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A coincidence but a nice “Field of Dreams” kind of memory

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This is the baseball team of my Dad's WWII ship (USS Philadelphia). Dad taught me to be a fan.



We watched NY baseball on TV or in person way back from when the Dodgers were still playing at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn. Yeah, I'm that old.

On Sunday night along with a church group, I attended my first baseball game since Dad died in 1997. Our local minor league team was behind for the first few innings. I brought up Dad's photo on my phone to show a friend and suddenly the score was tied. Finally, in the bottom of the 9th, I brought up the picture again and suddenly they scored and won!

I know it's just a coincidence, but it's nice to think of Dad still rooting for the home team.

An interesting side note:

The only man that Dad identified in the photo was the manager, Lt. Bill MacPhail (1st row extreme right). MacPhail was a well known name in baseball. Bill's father and brother (Larry and Lee) are both in the hall of fame. As for Bill, he left the family business for a career in Sports Broadcasting. As President of CBS Sports and founder of CNN Sports, he is responsible for many of the innovations we know today, like instant replay.

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Wow what an amazing story and tribute! Thanks for sharing!
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What a great story! Those type of coincidences are always the best. So, are you going to look at that picture every time you go to a game now? lol
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ONEKIDSMOM

Here's to rooting for the home team. And what a great peek at the roots of instance playback.
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PHEBESS

Maybe a coincidence - and maybe not!
(cue the Twilight Zone music.....)
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MJREIMERS

I'm not a big believer in coincidences. I've had many "unexplained" things happen to me that I truly think were "interventions from beyond." I wouldn't be surprised if your dad was with you watching that game and was letting you know! What a great game!
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WATERMELLEN

The kind of coincidence I love best!!
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SLENDERELLA61

Wonderful coincidence! Thanks for sharing.
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MISCHAKEO

That was a lovely moment. I love coincidences like that. You can really feel your dad and your love for him at those moments. I feel my Dad most in Hawaii when I return.

I am happy for you.
2496 days ago



CD4114015

What a wonderful happening. I don't follow baseball and neither did my dad but I would love a "coincidence" like that. How I still miss my dad and he has been gone since 1999. This blog even lifted my day!
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TRAVELGRRL

What great memories! I know that coincidence helped you feel close to your Dad.
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CD8113065

The Brooklyn Dodgers were my first favorite baseball team. I remember listening to the games on the radio before we had TV.
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PHOENIX1949

I love life snippets like this. My dad also passed in '97 (also a WWII Veteran) and as the years roll on, I understand and appreciate him more and more.
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DR1939

My mother was a huge baseball fan. She played in high school and loved the Chicago Cubs (she lived in Texas all her life). Her favorite movie was A League of Her Own. She remembered the women's teams that played in that league. She never saw them but she listened to them on the radio. Among her lifetime highlights was seeing the Cubs at Wrigley Field.
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