

SUGGESTED GIFT OF LEGACY INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What was your name at birth?
2. Where were you born and when?
3. Tell me about your parents – what were their names?
4. What job(s) did your father have? Your mother?
5. Tell me about their lives and deaths.
6. Tell me about your siblings. Describe their personalities and lives.
7. Describe your childhood house and neighborhood.
8. What was your favorite birthday gift or party as a child?
9. Did you have chores to perform?
10. Describe your bedroom. Did you share it with a sibling?
11. Would you describe your childhood years as happy ones?
12. Did you have a favorite toy/stuffed animal as a child?
13. Do you have any magical memories around the holidays?
14. What historical events do you remember happening when you were young?
15. Were you raised in a religious household? Attend services?
16. What things did you enjoy doing as a child? A teenager?
17. Tell me about your favorite childhood friends.
18. Did you have good health as a child? As a teenager?
19. What were your favorite foods? Your least favorite?
20. Where and for how long did you attend school?

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21. At what subjects did you excel? Do poorly?
22. Tell me about your teachers. Did any stand out as influential or abusive?
23. Were you popular in school with other students and your teachers?
24. Did you have a close group of friends in high school? Describe them.
25. Tell me about any instance(s) when you got into trouble at school.
26. Did you receive any academic or athletic honors?
27. Did you want for anything while growing up?
28. How did you get around town while growing up?
29. Were you a sports fan? Were your parents or siblings?
30. Did you have any hobbies? Play a musical instrument?
31. In high school, did you go out on dates? Did you have a steady boy/girlfriend?
32. What did you do during your summers?
33. What was your first for-pay job? Did you have others later?
34. Tell me about your high school graduation. Did you want to attend college?
35. Did you consider military service? Did you serve?
36. In college, how did you support yourself?
37. Did you attend any memorable concerts, plays, lectures or other performances?
38. What was your attitude about alcohol, drugs, cursing, gambling, etc.?
39. As an adult, did you generally enjoy good health? Any serious illnesses?
40. How did you meet your spouse? Did you have previous close relationships?

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41. What made you decide to marry your spouse? What were his/her best traits?
42. Describe any bad traits or qualities that annoyed you.
43. Describe your courtship. Did people try to talk you out of marriage?
44. How did you prepare for marriage?
45. Tell me about your wedding day. Who was there?
46. Who was in the wedding party and why did you choose them?
47. Tell me about your honeymoon and the early days of your marriage. Where did you live?
48. How did you decide about having children? Do you recall any difficult pregnancies?
49. Talk about each of the children and their personalities. Did they have happy childhoods?
50. Did you hold strong political beliefs? Did they change over time?
51. Talk about your working life. What jobs did you have and why?
52. Tell me about your various bosses. Good? Bad?
53. What aspects of work did you like, not like?
54. Were you paid commensurate with your worth to the company(ies)?
55. Did the family have sufficient financial resources?
56. Did the family take vacations? If so, describe some fond vacation memories.
57. Were grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins a regular part of your family life?
58. Talk about any promotions or job changes.

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59. Did your family life help or harm your work life?
60. What was your child-rearing philosophy? Did the family attend church?
61. Any rules in your home growing up that you carried through to your own home?
62. Any rules in your home growing up that you dropped?
63. What kind of example did you think you set at home?
64. Do you have any regrets about how you raised your children?
65. What, if any, wisdom did you acquire while dealing with children?
66. How would you describe your health today?
67. Do you regret any missed opportunities in life? What were they?
68. What brings you satisfaction and joy today?
69. Did your children turn out the way you expected?
70. What advice today would you give to your younger self?
71. Did you meet your goals in life?
72. Tell me about your marriage. What helped/hurt it?
73. What are the most important things to you now that you approach life's end?
74. What should the epitaph on your headstone be?
75. What would you want for your descendants?
76. How do you want to be remembered?