

- Start by stating the obvious.
- Thanks for coming!
- Family / Friends
- Local (next door)/ distant (5000 miles)
- Means a lot to Mum, Charles & I
- Diagnosed almost 1.5 years ago.
- Never complained, no moans etc.
- "How are you Dad?" "Fine!"
- Even at the end when he couldn't walk or speak he didn't really want to be a burden.
- "Can I get you anything Dad?" shakes head "No!"
- Thought I was ready.
- Not ready for last breath, feeling the pulse fade.
- Nothing to make one ready for Father's death.
- Glad we could be there with him to the end, but I wouldn't want to do it too often.
- Not alone, tho' a journey everyone has to make alone.
- Thought I'd be ready today to speak.
- Apologies in advance if I can't make it through to the end.
- Make it quick tho' so I have a chance.
- Thinking about what to say here. . .
- Think back have to stop / start somewhere. . . Dad to USA, me in Scotland.
- I miss Dad's big life changer – heart attack /stroke.
- Dad misses some of my growing up. Mis-understandings / Mis-communication.
- Felt like there was a distance between us that had closed gradually over the decades but I would have liked just a few more years to make up for my naivety.
- Some of what I thought was lack of ambition, was just contentment, A Just Contentment.
- He did indeed work hard for it!
- I realise the value of contentment now I'm older.
- Some of what I thought was dumb silence was actually quiet wisdom.
- I've been afraid for a few years now that I've been missing the point of Dad's quiet wisdom
- Some of what I thought was complacency was indeed a deeply rooted patience.
- He was a very patient man!
- He was strong, humble, peaceful, tolerant.
- An example of how more men should be. Certainly an example of what more I should be.
- In Charles Mellon, I've had a great role model but I've a lot yet to learn from Dad and I'll be learning from him for years to come.