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Back at Christmas time, I received a private message from one of our members with a very heartwarming tale that involved Scrap Muse. Instead of me rambling on and on, I have decided to have Margie's story be our opening article. Be prepared for goose bumps, I know I got them!



Love ~ Gretchen Carmack

### Our Christmas Miracle

by Margie Oliviera

This year was an extra special Christmas in our house; we experienced a Christmas miracle and Scrap Muse was the instrument. On Thursday evening, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, I logged into the Muse to check in and see what was going on. I noticed I had a private message which is a little unusual as I don't get many here, so I went to check it out and had a

message from a member whose name I didn't recognize. The title of the message was "purple" so I had no idea what the message would say when I opened it . . . nor would I have guessed in a million years.

It was a message from a young woman complimenting me on my Purple Heart layout . . . the layout about my husband and his Purple Heart medal. This young woman told me that she thought this was the most wonderful layout she had ever seen and that the man in the photo was her Dad. I was stunned and had to read her message 4-5 times before I called to my husband. Due to divorce my husband had not seen his daughter in almost 14 years . . . but she recognized her Dad . . . in a layout . . . posted at Scrap Muse . . .

I replied to her message that her Dad would love to see her and that he thinks of her and her sisters often. She sent me her email address so that her Dad could email her and was so anxious to hear from him that she sent me a private message on Friday morning. They corresponded on Friday and Saturday via email . . . she sent me a message on Friday night to get our number so she could call her Dad on Christmas . . . they talked for over an hour and have talked almost every day since. Even as I type this story for the Muse, I hear him on the phone, talking to his baby girl . . . he's making his Grandson a toy box for his 1st birthday and is planning a trip to see her at the end of March.

It's wonderful to hear him talk and to hear the excitement in his voice when he talks about her. It's wonderful to hear him say . . . "We're so much alike . . . she does this like me or she does that like me . . . " We'll never question how or why she happened upon Scrap Muse (of all the sites out there) or how she found a layout about her Dad . . . we'll never question because we know it was a miracle. We are so grateful to God for bringing them together and to Scrap Muse for being the instrument that facilitated a very special reunion and a Christmas Miracle.

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