

Lessons From Our Learners

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Life In 55 Words: Part I

Submissions for this special column were required to meet the following basic criteria: Relate—in exactly 55 words (not including the title)—an experience that influenced the author or author's practice of medicine. Submissions came from several countries and reflected a wide range of experiences and emotions. Because of the number of outstanding responses, I have elected to publish selections in two columns with Part II following in a later issue. Some of these are titled at the choice of the author.

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Longing for His Silence

I miss him so much. I was devoted to him in the last 16 years. He couldn't speak after that stroke but he always looked at me, hearing my stories, my complaints about insomnia, or back pain. Smiling, ever, incessantly. And I always felt he understood me, comforted me. Now I miss his wonderful silence.

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