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The Three People I Meet in Heaven

In *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, the protagonist Eddie passes away while saving a little girl in a selfless act of bravery, and is sent to Heaven. In Heaven, he crosses path with five people that were influential in his life, whether Eddie knew them or not. These people take him on a journey that help him understand events throughout his life; they also provide closure for his inner conflicts. This essay is my interpretation of the people I might meet in heaven, and life lessons I presume I can learn from them.

The first person I believe I would meet in heaven is my great aunt Tina. She was one of the strongest people I know, and even through her suffering she never hesitated to put everyone else and their needs before her own. No matter what time it was, she always had the biggest smile on her face; I aspire to have her positive disposition. I feel that Tina could guide me on being a more mentally positive and overall stronger person, since she possesses those traits that I don't see in myself. Also, because I have a tough time understanding others' struggles, she could help me to become a warmer and more empathetic person.

My grandpa Dede would be the second person I might meet in heaven. Although I don't remember much of my life with him, I know for a fact that he had immense bravery, seeing that he picked up and moved his entire life to America for the sake of my Yaya, my dad, and my aunt

Aylin. From the few memories I have of him, I remember clearly that he was always the outgoing person who would always volunteer to play with my brother and I, help around the house, walk our dog, and other activities of that nature. His lesson to me would show me how to be a braver person, because I've been afraid of making tough, "gray" decisions, and bravery is needed in making tough choices like my Dede did.

The third and final person I would meet on my journey in heaven would be Elizabeth Cady Stanton. She was an instrumental figure in both abolitionism and the women's rights movement; most importantly she is a big role model of mine. Between helping gain women's right to vote to writing the Declaration of Sentiments to influencing feminism into what it is today, she was an extremely passionate woman who spoke up for what she believed in. If I were to meet her in heaven, I'm sure she would help me to gain the moxie to stand up for what I believe in, as I'm typically shy during debates and other heated discussions.

In conclusion, I chose these people because they are dear to me, and I feel like they can give me valuable lessons in skills that I want to improve in my life. Just like Eddie did not know all of his people personally, I do not know all of the people I chose, but I truly feel that these people have been influential and interconnected to my life, much like Eddie's people were all linked to him.