



Center for Donation & Transplant
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Dear Recipient,

I am writing to share information with you about my husband, your organ donor. His name was John and he loved his family. We have three adult children and seven grandchildren. The grandchildren were the light of John's life—they called him "Papa." John loved spending time with them, working the land on our farm, and watching the Yankees. One of the highlights of his life was being able to attend a World Series game in 2009 where the Yankees won a championship.

Over John's life he had some heart issues that we were aware of. Because of that we had conversations about his wishes should he suffer a heart attack. At that time he was clear to me and our children about how he would want to help others by being a donor. He took pride in having the donor heart on his license, something which humored his grandchildren who saw the red heart symbol.

Being able to honor John's wishes to be a donor was something that gave our family peace at such a difficult time. We still miss John dearly but like to remember him for the wonderful man, husband, father, grandfather, and friend that he was in life. Our grandchildren will forever remember their "papa" as a hero and that is truly special.

Overall, I hope that this letter brings you peace and comfort. My family and I sincerely hope that John's gifts have brought you much health and happiness. If you are willing, we would welcome any information about you and your family that you would like to share.

Sincerely,

Jane Smith