

IMMORTALIZED IN SONG

TIME WAS OF THE ESSENCE; ALISON LYNCH NEEDED AN AUDIO PROJECT DONE AS A PARTING GIFT FOR HER TERMINALLY ILL FATHER-IN-LAW. SHE FOUND HER SOLUTION AT FREELANCER.COM.

Walter Schrader was fading fast after being terminally diagnosed with cancer. His son, Izzy, couldn't be next to his father, so his wife had stumbled upon an idea to close the gap and bring the father and son together through music.

Alison Lynch only had hours to work on her project for her father-in-law that served as the couple's memorable way to say goodbye to Walter. The two could not physically travel to Colorado from New Jersey because Izzy has been diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease at the same time his father became terminally ill.

In her possession were two audio recordings -- one of Walter singing the song "Where Are You?" popularized in 1937 and one of Izzy singing the same song when he was younger. Alison's aim was to combine the recordings so that father and son would be together, even if it was only in music form.

"Izzy was very depressed that he couldn't go be with his father. I knew their love of music and thought it would be a wonderful way for him to say goodbye to his dad. A few days before I got this idea, I had found some old cassette tapes that I uploaded to digital. That's how I found Izzy's version of the song," said Alison.

The old recording was one of Walter's dozens of collections, but it was the only one Izzy recorded because the lyrics resonated with him. It also reminded him a lot of his father's younger days, when Walter reached his peak as a singer in the early 40's under the stage name Sonny Stevens. He used to sing with the Stan Daugherty Orchestra on the weekly radio show on station CBS/KMOX St Louis. His style of music was best described by Alison as 'easy listening' and she classified his music genre as similar to the songs of Frank Sinatra, Vic Damone, and Walter's favorite Frankie Laine.

He was diagnosed last year with Melanoma, but after bravely fighting against it for a few months, they discovered that it had already spread beyond repair. Walter has since been under hospice care.



"NOW THAT I NEED YOU"

*Where are you,
now that I need you
Now that I want you
so badly I could cry
Where are you
(Where are you?)
Where did fate lead you
(Where are you?)
Funny how I dreamed
you'd still be standing by*



"Time is of the essence. Walter was totally bedridden and we had this gut feeling that he did not have much time left. I needed to find a place that can complete this type of work within an hour's time," said Alison.

Alison found Freelancer.com after she searched the Internet for someone who could help her write some code, which is part of her part-time job. "The project ended up really well, so I thought of using Freelancer.com again.

"Being a former musician in this city, I know that the local places around here charge a ton of money. It would have cost me a couple of hundred dollars at least and they would not be able to complete this type of work within a very short period," Alison explained.

She scoured Freelancer for the perfect freelancer for the project and found IllusiaProd, who had everything she was looking for. When she told him that she needed the recording right away, he

dropped everything so that he could deliver it. He finished the project in an hour.

"This amazing freelancer not only cleaned up the crackles in the old audio, but he also has the two of them singing together. It brought tears in my eyes."

The recording was then sent to Izzy's mom, Maggie, his brother Michael, and sister Shari, who were by Walter's side. They played the song for him and he managed to flash a weak smile and a thumbs-up. Walter passed away a few hours later.

"Walter and Izzy were not only father and son; they were best friends too. Even though he lived in another state, the still kept in contact and they talked every day. Neither liked to be apart from the other."

At the very least, Walter and Izzy's song would live on.



PROJECT:
MIX & EDIT
TWO AUDIO
FILES
TOGETHER



PRICE:
US\$50



BIDS:
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PRICE IF
SOURCED
LOCALLY:
US\$300



WHERE THE WORLD GETS WORK DONE