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## Are you my sister?

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Jenna <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

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To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. [REDACTED],

My name is Jenna [REDACTED] and I am the oldest child of a man named Donal [REDACTED], Jr. He was originally from Yuba City, CA, but moved to [REDACTED], MA, after learning that he'd knocked up my mother.

We had zero contact until I was about 22. It was then that I learned the names of my two half siblings, Jason [REDACTED] and Kendra [REDACTED].

I have been searching for my siblings ever since.

Donal is a difficult man to maintain a relationship with. If you are my sister, I suspect you already know this. My communication with him has been sporadic. We'll connect for a while, then he'll be "wounded" by my frankness and disappear, again.

We reconnected about a year ago, after about 15 years of silence.

He either does not know or will not give me birthdates of my brother or sister. I suspect that he does not know. I also suspect that he is on the autism spectrum. He may also be going into dementia. He will be 70 this year.

I was contacted on Facebook, shortly after Donal and I reconnected, by a woman who was married to Jason. She saw that Donal and I were friends on FB, so she reached out to me to find info about Jason's family. (Donal has a FB account, but does not use it.)

Sadly, Jason passed in November of 2005. He didn't know about me. Judging by a message left on a message board on Ancestry.com in March of 2003, Kendra ([REDACTED] 1980) doesn't know about me either.

I spoke to Donal just a few nights ago, and he shared some disturbing information with me about why he is no longer in Kendra's life. That has renewed my determination to find my sister. Family is everything to me, and it sounds like she and I may have more than DNA in common.


I found this email address listed under Kendra [REDACTED] formerly of [REDACTED], MA, on a site called "mylife.com." It also gave a mailing address, so I will be putting a letter in the mail just in case this message doesn't reach you.

A little about me: I am 49, and was a high school math teacher for about 17 years. In 2015, I was diagnosed with an immune deficiency disorder called CVID. I am now disabled.

As I mentioned, I am originally from Yuba City, CA, but moved to Sacramento in 2000. In December of 2016, we moved to Garner, NC for my fiancé's work. Now he works from home and travels all over the world. We can live wherever we want, as long as it's close to an airport. He hates California's politics, so we are moving to Reno in July of this year.

I have three gorgeous dogs, all from the same litter. They will be 12 this year.

I was married right out of high school, but we divorced in 1996. This past November, my boyfriend of 5 years proposed to me in Diagon Alley at the Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Orlando. I'm a bit of a geek!

I have no children of my own, but Drew has an adult daughter, and I have a former student who has adopted me as her mama. 

I want to assure you that I understand the weird feeling of having strangers know things about me. If you are the daughter of Donal, I would love to have the opportunity to get to know you, but I will respect whatever boundaries you set.

Please let me know, one way or the other.

Sincerely,

Jenna [REDACTED]

P.S. I would love to know the story behind your email address.