

FRIDAY FOLLIES

A True Gift of Love...

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We've known since before the wedding this summer that Ricky's father was very ill. That is the reason the wedding was switched first from Las Vegas to the Blue Ridge Mountains, and then a second time to right down the street on the oceanfront.

I knew I loved and admired Ricky, but I did not know until this week how much. Ricky, in a totally loving act, donated one of his kidneys to his father this week. Very traumatic having two loved ones going through such serious surgery at once, but it all worked out OK. Both are still in the hospital and still have a good bit of recuperating to do, but I will certainly keep you informed. Prayers for their speedy recovery are welcomed.

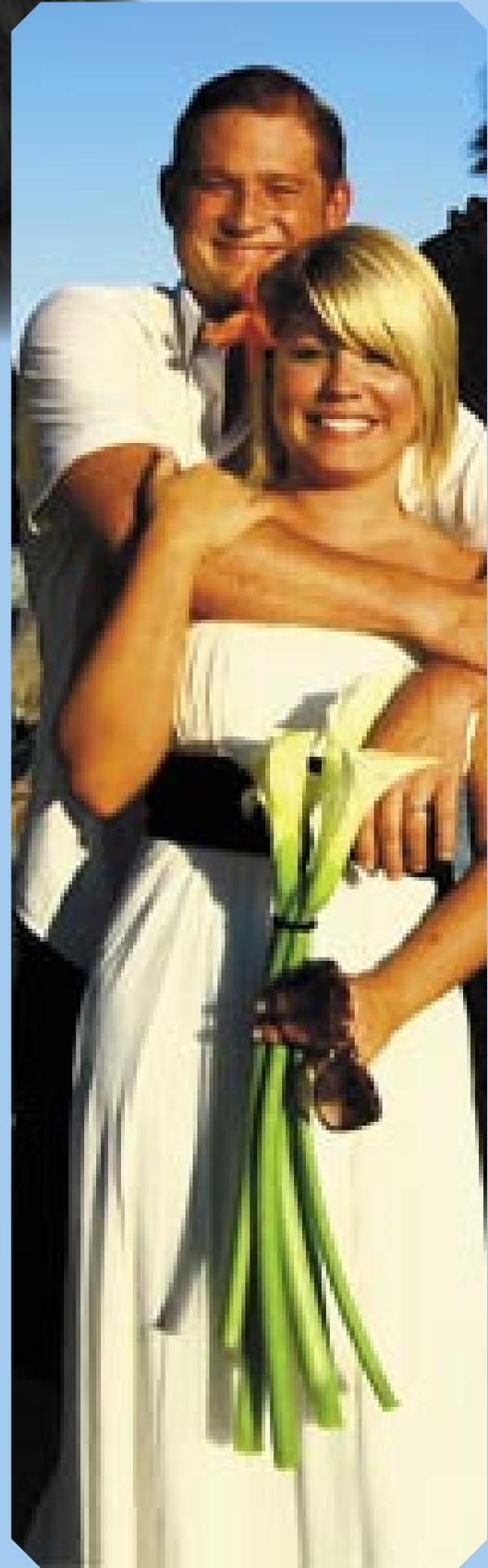
It is very difficult when you want to protect your children to step aside and let them learn to experience and handle things (hardships) themselves. It tore me up to leave Jessica behind, alone, at the hospital after such a long, emotional day, to care for Ricky, but I had to. I knew they needed this time to take care of each other. But, man, it hurt to let go. She received (and will receive over the next few weeks) lots of help from me... you know what I mean.

On another note... with a long recovery for Ricky, I wanted to get him something he would enjoy besides flower, books, balloons, candy, and such. He won't be able to do anything strenuous for a while and computers and TV get



monotonous after a while, so I went to the music store and bought him a beautiful ukulele.

It is small. It is light weight. It is quiet. It is fun and will be easy to travel with on his trips. Jess thought it was a great idea, too. I have seen Ricky a time or two messing around with my ukulele, so I thought he might like it. He did! He doesn't play another instrument, so this will be cool. Got him a book and a "How To" DVD, too. We will see how he progresses.



Went to a couple of nice parties this week, my favorite was a Yankees vs Red Sox party where the adults watched the game and the kids played whiffle ball. I loved this little "Boston" guy who was more interested in the stepping stone than the game. I also prepared the garden - (all ready now - just need some warmer weather), completed adding the text and most of the photos to *Just Judi's Favorites Volume Two - Breakfast, Brunch, and Late Nite*, and started on a new painting. Had NO time to do anything except to just start blocking in the colors and getting a feel for what I want it to be. So all-in-all, it was a pretty amazing week.



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Bless My Babies, & God Bless You!

To all of you on my Friday Follies List, whether you are in Manila, Singapore, Kuwait, Bermuda, Virginia Beach, Mississippi, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minnesota, Indiana, Colorado, Lake Tahoe, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Iraq, Costa Rica, Poland, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Saudi Arabia, New Hampshire, Tampa, Chattanooga, France, Phoenix, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Bangkok, or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week!



God bless.
Remember, life is short!
We need to make it a good one.
Grow in peace and wisdom.
Your Friday Friend,

Judi Godsey

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PS. NOTE OF CAUTION... 20 employees were fired from The New York Times here in Norfolk for sending lewd and indecent emails. (To my knowledge, none of the 20 were on our joke list - even though some of the attorneys who represent the company were!) I have asked each and every one of you on this list to tell me if the jokes that accompany these "Follies" place you in jeopardy, or even if they offend you. Please understand that they are intended to be light-hearted and are not mean-spirited in any way. If you are ever offended, do not hesitate to ask to be taken off the Friday Follies Joke List. PSS. If you send a joke and I don't use it, it is because it has been used before, and I try not to repeat. Remember, I have been sending these since August of 1997. One tends to go through huge numbers of jokes that way. Disclaimer: When anyone asks if I type all of these jokes, the answer is, "No!" I cut and paste one evening during the week (30 minutes, TOPS). Obviously I don't have time to sit, read, and retype jokes all day!