

THE TIMES OF MY LIFE

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Times to Remember

1. I was born on _____ to Mom _____ and Dad _____. Where? _____
2. What is my earliest memory?
3. Where did we live? Town, State, City or Rural?
4. What did my parents do to earn a living?
5. Did I attend Church? Where?
6. Where did I attend School?
7. Did I have any physical or health problems? Was it hereditary?
8. Did I have siblings? How many? Where was I on the birth order?
9. Was I talented or Athletic?
10. Did we move to a different house? Town? State?
11. What other schools did I attend? What year did I graduate? Where?
12. When did I learn to drive? What was my 1st car?
13. Did I win any awards or honors while in school?
14. What is my favorite memory from my teen years?
15. Did I marry or join the service right out of High School?
16. Where did I attend College? Degree? Honors? Clubs?
17. Who did I marry? When? Where? How did we meet?
18. What was my first real job that supported me?
19. When did you have a baby? _____ Sex: M or F, Name: _____
_____ Wt/Length _____ Where? _____
20. Who were your Grand Parents? Where did they live? When did they die?
21. Who are your Aunts and Uncles? Where did they live? When did they die?
22. Who are your cousins? What do you remember about their families?
23. What are your hobbies that you enjoy?
24. Did you ever run for a political office?
25. Are you a member of the Masons, Kiwanis, or any fraternal group?
26. What sports do you participate in? Golf, Tennis, Baseball, etc.
27. Were you ever Widowed or Divorced? Have you shared this sad occasion?
28. Have you lost a child? Where are they buried?
29. What are some of your favorite parenting memories?
30. Have you won Blue Ribbons at the County Fair? What category?
31. Do you play a musical instrument? Which one?
32. Do you sing? What range? Where?
33. Do you volunteer? What do you like doing?
34. Did you design your own home around your family? Are you still there?
35. Do you like to travel? Where do you like to go?
36. Have you invented something? What?

37. What branch of the military did you join? How long? Where? When?
38. Do you have grandchildren? Names? Birth dates?
39. Are your parents still living? If not, where are they buried?
40. Do you want to leave a family history that tells future generations who you are and why they should care?

START WITH YOU

Read the questions and use them just to jog your memory. Feel free to add your own questions to this list. If you think about your life in decades, all you have to do is write the # of the question that applies to you in that time. You will have a notebook or computer to answer those questions and once you unlock those old times the past will flow and you might be surprised to see how much you forgot and have never mentioned, but would like to do so now, like: making the winning touchdown in a football game or making a hole-in-one playing golf. How about writing a prize winning essay for a contest? Being a Beauty Queen (you probably still are). Selling the most tickets for a school raffle... once you start thinking about all the things you have done that the family doesn't know because you were too busy raising them to think about youthful times, you will understand how important it is to do your own Timeline for them.

Once you do your TIMELINE, then you can see what makes your mother and father and grandparents interesting also. There will come a time when all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren know about us is what we have left for them to read. Please make it detailed, factual and, above all, fun. You are now on my Timeline.

Thanks, Elaine Steere