

“KEEP THE MEMORIES” QUESTIONNAIRE

1. What is your full name? Why did your parents select this name for you?
2. Did you have a nickname?
3. What was the full name of your? Parents? Grandparents? Brother and Sisters?
4. Is there a naming tradition in your family, such as always giving the firstborn son the name of his paternal grandfather?
5. What stories have come down to you about your parents? Grandparents? More distant ancestors?
6. When and where were you born?
7. How did your family come to live there?
8. Were there other family members in the area? Who?
9. What do you remember of your childhood homes?
10. What is your earliest childhood memory?
11. Describe the personalities of your parents and siblings?
12. What kind of games did you play growing up?
13. What was your favorite toy and why?
14. Did you have any pets? If so, what kind and what were their names?
15. What was your religion growing up? What church, if any, did you attend?
16. What were your favorite family activities growing up?
17. Did you have family chores? What were they? Which was your least favorite?
18. What was school like for you as a child? What were your best and worst subjects?
19. Where did you attend grade school? High school? College?
20. What school activities and sports did you participate in?
21. Do you remember any fads from your youth? Popular hairstyles? Clothes?
22. What were your favorite songs and music?
23. Who were your friends when you were growing up?

24. What world events had the most impact on you while you were growing up? Did any of them personally affect your family?
25. Describe a typical family dinner. Did you all eat together as a family? Who did the cooking? What were your favorite foods?
26. How were holidays (birthdays, Christmas, etc.) celebrated in your family? Did your family have special traditions?
27. What do you know about your family surname?
28. Are there any special heirlooms, photos, bibles or other memorabilia that have been passed down in your family?
29. Of all the things you learned from your parents, which do you feel was the most valuable?
30. What is the full name of your spouse?
31. When and how did you meet your spouse? What did you do on dates?
32. What was it like when you proposed (or were proposed to)? Where and when did it happen? How did you feel?
33. Where and when did you get married?
34. What memory stands out the most from your wedding day?
35. How would you describe your spouse? What do (did) you admire most about them?
36. What do you believe is the key to a successful marriage?
37. What did it feel like when you found out you were going to be a parent for the first time.
38. Why did you choose your children's names?
39. What was your favorite family activity with your children?
40. What was your profession and how did you choose it?
41. What accomplishments are you most proud of?
42. What is the one thing you most want people to remember about you?