March 4, 2016

Dear Mike,

And I use that salutation with great fondness of Hart. As I have thought of my Father and I know that he loved me, but I never remember every hearing him tell me that he did. I hope that in the past that I have told you that I love you, but if I have just assumed that you know that I loved you, I just wanted to tell you in writing, so you will know that I do.

I guess that with life we just think things develop naturally from child birth, through the so called “Terrible Two’s”, development through child hood, Teen age years and into responsible adulthood. Now that I am growing “Rapidly” old, I look back at life and my family of six children and although I am very proud and love each of them, I also realize that you are the only one that fulfilled my dreams and expectations. You married well and have made great achievements and shown great ability in leadership, both at home, at your profession and in your service to God. I also recognize that you have felt some of the disappointments and joys of being a father and a grandfather. I want you to know that you are in our thoughts and especially in our prayers daily.

Above all else I want you to know that **I LOVE YOU! I am proud to have you call me Father.**

Love Dad