

Katy 1st Ward Spiritual Message #48

MY DETERMINED LITTLE SUNFLOWER

I had one of my giant sunflowers come up wild in my raised box garden this year. I have no idea how it could have gotten clear across the yard from my sun flower bed over to my vegetable garden. But there it was. I decided to just let it grow there because it was right in the very edge of the raised box garden and I did not think it would hurt anything. But then I put up ground cover screen boxes to protect my squash from the bugs. Eventually the sun flower got so big it was making it hard for me to get around it into the squash enclosure, so I bent it over to break it off and get it out of the way. I did not know sun flower stocks were hard as rocks. It would not break off. I left it broken and bent over to the ground with its flower lying face down on the ground while I went into the garage to get my saw to cut it off.

As my life goes, I got distracted and forgot I was cutting off the sun flower and started doing other things in the garage. When I came out to the back yard a couple of days later I remembered that I had not cut the sun flower off. To my amazement that little sun flower had turned its head back up and started growing up towards the sun again. As I stood looking at it, the thought came to me about how it was like us in life and how we should be determined to succeed no matter what adversity confronts us. I let it keep growing there bent over, broken and laying on the ground. Every time I look at it, the little sun flower seems to be saying to me, "DON'T YOU GIVE UP NO MATTER WHAT".

I am going to save its seeds and plant some of them again next year so that its legacy of determination will continue to be a reminder to me to "NEVER GIVE UP".

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