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I'm Dave Douglas with a Community Comment.

Today will be a little different. Normally I talk about things political um I also run on sum what of a script and I have written comments often that accompany what I'm doing. Today won't be that. Today very briefly and what little time I have left that I've not used already.

I'm going to mention family, specifically my family and how I was raised. I lost my mother less than 2 weeks ago. She was 99 years young. I lost my father, 20 years ago and unknown to most of you, although a good many people know me, I was an adopted child and remains of course an adopted child. And my parents while older when they got me, ah raised me with a great deal of love. I was an arranged adoption and I was raised with people who were formed in their young years by the depression. I was blessed for that.

Patriotism was a very big thing in my family. You may have noticed that in some of the comments I make. I like to think I come by that otherwise. But my parents go back with Pearl Harbor and my dad enlisting. My mother being a telegraph operator. Seven days a week working um through the war and married, um, when my dad came back from the war.

Many people take for granted what they receive from their parents. Being adopted I've always been very grateful for what I was able to get.

Working was expected. I started working after school when I was 14 years of age. That was just what you did. It was part of how I was raised. ah Going to church, giving back. Trying to do things in the community formed in part how I've approached life and how, I made my choices in what I was going to do for a living. Those too were a part of how I was raised. I was a lucky young man in my estimation. I would hear complaints from others I'd reach back because my parents never hid from me that I was adopted and I would think. How fortunate I was that I had parents who chose me, who loved me. I did a video for ah Foster Parents about this very same issue.

My issue what I want to say today to you is,

Love those you are close to. Love them because we never know how long we're going to have and when we'll lose them

God Bless you all.

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