



The Kulas Kronicle



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Tough Days in May



Victoria (14), Sophia (9), Jacquelyn (7), Genevieve (5), Levi (4), Georgiana (1 1/2), Winston (3 months)

My Dad Passed Away

Though I didn't know it at the time, the morning of May 3rd was the last conversation my dad and I had. My dad went into surgery for the removal of a rare tumor, [Organ of Zuckerkandl](#), that morning and wasn't able to recover from the procedure.

My dad's condition fluctuated dramatically after surgery. On Friday, May 13, his condition looked the worst since surgery. Yet, on Saturday, May 14, he was in the best condition! It was quite a shock to get the call from my mom on Saturday night that he had passed.

My dad, Leander Kulas, better known as Butch to neighbors and friends, taught me a strong work ethic. Evidence of this: I called him Monday night before his surgery and, sure enough, he was out an about working his Lawn Care and Landscaping business.

My dad packed a lot of life in his 71 years. Although he had imperfections, like us all, I am blessed to be known as his son and to have called him DAD! Please remember my family in this time of grieving.

Victoria's Appendix Removed

As we arrived in town for my dad's funeral, we jokingly, said to Sophia our second oldest, "OK, no more visits to the Emergency Room at Winona Community Hospital. (Sophia has been there twice before, on two separate trips to visit my family!)"

Apparently, that memo should have been directed at Victoria. On Saturday night, May 21, the day after my dad's funeral, we (my extended family and I) found ourselves awaiting the results of another surgery, this time on Victoria.

Victoria's appendectomy went well; she's a fast healer. The nurse commented that she has never seen anyone as alert as Victoria so soon after surgery. Even so, she could still use your prayers. Trudy and I too. **Although times have been tough for my family this year, we are thankful we have God to lean on and draw strength from!**



Victoria's looking pretty good...just thirty minutes after waking from anesthesia.

In Christ,

Paul G. Kulas