



## **How Do You Want to be Remembered?**

My father, Joe Kiggins, one of the nicest, kindest people in the world, died last October, after a year long battle with colon cancer. I know many people and families are battling cancer, some will win and some will lose that battle. My heart goes out to each of them.

I would like to talk about an idea of how the Marshfield Area Community Foundation can help remember loved ones. No one likes to think about estate planning, but it is something that everyone should do, talk about their wishes with their families, and consider if the Marshfield Area Community Foundation might be able to help. We can set up funds to help fund special projects, interests, or charities of the family member or give scholarships in their name- what ever the family member might have wanted. We have existing funds that will annually fund Mary's Place Boarding House, Youth Net, Goodwill, the Juvenile Firesetters Program, and the Catholic Parishes. We have over 60 scholarship funds. All of these were established in memory of a loved one. In this way the family member can live on, forever, doing good in our community.

My father was remembered by family and friends last week at a dedication ceremony at the rural school where he worked as a janitor during his retirement years. The money people gave towards his memorials was used to purchase playground equipment at the school where he worked, and for the children he loved. My Dad would have been happy about the playground equipment, but much too humble to want a dedication ceremony- he would have said, "Just let the kids play- that's all that's necessary."

Wouldn't it be great to set up a special way to memorialize your love ones? Please call the Marshfield Area Community Foundation at 384-9029 or email [macf@marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org](mailto:macf@marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org) to discuss how we might help.



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