

Life Story®



A person's Life Story put into words on the printed page brings out their true character and tells who a person really was. The Life Story® changes the focus of a funeral service from death to the life that was lived. The story engages people and encourages them to revisit the memories they may not otherwise acknowledge or remember. They can link these cherished memories then to their own lives, remembering forever how the person affected them. Making these connections is vital to the healing process, which is why people leave a Life Story Visitation or Life Story Service feeling supported by their memories.

Before we create a Life Story we ask you to provide some basic information like the person's birthplace, family, and schooling, to establish a context for his or her life. After this framework is in place, we ask you to answer some questions and share your memories. When this information is gathered, we craft a story of the person to paint a full and colorful picture of the life he or she lived.

Please review the following questions, and enter your answers in an email. Be complete, yet to the point with your answers. You may wish to have a few members of the family together to remember stories and details.

When you have all the questions answered, send the email to:
info@todaycenter.com

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Date of birth, place of birth; place where they grew up.

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Parents' names and what they did for a living.
Was their ancestry important?

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Siblings' names and their place in the birth order.

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What was their childhood like?
What interests did they have?
Do they have any memorable childhood stories?

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What about their teen years?
What should we know about this time in their life?
Were there special interests, friendships, or romances that were significant? Can you describe them?

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What level of schooling did they complete?
What were their specific areas of interest?

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Did they serve in the military?
If so, please describe what they did and where they served.

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Are they married or involved in a relationship?
How did they meet?
Was there a ceremony?

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Do they have children?
What are their names?
What does having these children mean to them?

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Are there any particularly difficult challenges that they faced
as a parent?

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Tell us about this person's personality.
What in life is important to them?
How would you describe their outlook on life?

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Are they involved in church, clubs, or other organizations?
Why did they choose to become involved?
What memorable experiences are important to them?

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What did they do for a living?
How did they feel about this work?
What memorable stories can they tell about their work experiences?

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Have they had any unforgettable vacations?
Or holiday gatherings?

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What are some of their favorite hobbies, pastimes, or possessions?

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What are the most important things in their life?

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What was the greatest day of their life?

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What three words describe them?

Why?

What will people remember most about them?

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Is there a phrase they always say?

A color they always wear?

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Who does their family include today?

Spouse, children, grandchildren, siblings, etc.