My Life Story

A Legacy Journal By
My Life Story

This journal is dedicated to:

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Our memories are a gift. I want to share mine with you, with the hope that my experiences and values will provide you with some life lessons and inspiration.

I offer this gift - the story of my life - to you with great love and affection.
My Beginning

My full name is ________________________________________________

and I was born in (city, state, country) ____________________________

(hospital name) _______________________________________________

and I grew up living with _______________________________________

My earliest childhood memory, which has stayed with me all these years, is:

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When I was growing up, my nickname was ____________________________

which I got because _____________________________________________
My Family and Friends

We are the sum of our experiences and the people who came before us. These are the people who made me who I am.

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They were the kind of people who

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and taught me the importance of

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These are the adults who influenced my childhood

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The most interesting thing I remember about them is

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My best friend as a child was ____________________________________________

We had so many good times together. We liked to ________________________________

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When I think back on my childhood, one special memory comes to mind: _____________

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Many of the lessons I learned as a child have stayed with me throughout my life, including

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Life and Love

Like most people, I've experienced love and loss. It's not always easy to talk about, but I've tried to describe some of the relationships that have had the greatest impact on me.

My most significant relationship as an adult was with ____________________________

This person is special to me because ____________________________________________

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My greatest joy in life has come from ____________________________________________

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I've been fortunate to make some good friends along the way. I especially think about (friend's name) ____________________________________________

What I treasure most about this friend is __________________________________________

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My Life’s Work

I found my first real job as a __________________________________________

That experience taught me __________________________________________

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My favorite job was _________________________________________________

That experience taught me __________________________________________

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I was fortunate to have mentors along the way. I particularly remember
(person’s name) ___________________________ because _______________________

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My proudest accomplishment in life has been

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Looking back, I think what I like most about how I’ve spent my time is ______________

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Looking Back

Every life is a journey. I’d like to share some of the most interesting moments I’ve had along the way — as well as some of the more challenging ones. Good or bad, they shaped my life and made me who I am.

I’ve lived in these cities, states and places: ________________________________
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Among the places I’ve lived, my favorite was ___________________________

That’s because __________________________________________________________
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I’ve also traveled. Some of my most memorable trips were to ____________________

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And I’ve seen some wonderful sights. If I had to choose the most amazing I’ve ever seen, it would be
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I’ve also had some amazing experiences. One of my favorite life experiences was
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It hasn’t all been easy, of course. I’ve faced some losses and difficult times, as well. My biggest challenge was

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When I look back at my life, what has been most fulfilling for me is

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I have a lot of good memories that I cherish to this day. One of my favorites is

As I look ahead to the future, some of the things I’d like to accomplish are
Life Lessons

Every person has their own journey in life. Here are some things that I learned along the way.

The best advice I ever got came from ____________________________________________

who told me ________________________________________________________________

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It had a great impact on me because _____________________________________________

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Of course, our lives are also shaped by events. The event (historical or personal) that made the biggest impact on me was

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One quote, motto or saying that I have always found to be true is _________________

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Taking everything I’ve told you into consideration, the most important life lesson I’d like to share is

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My Values

When I reflect on my life and my legacy, I think about the values I’ve lived by. It’s important to me to pass them on to future generations.

In my own life, I have strived to honor my values of

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That is why my hope for the future is a world which embodies these values by

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Perhaps that’s why the following causes and charities have become so significant in my life

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Creating My Legacy

A life is made up of experiences, knowledge, wisdom and values. I’ve shared those with you here, opening my heart because I care about you and want the best for you in your life.

We all learn from those who come before us. In that spirit, I hope my life will inspire and educate you as you continue your journey.

Sharing My Life Story with you is the most heartfelt gift I can give. Please accept it with all my love.

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