

# About Me

Recording Notes & Memories



Find a pen and paper, a recorder or perhaps a video camera and nestle down into a comfortable chair, under the covers or on the porch swing. You are about to create a treasured legacy, a gift from your heart.

It may be helpful to take some time to review this booklet and make a few personal notes to expand upon later. Involving family or friends can add details you may overlook and enrich the experience. Not a writer? Perhaps you can use this booklet to open windows of conversation.

You are the keeper of the memories and guardian of your hopes and dreams. Only you can weave those special thoughts of your personal journey into a distinctive fabric that reflects the color and brilliance of your life.

# Basic Facts

Date of birth

Place of birth

Eye color

Hair color

Height

Identifying features

Shoe size



Nick name

Maiden name

Places I've lived

# My Relationships

Parents

Grandparents

Brothers and sisters

Aunts & uncles

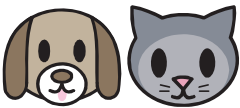
Cousins

Friends and foes

Best friends

Neighbors

Romantic interests



Pets

# Stages of Life

What I was told about my infancy



Childhood memories

Elementary School years



Middle School years

High School years

College years

Training and classes

# Stages of Life

My first job (and what I got paid!)

Living on my own for the first time

Work history

Military service

Volunteer experiences

My thoughts on aging

# Family Life

Our family traditions

Favorite meals

Best weekend activities

Birthdays



Holidays

Vacations

Favorite memories of the kitchen, attic, garage, porch and backyard

Adventures, trips, travels



# About Me

Memorable firsts

Strengths

Weaknesses/challenges

Pet peeves



Talents

Hobbies

Turning points

Astonishing coincidences



# Favorite Things

Toys

Books



Poems

Games

Sports

People

Music/songs



Dance

# More Favorite Things

Art

Jokes

Food/snacks

Recipe



Movie

Television shows



Seasons

# More Favorite Things

Weather

Animals

Sayings

Mottoes

Flowers



Clothes

Scent or perfume

# Thoughts on...

Spirituality

Nature and the environment



Health

Money

Education

Value of family



Greatest accomplishment

# Thoughts on...

Greatest regret

Philosophy on life

Single life, marriage and divorce

What home means



Secrets

Making decisions

Your reputation

Dying

# Thoughts on . . .

Politics



Fantasies

Dreams



Hopes

Wishes

What I would have liked to do

What I hope for you

My legacy to you

Other random thoughts

# Legacies



Record your handprints



Create a memory box



Plant a tree



Contribute to charity



Tell your favorite story



Write a letter



Tell a joke



Record your voice



Make a photo album

# Other Legacies



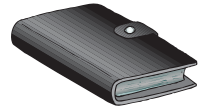
Say a prayer



Make a collage



Start a YouTube channel



Keep a journal



Video record yourself



Make your Fingerprints



Make a scrapbook



Self-publish a book



Phone numbers and addresses . . .

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