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## **December Rain**

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**Additional information:**

**Your experience during COVID-19:** I lost my mother during the covid pandemic. She was in a nursing home which was locked down for most of March-December. In late November, she contracted COVID-19 during an outbreak in the home. She passed peacefully in her sleep on the morning of December 11, 2020. She was an incredible woman of compassion and grace and I am blessed to be her son. I've included a poem I've written called December Rain, along with a couple of photos.





December Rain

*It's raining today, like grief falling steadily upon me.*

*A torrent so loud, I could speak your name and no one would hear it.*

*Images and moments swirling through my mind, competing for my recollection.*

*Praying with eyes open, saying words already forgotten before they leave my lips.*

*You held me once, years ago, assuring me this day was too distant for sorrow.*

*Yet sorrow found me here, fully awake, wishing to be held once more.*

*Tomorrow, thoughts of courage, strength and the mercy of God. But not today.*

*Today I weep, water pooling at my feet as the sky releases its anguish in unison with me.*