**The Life I Had**

**When I found out I was sick, it was a real shocker**

**and telling those I love wasn't an easy thing to do.**

**I was not one to feel sorry for myself, I was more**

**concerned about each and every one of you.**

**My beautiful wife, my kids and of course,**

**my family, extended family and friends,**

**not one day did I take for granted the people**

**I was surrounded by. The love had no end.**

**Some would laugh at my jokes. Sometimes, it seemed**

**like I was the only one that thought they were funny.**

**The laughter I did get, made each cloud that was casting**

**a dark shadow, disappear. Laughter made it feel sunny.**

**You all accepted me for the person I was,**

**which made it easy for me to be myself.**

**And you all know that I found it difficult**

**to ask or even accept any kind of help.**

**Stubborn I was, but how quickly that**

**goes away when one is sick, as I was.**

**You all pulled your resources together and**

**worked wonders, showing your love for us.**

**I was a son, husband, father, brother,**

**friend, coworker, I guess I wore many hats.**

**Today's gathering is being called a Celebration**

**of Life, and you know? I like the sound of that.**

**I may not be with you physically,**

**but my spirit will be shining bright.**

**I want you to celebrate the life I had. I will be**

**watching, making sure you are doing it right.**

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