

Quotes From Fathers of Children with Disabilities

- Sometimes, I think my frustration and anger will overpower my love for Katie. *Lloyd W. Robertson, Katie's father*
- This experience has taught me, too. I hope I am a more sensitive person" gentler in speech, slower to cast judgment, and quicker to lend a hand or a listening ear. I think more about my family's needs and the time I need to spend with my sons. *Stanley Reiff, Sr., Stanley's father*
- Sometimes I am afraid of the future. Will my daughter be safe? What will happen when we die? Will she fall in love and get married? Depending on the days, my answers change. *Tom Nurse, Shelby's father*
- Being a father usually assigns one to a second-class status in the family. Mothers are thought of as the norm when it comes to dealing with children with special needs. Early on, I found out that my presence wasn't needed or even wanted at many of the meetings and staffing... *Bob Dale, Jessica's father*
- Words are inadequate to describe this emotional cross-current: the peak of joy at the birth of my fine son and the devastation at the death of my expectations....From that point on my greatest challenge has been to control my fear of the unknown. *Nicholas Kappes, Andrew's father*

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