

## **Life is very precious**

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Today, I will conduct a funeral for a 38 year old young lady. She has two girls (8 & 15). She found out she had cancer last year (I conducted a funeral service for her Mom a few years ago). The grandfather, William, called and asked for my services. He and his two brothers owned about five bars in the Billings, Joliet, Fromberg, MT area. His son owns a big construction company here in town.

It is always an honor to celebrate a life and help the family in the transition and mourning process. I spent time with the family earlier in the week. It was difficult for the family; when someone so young passes it is never as easy. We talked, and I encouraged them to share. Their own memories of Lisa flooded their hearts and helped push out grief and allow joy in.

I had buried William's brother, Harold, a number of years ago. Later, I conducted a wedding ceremony for William's grandson. More recently, as I mentioned, I conducted a funeral for William's daughter-in-law (Lisa's mom). Now, I will be conducting this service for William's grand-daughter.

As I was leaving their home a few days ago, I gave William a big hug. With a sincere smile.... he asked me to get ready for his! I think he was half-way joking...

But life is very precious.