

## **Emails Between Siblings**

Subject: Re: Dad's day

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*Just thinking of all the special dads in our family, what wonderful caring men starting with Charles (our dad) and you dear brother! Happy Fathers' day and here's a cheer for Dad, a very dear man in our lives!*

From the brother.

*I probably told y'all this story before but I'll relate it again anyway:*

*My daughter went to Vandy initially intending to go into medicine. As things evolved, she realized her calling lay elsewhere. For a while she was hesitant to inform me of her change in course, knowing from early in life what a low opinion I harbored of lawyers (at least the "Trial" types, whom I consider to rank just below cockroaches in the overall scheme of things). She finally fessed up to me and I reassured her that I had never seen her make a bad decision about such matters and that I was in full support of her career plans.*

*She said "Well, I was afraid to tell you 'cause I knew you were better than your Dad and I was supposed to be better than you."*

*My reply was "Hey little girl! Your Grandpa never got through college...cause he was a leader in that Greatest Generation who faced incredible adversity and fought for everything this country stands for. And he never made a lot of money cause he was busy supporting a family of seven. But I never heard him tell a lie or promote a falsehood. He never punished me unless I had it coming and he did it with love as a motive. He was a loyal friend to a lot of people and when I was tiny and would go with him to pay bills and such, people always lit up when he showed up and were glad to see him. He wasn't perfect but he was twice the man your dad is and don't ever forget that. And no college degree or big income will ever change that."*