

I met Marion Adinolfi again after a long absence in our lives. We never kept in touch after the death of her brother Ralph. It was evident to see that Marion and Ralph invented a different course of action dealing with terminal illness and a dysfunctional family system. It was clear to me that both of them possessed a code of ethics called "Altruism," which is a high value on the well being of other people before themselves. Both being reared in a chaotic environment, they both possessed a relentless drive to succeed in many areas that seemed hopeless to both of them. They bonded and conquered many obstacles together without being conventional. They created and enlightened the world around them.

Marion Adinolfi married her present husband of 51 years who traveled the unusual journey with her brother and her. Today she walks, talks, strives and interacts with people in a professional capacity. She wrote this book with the hope of educating a wide audience in a vast range of behavior toward problem solving.

She is qualified and knowledgeable about dealing with a dysfunctional family that faced having a terminally ill child and not being able to cope with their problems. She is aware that each of us handles our own love, hates, fears, aspirations and creative ideas in very different ways. Her altruistic nature for the greater good of all concerned when facing different crisis's in many different areas of her life will bring the reader different adventures when dealing with the terminal illness of her father, dysfunctional parents coming from 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Italian American traditions of Italian (culture); their beliefs, marriage at an early age to divert and impending murder, religious beliefs, hospital systems, making decisions or terminally ill parents at an early age, economic problems, family members who ostracized her and her brother because they were indigent and their father was a member of the mafia. They both became logical, strong, courageous and successful human beings that were capable of problem solving under the most difficult conditions.

The author felt that living in an imperfect world, should not prevent humans from doing individual research, while finding solutions to their problems outside of their beliefs, time and culture which you grew up in. She feels that the true freedom of misfortune, despair, death, culture and being indigent can be solved by thinking and traveling in different directions.

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