# The story of my life ...



# Personal Story for my children, grandchildren and whoever comes from my bloodline...

The idea came as a meaningful and lasting gift for my children and their children and their grandchildren... A deeply meaningful and lasting gift a document that preserves your story for generations. Heartfelt, with love to you...

### From My Heart to Yours

A Letter to My Children and Grandchildren...

- Birth...
- 1. Which was the exact date and time of birth?
- 2. In which city were you born and at which hospital or clinic?
- 3. What name was given and why it was chosen?
- 4. How old were your parents when you were born?
- 5. Were you the oldest, middle or youngest child? How many siblings do you have? What are their names? Are they still around?
- 6. What do you remember most about your childhood home?
- 7. What have your parents told you about how you were when you were a baby?
- 8. What is a memory from your childhood that always makes you smile?
- 9. Did you have any nicknames growing up?

# 2. My Parents and Family

- 10. What were your parents like?
- 11. What 3 words would you use to describe your mother?
- 12. What 3 words would you use to describe your father?

- 13. Where did your parents grow up?
- 14. How did your parents meet?
- 15. Describe your parents' relationship?
- 16. Did either of them have any unique talents?
- 17. What did your parents teach you?
- 18. What do you admire most about your father? Your mother?
- 19. What do you wish you could have asked them?
- 20. Did you feel close to your siblings?
- 21. Are there family traditions or customs that meant a lot to you?
- 22. What family stories were told again and again?
- 23. What do you know about your grandparents or earlier ancestors?

#### 3. School and Growing Up

- 24. What values were most important in your home?
- 25. What games did you love to play?
- 26. Which was your first school?
- 27. What kind of student were you?
- 28. Who was a teacher or mentor who changed your life?
- 29. Did you ever get into trouble? What happened?
- 30. What were your childhood dreams?
- 31. What was your favorite subject in school? Least favorite?
- 32. What do you miss most about being a kid?
- 33. What was your favorite candy as a kid?
- My story...

- 34. What music did you love as a teenager?
- 35. How did you dress and style your hair during your teens? Do you have pictures?
- 36. Did you hang out with a group of people or a small number of close friends? Do you still keep contact?
- 37. Did you date in high school?
- 38. What was a common weekend night for you during your teens?
- 39. In what kind of car did you learn to drive?
- 40. Knowing everything you know now, what advice would you give your teenage self?
- 41. Describe what you were like during your teen years.
- 42. Did you enjoy school?
- 43. How would your parents have described you as a student?
- 44. What school activities did you participate in?
- 45. What were your favorite and least favorite subjects?
- 46. Is there a teacher or coach who had a significant impact on you? What did they do and what was the change they influenced?
- 47. Is there anything you would have done different in school if you knew then what you know now?

#### 4. Army...

- 48. Did you go to the army?
- 49. Which year and for how long?
- 50. Who was your favorite friend?
- 51. Any story you want to share?

#### 5. University / College/ etc.

52. What did you study and where?

- 53. Which city and which year?
- 54. Did you have a roommate?

55. Let us know about some important incidents

56. Which were your best friends?

57. Did you clean your apartment and cook?

58. Did you attend any political demonstrations?

59. What memories come to you from that time?

# 6. Building up your life...

60. What was your first job, and how did it shape you?

61. What did you want to be when you grew up?

- 62. What were your biggest doubts or fears as a young adult?
- 63. What risk did you take that changed your life?
- 64. How did you choose your career path?
- 65. What accomplishments are you most proud of?
- 66. When did you first fall in love?
- 67. How did you meet your spouse/partner?
- 68. What made you realize that she was the one?
- 69. What advice would you give about love and marriage?
- 70. How did you know you were ready to become a parent?
- 71. What did it feel like when you held your child for the first time?

72. What values did you want most to pass on?

73. What was the hardest part of fatherhood? The best part?

- 74. What's your favorite memory with your children?
- 75. What lesson did your children teach you?

76. What was one of the hardest moments of your life?

77. How did you overcome failure or disappointment?

78. Was there ever a time you lost hope? How did you regain it?

- 79. What personal struggle shaped who you are?
- 80. What would you do differently if you had the chance?
- 81. What do you believe is the meaning of life?

82. What spiritual or religious beliefs guide you?

- 83. What role has faith played in your life?
- 84. What advice do you have for living a meaningful life?
- 85. How do you define success?

86. What does happiness mean to you?

- 87. What makes you laugh really laugh?
- 88. What are some of your happiest memories?
- 89. What are you most grateful for today?
- 90. What small joys do you cherish most?
- 91. How do you want to be remembered?
- 92. What is your message to your children?
- 93. What is your message to your grandchildren?
- 94. What stories or values do you hope will continue in the family?

95. What are your hopes for future generations?

96. If you could leave one gift — not material — what would it be?
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97. What do you want them to know when life gets hard?
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98. What is the one thing you never want them to forget?
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99. How would you like to be remembered?

100. Do you have a current religious or spiritual practice?

101. Do you ever pray? If yes, who do you pray to?

102. Which do you think has the most impact on our lives? Fate or free will?

- 103. What do you think is the meaning of life?
- 104. How do you feel about miracles? Have you personally experienced one?
- 105. Who has had an influence on your faith? Why?
- 106. What was your favorite book?
- 107. How has your taste in music changed over the years?
- 108. If you could have dinner with 6 people who have ever lived, who would you pick? Why?
- 109. What accomplishment are you most proud of achieving?
- 110. If you could only pick one would you choose love or money?