

The Hands That Perform Miracles

Many people have seen and wondered what was wrong with my mother's hands. I'm pretty sure that that's all they see, especially since it's obvious that they're not normal. I have been asked plenty of times "What's wrong with your mother's hands?". To be honest, I really have no idea. Sometimes I ask myself the same question. But after living with this situation I have really grown fond of her hands. I understand they do not look like a regular pair of hands, but in my eyes they are one of the most beautiful pair of hands that I have ever seen in my life.

My mother's hands are covered with white spots. These spots can be seen without a strain to the eye. Sometimes she drops her head due to the fact that many people are always looking or asking about them. I guess she does not see her hands the same way I do. I see the pain and suffering that they go through.

These hands have had plenty of situations that they have had to overcome that many people will never understand. These hands have had to put food on the table when nobody in the entire household knew how the family was going to eat. Having a husband that had to retire from his job at the railroad due to health problems was not easy to adjust too. That caused these lonely hands to be the main source of the income. These hands have had to wake up as early as four-thirty in the morning and be on a bus run by six. Besides being at work all day these hands had to prepare a dinner for five children and a husband. That's one miracle that seems to amaze me every time I think about it.

Her hands have caught many tears, some tears from the owner herself and even some from me. Tears from having to bury a mother continue to be caught in these hands every year. I can still feel the pain throughout their grip whenever I'm hugged on that certain day. It feels as if her hands seem to shake and tremble due to the fact on not being able to feel or touch the mother that placed them on this earth. Tears for her daughter have been caught regularly. Those tears come from the thought that her only daughter will not make anything of herself. They have tried to show her the way and even tried to help as much as they knew how. But these hands can only teach so much.

Having to hold the youngest child for comfort was another task these hands had to perform. This occurred when the doctor explained that his father only had a year to live if he didn't have a kidney transplant. These pair of hands has rubbed the head of a child all night due to the fact of losing his father. Her hands were the last pair of hands the father felt before going into surgery and the first one's felt after the surgery. Throughout this experience these hands have always been open and willing to hold anybody in the time of need.

These beautiful hands have many stories that are hidden beneath the skin. But the skin is the only thing that many people see. These hands have showed strength, love, happiness, and comfort throughout their lifetime. These hands may look and even seem different, but the truth is they are different: they perform miracles.

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