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A Very “Puny” Week Ahead

My Dad died May 1, 2014—two days after their 53rd wedding anniversary—at the tender age of 74. He always looked very young and we were often mistaken for a married couple instead of father-daughter when out together. In one of the funniest of those memories, I was 28, Dad was 49, & I was 8 months pregnant. We were in the grocery store grabbing steaks for a family gathering when a sweet, but nosy, woman almost drove herself crazy following us around the store. She checked to see that we both had on rings, tried to listen to our conversations and you could tell she was fascinated by the age difference. I spotted her and was careful to never call him “Dad” and was vague about the “girls” (my sisters) coming for dinner. Sometimes you have to find your fun where you can. We giggled about that for years.

Dad always wore a smile, gave the best hugs, and was the king of the PUNS. He was known for his corny “dad jokes” even before they were a “thing”.

Dad’s funeral was on Star Wars Day, May 4th, which celebrates the movie franchise. The pun was on the movie’s catchphrase “May the Force be with you” as *May the fourth be with you*. Dad thought this was

hilarious and always had a cute cartoon to share on his Facebook page about it. I’m sure he would have laughed about the fact that he was buried on that date.

May 5th is Cinco de Mayo (pronounced *Sinko-dee-my-o*) and is the celebration of the Mexican Army’s victory over the French Empire in 1862. The spelling, however, leads those of us with a more warped sense of humor to visualize something a little different.



I guess my point in sharing this today is that there are horrible things that happen and we have no control over that. What we **can** control, is the way we react to them. Dad was a strong Christian man and I have no doubt he is in heaven singing tenor in the choir. Do I still miss him? Every. Day. Will I see him again? You better believe it!! Dad had a weird sense of humor that he shared with all who came in contact with him

and I think I honor his memory when I approach life as he would—with a smile, a hug, and a slightly offbeat interpretation.

Now on to important stuff...

Week of May 3rd-9th is:

- Be Kind to Animals Week
- National Family Week
- National Hug Holiday Week
- National Small Business Week
- Children's Book Week
- National Wildflower Week
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- National Nurses Week

Some fun only lasts a day:

- 3rd-** Lumpy Rug Day
National Textiles Day
Wear Two Different Shoes Day
Wild Koala Day
- 4th-** Star Wars Day
International Firefighters Day
Respect for Chickens Day
Petite and Proud Day
- 5th-** Cartoonists Day
Chanel No. 5 Day
Cinco de Mayo
Great American Grump Out
Roller Derby Day
National Astronaut Day
National Bike to School Day
Skilled Trades Day
Portuguese Language Day
- 6th-** National Day of Prayer
No Diet Day
No Homework Day
National RN Recognition Day
Russell Stover Candies Day

- 7th-** Cosmopolitan Day
International Space Day
Sauvignon Blanc Day
Military Spouse Day
Tuba Day

- 8th-** National Train Day
National Windmill Day
No Socks Day
World Belly Dance Day

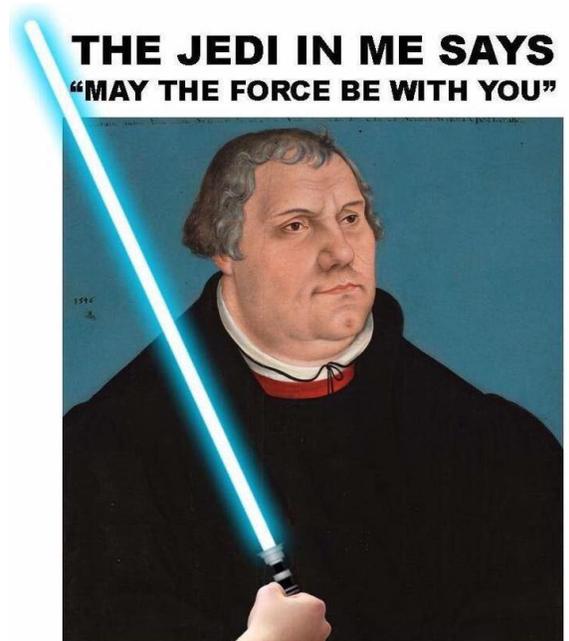
- 9th-** Mother's Day
National Moscato Day
Rural Life Sunday

Have a great week & call if you need anything!

Serving Him & Loving it!

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"AND ALSO WITH YOU"**