

Dear Glenn Blaine Senior,

This is Ashley Blaine. I am your son Glenn's Daughter you had met me a couple of months back. This made me want to understand where my family is from. So since I am a Senior in high school, I choose to do this for a project. I ended up interviewing my Aunt Ba (Alison), my grandma (Susan) and my dad (Glenn). So I could get to know you as a person and understand why you left and didn't want to be a part of my life. I know you could have been a part of my life if you wanted to because you know where my grandma lives since she has lived there for over 40 years and her phone number has been the same. But I have worked on accepting that but I still wanted to meet you too put a face behind the name I knew. Even after meeting you couple months ago I gave you my phone number and so you could have picked up the phone and called me if you wanted me in your life but you haven't so I have accepted this fact. And came to the conclusion if you cared about me or wanted to be a part of my life. I have given you the opportunities.

But, through this opportunity to interview your kids and ex-wife about you I found a lot of information about you. I learned you were born on March 12th, 1947 and had an education level of an 8th grader. While you had also worked thirteen jobs in the 1st year of marriage to Susan. But other jobs you have worked were in machinery shops, a township person at New Cumberland township where you mowed lawns and drove trucks while plowing snow and shoveling out the smaller areas, working at a garage and the last place that they have known you to work at would have been a security guard at Messiah College. But I had heard that you were a huge part of the New Cumberland firehouse where you Volunteer and moved up through the

firehouse to be Assistant Chief but loved to train the junior firemen. Some of the strengths you had a person who was willing to run into burning buildings, being strong, protected your family while had a love for hunting. Your ex-wife did say one positive memory she has was you were a very compassionate father. While Glenn remembers you taking him up to Blaine's cabin and teaching him how to drive a riding mower and mow the lawn. While Alison remembers going to her grandma's for lunch and wrestling after it and having fun. But you did also have some major weakness or flaws in life which were lacking communication and providing for your family, showing love through abuse or yelling and an abusive parent. While also known as being a person who was self-centered, being scary, not a very loving or a good listener and showed little interest in the activities or things your kids did. Your ex-wife remembers you chasing her around the house with a machete in your hand. Glenn and Alison both remember not really being able to talk to you when they were at your house and you didn't really care about them because you would go off the firehouse. So you were supposed to be a part of their lives and be their father when you really weren't. But I had heard you had a faith in God and were United Methodist but didn't show or talk about your faith unless you wanted to. Susan chooses to describe you as Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde which I thought was very interesting and the others kind of agreed with these words. This is why you are their blood father and not their dad because Richard Shaffer is that to them. But the three people that I interviewed have not seen you in at least 10 years except for my dad and me who saw you a couple of months ago for an hour conversation.

So I think you personally need to do some growing up and realize what it means to be someone's father and actually be there for your kids no matter what has happened to separate you guys. You have to be the big person and admit your flaws and they will admit their own

flaws and restart growing that relationship. Regardless of what path you choose to take I wish you luck and that you have a good life. I am at peace with my life and I hope you are at peace with yours.

Sincerely,

Ashley Blaine