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Thu. Jan 21, 2021 at 2:36 PM

To: Roxanne Morse <roxanneymorse@gmail.com>, "benq@rqy1801.net" <benq@rqy1801.net>, "rqy18011@netzero.net" <rqy18011@netzero.net

Hi,

Since I'm not sure how we got connected I didn't know how to call you back. Apparently the universe wanted us to talk but I guess only for so long. :-)

Dad, you look great and I'm happy you and Reva are doing well.

Rox, tell Chris and the girls hello for me. You seem very happy up there in Rockland.

I love you both. Stay safe and healthy. I'll let you know my travel plans.

R

Rachel

## Ruben Q. Yabut <rqy18011@netzero.net>

Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 4:21 PM

To: rachel.yabut3@gmail.com

Thank you, Rachel, for being happy for me and Reva doing well.. You mentioned the universe wanting us to talk, I think it sensed my longing to talk to you. To tell you how much I missed seeing you grow up, how much I regretted not being there when you needed me, how sorry I was for not caring how some of my life changing decisions affected you. i am so sorry. Please forgive me.

I love you, Rachel.

Dad

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Rachel Yabut <rachel.yabut3@gmail.com>

Sat, Jan 23, 2021 at 11:12 AM

To: "Ruben Q. Yabut" <rqy18011@netzero.net>

Dad, please forgive yourself. We all have regrets and wish we had made different choices. Above all you're my father and I love you. Release your burden so that you can live in the present.

As for you and me, let's get to know each other by being open and honest. For instance, tell me about what it was like for you growing up.

Also, I'll send you a 23andme kit. You need to send a saliva sample to them. The instructions will be included. Once we have the report you, me and Roxanne can share our info.

Love you, Rachel

FYI if I don't reply to your email right away don't take it personally. I don't check my email every day. Texting me is better for short conversations or to let me know you sent me an email.

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Rachel

## Ruben Q. Yabut <rqy18011@netzero.net>

Sun. Jan 24. 2021 at 7:58 PM

To: rachel.yabut3@gmail.com

Hi Rach

I finally got to sit down and compose this as you thought I should. I agree with you that we should know each other more if we are to be a family. It is my nature to be not open, an introvert, to keep my feelings and thoughts to myself, but I am willing to open up myself to you. To do that you said I should share with you what my childhood was like. So here goes.

I was born in Tarlac, now the capital city of the Province of Tarlac, on Luzon Island of the Philippines in 1934. I don't know of any significant event from my birth date until I started First Grade in1941. In December 1941 World War II broke out. I was 7 years old but remember people crying and scared when the news came that Pearl Harbor was attacked. That same day I watched Japanese planes fly overhead on their way to bomb US Airforce Base at Clark, Pampanga and the US Navy Base at Sangley Point, Cavite

The Japanese invasion of the Philippines forced us to evacuate Tarlac on an old truck that brought us a remote hacienda in a forested area of Concepsion, Tarlac.

(I'm going to have to quit here and continue tomorrow,)

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Rachel Yabut <rachel.yabut3@gmail.com>
To: "Ruben Q. Yabut" <rqy18011@netzero.net>

Mon, Jan 25, 2021 at 10:59 AM

Hi Dad, that is such a scary memory. I'm sorry you went through it. I'm looking forward to learning more about it. Also, please tell me about your family at that time.  $\mathsf{R}$ 

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