



# **A Tribute to My Hero: My Father**

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Everyone tells me that I have always been the exact girl-version of my father. I just hope I can live up to that comparison. My father has always been my inspiration and he will always be my hero. I know there is no such thing as a perfect father, but to me, my father comes pretty close. Sure, he isn't perfect but his good moral and dynamic character far out-weigh his flaws. The impact he has on my life is insurmountable to anything else. Without his constant presence in my life, I don't know where I would be right now.

My father is a naturally quiet person. Some people tend to apply a rather brutal stereotype to quiet people as if somehow "they have nothing intelligent to say" or "They generally dislike engaging in conversations". This application is incorrect in so many different ways.

My father is one of the smartest people I know. What makes him stand out among the other brilliant people in the world is his amazing humility. This is one reason why I look up to him. He possesses virtues that I struggle with and inspires me to strive for them as well. He doesn't force himself on others and he does not laugh at the inferiority of many others around him. My dad is also a police officer. He risks his own life every single day and saves the lives of many strangers in our community just so he can come home to us knowing that he has done what he could do that day to support our family. His career is brutal, harsh, and undesirable but he does it for me, for my mom, and my brothers and sisters. This is why he is my hero. He puts aside his own well-being to make sure he can secure my family's safety.

My father is a selfless, strong leader. He is kind, gentle, and wise. He recognizes his failures and mistakes and he actively tries to correct them. I can confidently say that my father has positively changed the way I approach my friends, family, and community. His character exceeds many others in our society today and he will always be an inspiration not only to me, but to all of the friends and family that are close to him.