

# A Gift for my **Family**





# Introduction

Everyone has a story worth sharing.

Sometimes we don't realise that those closest to us weren't always aware of how precious our moments have been to us.

This booklet has been designed to try and bring your most cherished memories to the surface.

Use it to preserve your memories and wishes, to stay connected to your loved ones, and to discover new things that your family never knew about your history.

# Baby Me

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The place I was born is...

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The day and time I was born on...

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# My Family

My parents' names were...

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My parents' bithdays were...

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My parents' were born in...

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My brothers and sisters were called...

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My favourite Uncle/Aunty/Family friend was...

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My grandparents' names were...

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# Memories

My most precious memories of growing up with my brothers/sisters/friends are...

Our favourite way to celebrate Christmas was...



The first thing I ever watched on television was...

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When I was a teenager, at the weekends I used to...

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When I went to my grandparents' house, I loved to...

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# School Memories

My first school was...

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My high school was...

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My favourite teacher was...

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My favourite subject was...

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I liked to play the following sports at school...

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The other activities I enjoyed at school were...

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I used to travel to school by...

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The reports I used to get from school were...

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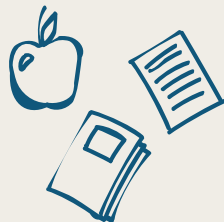
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# Milestones

My first car was...

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I was taught to drive by...

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I left home when I was... and went to live...

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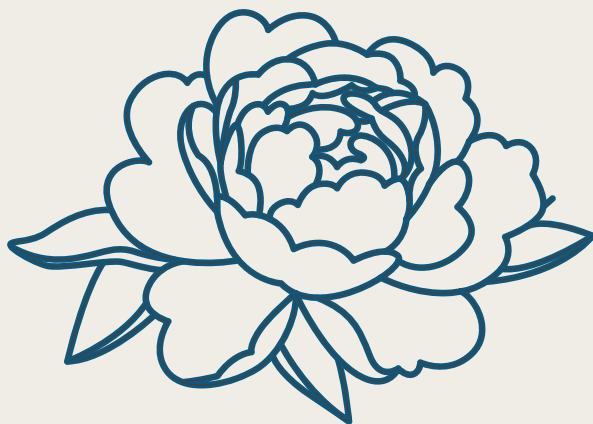
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The best hair style I ever had was...

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The best outfit I ever had was...

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My first love was...

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*My Last Wishes*

Often, people say they 'Don't want a fuss' or  
'Put me in a cardboard box', but what about  
the people who are left behind?  
What do they need? What do they want?

Grief is a difficult thing and a funeral, in  
whatever format it comes, is a huge part of  
the grieving process for family and friends.  
It is an event where people come together  
to remember, share stories, cry, laugh and  
get human to human contact in their grief.

In short, a funeral is important both to  
commit your body and soul to the elements,  
and for the people you leave behind to  
say why you mattered  
and to remember you out loud.

Sure, there are all the official and technical  
things that need to be sorted but what else?  
Doves? Bright colours? Bagpipes?  
Flowers from your back garden?  
(Almost) anything is possible.

My will is located...

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My preference is for a funeral at...

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I'd like to be... (Cremated, Buried).

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This is the music I'd like played at my service...

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I'd like these flowers if they are in season...

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These are the readings I'd like read at my service...

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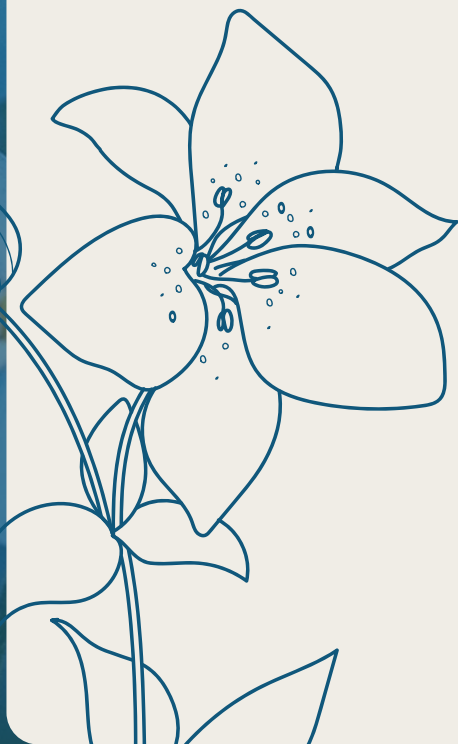
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