

## **No Guarantee on Tomorrow**

As a child you look at life as everlasting. You think that you will live forever. As you get older, you realize that death can occur at any age. You realize that every day is a blessing and you should make the most of it, because there is no guarantee on tomorrow.

When I was eleven or twelve, I met a family that helped me realize that death was a reality at any age. No one can know when his or her life will expire. The family consisted of a dad, mom, two daughters, and a son. The family found out that the mother had Lou Gehrig's disease, a disease that would eventually take over her body. They found out before the birth of their son. I met them after she had been diagnosed. My mom, some friends, and I tried to help them through their difficult time, by cleaning the house and watching the kids. I became very attached to their son. He was three when I first met him. He was very loving and wanted held and loved. He never knew his mom as anything but sick, but their daughters had time with her before she got sick. After she got sick, she could only lie in bed or sit in a wheelchair. She had no way to communicate with others, except for eye movement. Her family knew that if she moved her eyes one way it meant "yes" and the other way meant "no". I always felt very sad after being with them. I didn't understand why it was happening to her because she was so young. She had so much to look forward to, in her life and her children's lives. Even through the rough times the family never seemed upset or disappointed. They realized that they couldn't change what was happening, so they needed to make the most out of every day spent with her. The kids treated her like any other mom would be treated, they would ask her if they could have a piece of candy or go outside. She died about six years after being diagnosed with the disease. Her death was very hard to deal with. It took me time to realize that God had a purpose in her life that we can't comprehend.

Her life is very inspiring to me and affected me greatly. I came to realize that we don't know what our future holds. We should live each day as if it was our last. I think that there is no better day but today to love, accept, forgive, and be thankful. We are blessed with every day of life we are given. Her life helped me realize that we should not take advantage of life because no one is guaranteed tomorrow.