

## Walking day #76...Thursday, October 18, 2012...the end of an era

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Today brings a close to an era in the history of The Walk of Life...my initial support vehicle has been forced into an early retirement, even though she was scheduled to terminate somewhere around November 4th or 5th Dr. Long at Rapid City Regional Hospital accelerated that date by a couple of weeks...Mom thanks for stepping up and getting The Walk of Life in motion, for four and one half months you have patiently and anxiously awaited that phrase, "ok, move on up to the NEXT one", you have assisted me in realizing a dream of mine, together we have over 1,500 miles with just shy of three million steps, we have been through towns and hamlets where we wondered "who would live in a place like this" or "WOW this place is pretty cool"...you did a fine job in the Jeep, climbed a jersey barrier, picked up a wee bit of mud, took a rock from a truck, weather countless blown fuses and heard your fair share of "vehement encouragement" as to where and how to park, as we said on more than one occasion, "nobody died"!!!!...today we managed 3 miles over 5,619 steps before we were so rudely interrupted by a few extra beats of a heart...findings for the day: 1 nerf football (small) and no evidence of a heart attack...time to pass the mantle to another, stay tuned for who that lucky person may be...life goes on regardless of my expectations, I can ONLY deal with what is and currently, what is is, Mom has to go home and I have to find a replacement driver or drivers, soooooooooooooo if anyone knows of someone who wants to participate in an adventure as a driver of the support vehicle PLEASE lemme know...Mom, thanks again for your efforts and your patience, you made Cec proud AND probably chuckle on more than one occasion!!!

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