

My Secret Phone Call Was Just Part of the Job

"My friend Mr. Dudas was 89 years-old and physically frail. He lived alone in a spacious home, a widower, with a son who worked in California. I helped Mr. Dudas with daily life, visiting for several hours every afternoon to assist with appointments, personal hygiene and household chores. I'd gotten to know Mr. Dudas over the two years I'd been his caregiver and he was the most undemanding person I ever met. I knew he was often in pain, and very lonely without his wife, but he refused to move.

"All I have left are my memories, Lela," he said. "And they all live right



here in this house."

One afternoon we were eating together in front of the TV, watching a show on The Food Network. I prepared a low-salt, low carbohydrate meal for Mr. Dudas every day, and honestly neither of us was very excited about his healthy lunch. I like to cook and Mr. Dudas told me

that he liked to eat.

"Real food, Lela. I still remember the best meal I ever had – my wife and I were vacationing in Bangor, Maine and I had fresh lobster for the first time in my life..." Mr. Dudas had a faraway look on his face, but his eyes were happy.

I picked up his tray with his half-eaten peas and salt-free tuna salad, and once I was in the kitchen I got out my cellphone and called Mr. Dudas's son in Los Angeles with a special request.

Three days later the 'LIVE LOBSTER' box from HarborFish.com arrived at Mr. Dudas's front door!

I made Mr. Dudas an incredible lobster lunch with red potatoes, corn, coleslaw and lots of hot butter – and he relished every bite. Mr. Dudas was my home care client, but I had come to consider him a friend, too. He deserved to have more happy memories in his house, and I was glad to provide him with at least one more unforgettable meal!

When I can do something or make something happen that means so much to a client, that's what makes my work worthwhile. This is what makes **Marisa Home Care** so special."

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