

FORTUNE COOKIE

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The fortune Cookie said:

“You will find great fortune in unexpected places”

My family and my friends are my fortune and they appear in the most unexpected places.

The members of my family are truly a support system; they are there and available as the need arises. No request is too large or too small. Truly they are the reason for my great fortune.’’

Then, there are the friends. There are dozens of them, each one carrying different gifts, yet each one bearing the gift of love.

For many years I took my fortune of friends and family for granted. I knew they would be there. My friends came from many walks of life, and varied talents. We shared and shared alike. Some friends were pals from many years back; some were more recently acquired.

I was in a hospital for nine long weeks, but my fortunes came through. There was never a day without visitors. There was never a time when I felt abandoned or neglected. There were days when I was undesirable. I swore, I cussed at the nurses, and I would turn my back on therapists and doctors, yet my fortune remained intact.

My family and friends were my blessing, my fortune and my very good luck. I never expected to find such a fortune in such an unexpected place.