

What Makes a Father and What Makes a Dad

A father is someone who believes that by donating his sperm for your creation, he has done his duty in life. A dad is someone who gets up every day and does whatever he can to put a roof over your head, clothes on your back and food on your table. He might have to dig ditches, flip hamburgers, deliver pizzas, work in a factory — or all of the above. He might not own a suit and tie. He teaches the value of hard work not because he's looking for help mowing the lawn, but because he knows idleness leads to trouble. He realizes his job is to make his children productive citizens, and to do that, he can't always be his child's friend.

When I graduated from high school, I realized I had a dad I respected and with whom I could talk about anything. He taught me to remember right from wrong, no matter where I was or what I was doing. He set the bar and let me go out into the world to make my own way. To me, there is no greater man than a dad. — S.

Dear S.: Thank you for providing a wonderful Father's Day testimonial. Our best wishes to all the dads who are such excellent role models for their children. Here's an essay that appeared in this space several years ago, and we are happy to print it again:

A great man died today. He wasn't a world leader or a famous doctor or a war hero or a sports figure. He was no business tycoon, and you would never see his name in the financial pages. But he was one of the greatest men who ever lived. He was my father.

I guess you might say he was a person who was never interested in getting credit or receiving honors. He did corny things like pay his bills on time, go to church on Sunday and serve as an officer in the PTA. He helped his kids with their homework and drove his wife to do the grocery shopping on Thursday nights. He got a great kick out of hauling his teenagers and their friends around to and from football games.

Dad enjoyed simple pastimes like picnics in the park and pitching horseshoes. Opera wasn't exactly his thing. He liked country music, mowing the grass and

running with the dog. He didn't own a tuxedo, and I'm sure he never tasted smoked salmon or caviar.

Tonight is my first night without him. I don't know what to do with myself, so I am writing to you. I am sorry now for the times I didn't show him the proper respect. But I am grateful for a lot of other things. I am thankful that God let me have my father for 15 years. And I am happy that I was able to let him know how much I loved him.

That wonderful man died with a smile on his face and fulfillment in his heart. He knew that he was a great success as a husband and a father, a brother, a son and a friend. I wonder how many millionaires can say that. — His Daughter

Dear Annie: This is for "Bob," whose stepchildren call him by his first name. It's not the title. It's how you are treated. I married my second husband when my daughter was in 7th grade. She called him "my Todders" (his name was Todd). Todders was the one she asked to take her to the father-daughter dance, the one she called when she got a flat tire, the one whose advice she sought. If they love, respect and value you, you are their dad, no matter what they call you. ~ This Classic Annie's Mailbox column was originally published in 2012.

**A Dad is a son's
first Hero and a
daughter's first Love**

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BIRTHDAYS... WELCOME... INFORMATION...



Happy, Happy Birthday

Dee R. 6/3 Joy S. 6/23
 Philip W. 6/14 Arlene S. 6/25
 Richie K. 6/15

*The Resident's Birthday Party is on **June 25** at **2:30pm** in the **Dining Room**. Birthday Cake & Musical Entertainment by Martin Mancuso*

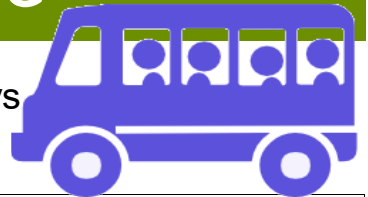


Meet Your New Neighbor

Ruth R. 220
 Perry C. 336

TRIPS, TOURS AND SHOPPING

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays are Doctor Appointment Days
 Tuesdays & Thursdays Trips, Tours and Shopping



Day	Date	Time	Location of Activity
Tuesday	4	9:00 - 11:30	Wal-Mart
Thursday	6	9:00 - 11:30	The Bank / Post Office
Tuesday	11	9:00 - 11:30 2:00 - 4:00	Wal-Mart Target / Ross
Thursday	13	9:00 - 11:30 2:00 - 4:00	Bellagio Hotel - Conservatory & Botanical Gardens Dollar Tree
Tuesday	18	9:00 - 11:30 2:00 - 4:00	Wal-Mart Wal-Mart
Thursday	20	9:00 - 11:30 2:00 - 4:00	99 Cents Store / Sprouts Grocery / Michael's Craft Store Macy's Department Store
Tuesday	25	9:00 - 11:30 2:00 - 4:00	Wal-Mart Savers Thrift Store / Big Lots
Thursday	27	9:00 - 11:30 2:00 - 4:00	Smith's Grocery Store Red Rock Casino

SHORT STORIES ABOUT GREAT DADS

“TALKING IS LIKE KETCHUP” - I sat in my dad’s living room reading one night while he watched television. An hour passed before I realized it, and I felt bad for not speaking during that time. I asked if he was OK, and he said yes. Then I apologized for not talking more. “Carmen,” Dad replied. “Talking is like ketchup. If you like the meat enough, you don’t need the ketchup—and if you like the company enough, you don’t need the conversation.” My dad never earned a college degree, but he was the smartest person I ever knew. ~ *by Carmen Mariano, Braintree, Massachusetts*

THE HITCHHIKER’S GUIDE TO FAMILY - “Linda, look at the map!” My father slammed on the brakes, glaring at my mom. He didn’t believe in excessive planning, and so each summer we embarked on a spontaneous family road trip that didn’t always go smoothly. There were lots of late-night panics to find hotels, stops to ask for directions, and elevated tempers. One night, we picked up a hitchhiker somewhere in Kentucky. As we blasted the radio and my dad bought us all ice cream, the hitchhiker told me he’d give his life to have what I had. ~ *by Rachel O’Connor, Westtown, New York*

BIG SHOES TO FILL - I cleaned out Dad’s closet yesterday. There were two things I couldn’t box up: his work shirts and his two pairs of Red Wing boots. He couldn’t remember birthdays or anniversaries, but he remembered the date on which he’d bought his first pair. I remember it too—April 16, the day after Tax Day. What does a child do with her dad’s favorite boots? I think I will make a planter out of them or use them to store something valuable. You can’t throw away a man’s favorite boots. You’ve got to keep them and pass them down. *by Theresa Arnold, Tioga, Texas*

DAD’S SECRET SPOT - My dad was a gardener before it was cool. He would proudly tell people, “I can grow just about anything.” He could—except for my beloved lilacs. He tried everything, with no luck or lilacs to show for his efforts. One night when I was a teen, it was raining in that way it does in Minnesota in April: violent and cleansing. I heard the creak of the side door, and he stood soaking wet, etched with scratches, holding an abundance of lilacs. “I found a secret lilac spot,” he said. “It wasn’t easy, but I got them.” That’s how he got everything. ~ *by Lucia Paul, Plymouth, Minnesota*

GOOD VIBRATIONS - My dad died unexpectedly at age 78, leaving our family heartbroken. During the funeral mass, my sister felt her phone vibrate in her purse. She was a little surprised that someone would be calling her, knowing she was at dad’s funeral mass. Afterward, she found there was a message: “Hi, this is your dad,” said the male voice. “I wanted to let you know I made it home.” The caller obviously had the wrong number, but the message was clear. My dad had completed his journey to heaven and wanted us to know. Thanks, Dad—until we meet again. ~ *by Nancy Perkins, St. Johns, Michigan*

THERE’S ALWAYS A FIRST - My dad delivered bread for a living. We enjoyed each other’s company, so he’d drive home at lunchtime and I’d go with him. One day, we delivered to a large grocery store. When we pulled in back, the manager saw me and said, “I heard it’s your birthday, so go pick out anything in our toy aisle free.” I excitedly grabbed some paper dolls, but the big surprise was still ahead. Dad, the store manager, and the employees stood with a huge lit cake, singing me “Happy Birthday.” I’d turned seven, and this was my first-ever birthday party. Thanks, Dad! ~ *by Debbie Gunn, Bothell, Washington*

**GREAT
DADS
GET PROMOTED TO
GRANDPAS**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY



GET TO KNOW RESIDENT JEAN



Meet Emily “Jean” Benson! Jean was born and raised in Las Vegas – not many people can say they were born and raised in the city of Las Vegas, but she is proud to say that she’s seen this city develop to what it is today. Throughout her childhood, Jean and her family traveled from state to state. Her father was in the Air Force and they lived in Michigan and New Mexico. After her mother divorced her father, they made their way back to Las Vegas and bought a trailer to live in, which often reminded her of the same one from the movie “The Long, Long Trailer.” Jean prides herself in the strength of her 3 sisters and her mother who raised them on her own. One of her favorite childhood memories was singing her heart out with her family. “I found that singing made people happy, so I enjoyed doing it.” On her 4th birthday, Jean’s mother brought her to a radio station where she sang her favorite Frankie Laine song on the radio. “Everyone was in awe! Nobody believed that a little 4-year-old could sing the way I did.. I had so much fun.”

After graduating from Rancho High School, which was the second high school to be built in the city of Las Vegas, she started working as an Answering Service Operator. A-1 Answering Service assisted many companies throughout the country. One day, she spoke to an Office Manager named EJ. EJ worked for a local towing company that needed the services that Jean’s company provided. He decided to visit her workplace and as soon as their eyes met, it was true love at first sight. He asked her out on their first date where they had dinner at a restaurant called Empanada. The two were inseparable from day one. They bought their first house, painted it turquoise blue, and hosted their wedding in their backyard. EJ and Jean raised 7 kids and 1 dog together. Her favorite part about having a big family was the amount of laughter they shared together. “EJ was a great story teller – everyone always gravitated towards him.” Quality time meant singing, laughing, and telling stories around the campfire. “We went to Circus Circus many times to give myself a break from all the cooking, but I had a ball raising all 7 kids.” EJ ran his own business from home. He shipped car parts to people all around the world. After the kids grew up and moved out of the house, EJ and Jean moved to North Dakota. They enjoyed attending “Rendezvous Weekend” where they dressed in fun costumes and danced to the music. They traveled and met many friends along the way. In 1996, they two made their way back to Las Vegas.

Jean’s advice to anyone would be, “be kind and smile—you never know what someone is going through.” Jean has 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. She enjoys music, arts & craft, and socializing with everyone she encounters.



RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Wednesdays	2:30pm	Torah Class w/ Rabbi Chaiton (Every Other Wednesday / AR)
Thursdays	2:00pm	Catholic Services & Communion w/ Joe or Ray (TH)
Saturdays	10:00am	Prayer Group & Communion w/ Jenny (TH)
Sundays	10:00am	Bible Study w/ Resident Judy (AR)

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

A Great DAD

makes memories

GOES ON GREAT ADVENTURES

always puts his family first

MAKES SACRIFICES

IS PATIENT

always has the time for his kids

IS A GREAT TEACHER

LOVES HIS KIDS & THEIR MOTHER

UNCONDITIONALLY

WHO'S WHO AT YOUR COMMUNITY

Robert Colbert, RN, RFA - Vice President Assisted Living

Mike Trail, CPhT, RFA - Administrator

Jeanne Koester, RN - Director of Wellness

Joe Leiningr - Executive Chef

Sabrina Severson - Medication Care Specialist

Barbara Phillips - Activity Coordinator

Karen Rodriguez - Activity Specialist

Jorge Reyes - Dining Services Coordinator

Jose Monroy - Lead Facilities Technician

Yvonne Vera & Lisa Cecere - Receptionist

Crystal Johnson - Transportation

Office Hours:

Monday - Sunday 8:00AM - 6:00PM

If you have any questions,

Please call or come by,

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Assisted Living

Is Celebrating Our

13th Anniversary

Thursday, June 27, 2019

4:00 - 6:00

Join Us for An Amazing
Dinner + Live Entertainment
w/ Jonny Bird

Family, Friends, Vendors & Volunteers are all invited

Please call to make your reservation

by Thursday, June 20, 2019

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Thank you

