

WRITING A LEGACY LETTER

Suggested steps to take

1. In no particular order, jot down random thoughts about your life, now and yesterday,
2. Take time to look back on your life ...grade school, high school, college, career training. High spots. Good or bad...different, interesting, monotonous,
3. Think of parents, siblings, neighbors, early friends... anyone you knew and will always remember.
4. Parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles; teachers, professors, mentors, work associates... how did they influence you?
5. Growing up in a small town or big city. Moving about in your early years..
6. What did you want to be when you grew up. Did you pursue it or was there a fork in the road that changed your ultimate goal.
7. Loves of your life. Did you find the one for you. Yes... no Second marriage. Third. No marriage
8. Children..Were they a blessing. Are they still a blessing. Is there a place in your life for grandchildren, nieces and nephews.
9. Have the years made you wiser, happier, content. Or have they brought bitterness and regrets..."I wish I had done this or that"
10. Was or is your career or life's work- satisfying or just a paycheck.
11. Is or was travel a large part of your life. List some adventures or experiences. If you were in the military, do you want to share your stories.
12. Is the practice of religion vital to you.
13. Do you enjoy reading. Learning about new things. Meeting people.
14. Do you make an effort to keep up communication with "old" friends.
15. Hobbies. Sports; are you a participant or an observer. Are clubs and organizations important to you. Are you an active member or did you "just pay your dues."
16. And finally, what advice would you like to give your children, your grandchildren, family, friends and community? This is your opportunity to pass on your person philosophies about life and surviving it.

These are only suggestions. Your own thoughts will make your legacy letter unique and personal.