



Roger Dery Gem Design

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## Happy Anniversary Dad!

As the daughter of a man who is known across the country for his gem cutting skills, it's sometimes easy to forget how special the man I call "Dad" really is. Though he's taught me how to cut, among so many other things in his area of expertise, I often overlook what a truly unique and extraordinary man I am blessed to have as my father.



I experience the ups and downs, hard times and thrills of Spectral Gems right along with my parents. Even in the hardest times, I find inspiration in my father's never-ending pure and sincere enjoyment and gratification from doing what he does best. He truly is a man fulfilled by his work.

30 years ago this Saturday, my father, Roger Dery, embarked on a journey that would take him across America and around the world, to Mount Kilimanjaro, to the bottom of some of the most remote mines in the world, and to a wide range of jewelry stores across North America. 30 years ago, Spectral Gems was born under the leadership of this brilliant visionary. Since then, my dad has become known around the world for his ingenious designs, creative vision, honest and trustworthy character, and caring heart.



His charitable contributions, commitments and leadership in industry organizations, and vision for educational programs are truly the essence of this exceptional man. Faceting endlessly, day in and day out, I am profoundly amazed at his perseverance, his enthusiasm, and his dedication to his work.

Truly, I am blessed to call this man my father, friend, teacher, and so much more. My father is a man who requires few words of affirmation and often receives even less. Join me, if you will, in letting Roger Dery know how much he is valued, appreciated, and respected for his 30 years of service to the colored gemstone industry around the world.

Thank you,  
Rachel Dery

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