



MIXED MEDIA

My childhood best friend, Bebe, is the inspiration for this piece. She passed away in 2016. In the piece is a poem of hers which expresses that it only takes one person to change your life. For me, Bebe is that person. Bebe will always be that ray of light beaming through the shadows of young and old trees, shedding light on these trees of life rooted in the earth and growing towards the heavens, enduring the strong winds, the rains, perhaps losing branches, but ever hopeful, it begins again and sprouts new life, new energy, new branches. To me, Bebe is that light, that energy, that source of Will to continue, that new life. She is everything that is beautiful. She is that dashing dragonfly in the garden, the sparrow singing on the branch, the gardenia sprouting open for the first time, the raindrops creating circles of ripples in the water, the sound of children giggling with joy. She is everything that pushes us to grow. She is laughter and sorrow. She is the moment we are in, the teacher, the moment that gives us exactly what we need to learn.

30' x 40' canvas, made with acrylics, spackle, oil paint stick, and pencil