

To Remember Me

*At a certain moment, a doctor will determine
that my brain has ceased to function and
that, for all intents and purposes,
my life has stopped.*

*When that happens, do not attempt to
install artificial life into my body by the
use of a machine, and don't call this my
"Deathbed", call it my "Bed of Life" and
let my body be taken from it to help others
lead fuller lives.*

*Give my sight to a man who has never
seen a sunrise, a baby's face,
or love in the eyes of a woman.*

*Give my heart to a person whose own heart has
caused nothing but
endless days of pain.*

*Give my blood to the teenager who has been pulled from
the wreckage of his car, so that he might live to see his
grandchildren play.*

Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week.

*Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body, and find
a way to make a crippled child walk.*

*Explore every corner of my brain. Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow
so that some day a speechless boy will shout at the crack of a bat and a deaf girl
will hear the sound of rain against her windows.*

*Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds
to help the flowers grow.*

*If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses, and all my prejudice
against my fellow man.*

*Give my sins to the devil. Give my soul to God. If, by chance, you wish to remember
me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you.*

If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.

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