



MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR®



My Papa drove a 1985 Chevy Blazer when we were growing up. We spent A LOT of time in that car. And he only had one rule for the Blazer: every passenger had to say “Roll ‘em, Papa!” before he would start the ignition. He was so stubborn about it that he would make you late for school, work, soccer practice, church, didn’t matter where you were going (he was a troll before trolls were a thing).

Everyday on the way to school, we played a game in the car called “Stump the Papa.” He kept a children’s dictionary on the dash and we each had to try to find a word he didn’t know the definition of. If we could “stump” him, he would give us a dollar. We could never ever stump him, until one day Shaun picked the word “adder” (a type of snake). Papa said that was “a mathematician - someone who does math for a living,” and it was the one and only glorious time either of us ever stumped him. Shaun was so proud of himself he told this story for YEARS.



My Papa taught me a lot of things - A LOT of things - but I think these two little vignettes highlight the three most important lessons I learned from him:

1. Be sure your whole crew is ready to go before starting an adventure;
2. Always value the power of your words; and
3. Never take yourself too seriously.



There are 24 hours left to donate to my fundraising campaign for the [Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#) that is in his honor (ends 9am on June 18). We are so close reaching the \$50,000 mark, and if we do we can dedicate an LLS research portfolio in his name. Can you help us in our final push?

You can submit your donation here:
<https://pages.lls.org/mwoy/calso/los21/clewis>

In the words of LLS...
EVERYONE WINS WHEN CANCER LOSES

With love, light, and gratitude,
Casey

