good things that happened also, it wasn't all bad. My husband retired in July, my grandchildren are a constant source of amusement and amazement to me every day, my foster daughter Arielle (who I hope will become my daughter soon), my children whom I love to the moon and back and my friends who I count on.

I don't believe in resolutions but I did make one this year. My resolution is to take care of myself and to stand up for myself. I care for so many people that I sometimes forget about myself and I am a non-confrontational person who would rather just walk away than say anything. So look out world!!

I hope 2018 is good for you and yours. May you have peace and many blessings!

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New Year
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