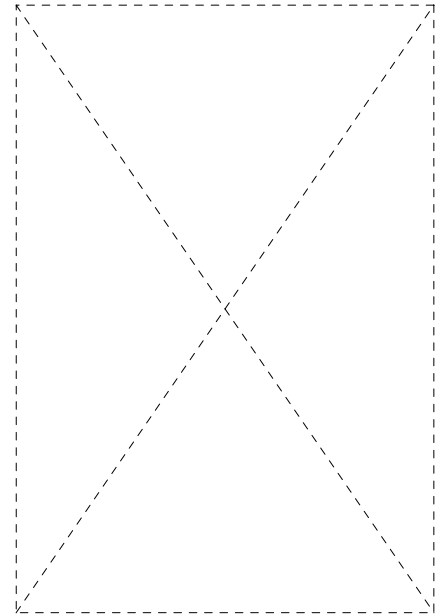


# What We Learned from Bill and Norma

In Honor of the  
50th Wedding Anniversary of  
Norma Jeanne MacLean and  
William Robert Leonard



February 27, 2004



What I learned from Mom:

**How to drive.**

—*Jim Leonard*

What I learned from Dad:

**How to drive fast.**

—*Jim Leonard*

What I learned from Dad:

**How to think logically.**

—*Susan Leonard*

What I learned from Mom:

**How to think creatively.**

—*Susan Leonard*

What I learned from my parents:

**Being a Leonard means working like a Baumgartner, learning like a Phillips, and laughing like a MacLean.**

—*Patt Leonard*

What I learned from Norma:

**How to laugh at someone's misadventure without laughing at their expense. And, related to that: Remember where you parked the car!**

—*Emilio Millán*

What we learned from Norma Jeanne and Bill:

**That is it O.K. to come from Winslow.**

—*Steven and Darci Haydukovich*

What I learned from Dad:

**You can talk to anyone at a party if you go first.**

—*Jim Leonard*

What I learned from Uncle Bill:

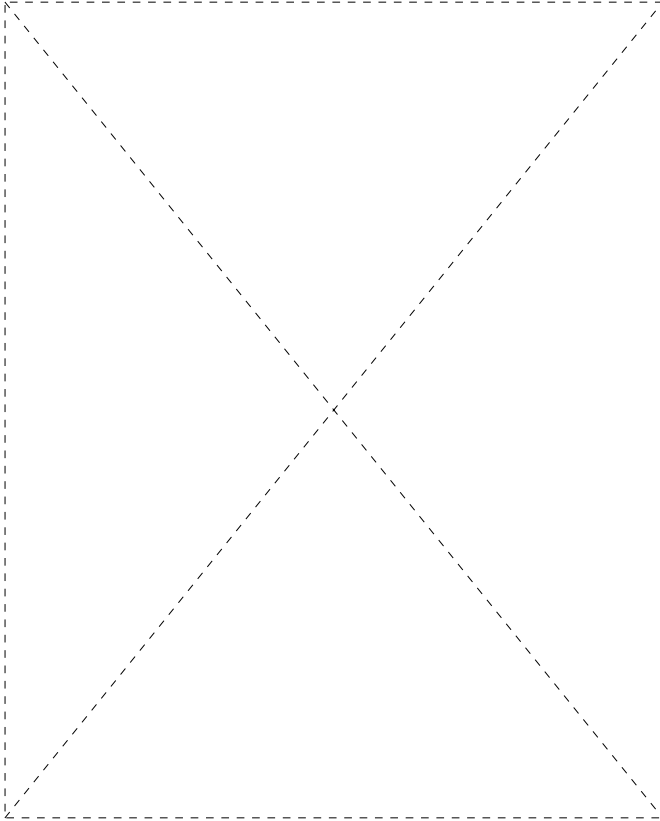
**Good business social skills. My friends in college always told me how great my uncle was. They were in Delta Sigma Pi and Bill Leonard used to visit them.**

—*John Haydukovich*

What I learned from Bill and Norma Jeanne:

**I learned about how to put on a large family party. Easter was always fun. I felt included. They made it look so easy. They blew it for me because they made it look so easy. I don't know how they did it.**

**I also learned business social skills. Bill and Mark belonged to a business executives group. I adored watching how Norma talked with other women. I asked Mark, "How long has she**



**known these people?” It was so easy for her to be social with them because she was just herself.**

*—Susan Haydukovich*

What I learned from Norma Jeanne:

**Be a good hostess. Invite people to your home and make them feel welcome.**

*—Darci Haydukovich*

What I learned from Bill and Jeanne:

**I learned the importance of family. When first married, I was totally overwhelmed by the numbers.... I learned to say yes to holiday gatherings which were expansive and fun.**

**I feel gratitude for all the lessons learned in raising and loving children.**

*—Mary Ann MacLean*

What I learned from Jeanne and Bill:

**At the outset, I learned that having a bunch of kids need not be as frightening as first imagined. They taught**

**me that raising kids requires team work between spouses, lots of persistence, patience, and love, even when tempted to smack one or more misbehaviorants. I also learned that a sense of humor sustains both parenthood and marriage.**

**Jeanne taught me how to restore order in an almost chaotic situation. She used the magic words “Supper is ready.”**

**Bill showed me how to retrieve a wife from the maternity ward. Just cradle the baby in one arm and pick up the suitcase and shout “Let’s go!” to the nurse pushing the wheelchair.**

*—Dan MacLean*

What I learned from Norma Jeanne:

**You make all your mistakes on the first child—you should be allowed to throw that one away.**

*—Anne MacLean*

What I learned from Norma Jeanne:

**Don’t tell an older sister any secrets.**

*—Larry MacLean*

What I learned from Bill and Norma Jeanne:

**They are great people. Very kind, very hospitable. Easy to get along with. We’ve been friends for years. I admire Bill for going through school and getting a degree. When the kids were little, he was trying to get through school. Norma Jeanne was always a steady gal. It worked out fine. They had a good life. We’re great pals. Norma Jeanne and my wife: I know darn well she’s as good as my wife. They come from a good family.**

*—Mike Haydukovich*

What I learned from Norma Jeanne:

**I observed how to be elegant (I don’t apply it very much in my life, but I recognize it when I see it).**

*—Joan Haydukovich*

What I learned from Uncle Bill and Aunt Norma Jeanne:

**I was always inspired with Uncle Bill and Aunt Norma Jeanne's ability to retain their individuality in their marriage. Each had their own endeavors they pursued, both professionally and personally. It was my first influence of a partnership (outside of my parents) where each was their own person and a mate as well.**

**I remember they always had nice cars, too, and a lot of oranges. Couldn't break away from a family gathering without a couple of bags of citrus. How about that intercom system in their house? Were they not uptown? And that crystal-clear sliding glass door. I'm convinced it was a conspiracy. Ever notice the infectious laughter surrounding the glass door incidents? Us mountain people didn't know no better.**

**All kidding aside, I can honestly say it's been a complete honor to have them as my aunt and uncle.**

*—Thomas J. Haydukovich*

What I learned from Dad:

**That visiting relatives can't leave without a bag of oranges or pecans.**

*—Ed Leonard*

What I learned from Bill and Norma Jeanne:

**The value of Vitamin C!!!!!!**

*—Paul Haydukovich*

What I learned from Bill and Norma Jeanne:

**• All the good games are in their closet.**

**• There are one million places to hide Easter eggs in their yard (I'm sure they found rotten eggs in their yard for weeks afterward).**

*—Mairi Ewbank*

What I learned from Mom and Dad:

**• That Christmas is a magical, delightful time. So are Thanksgiving, Halloween, and all of the other holidays.**

**• That junior high graduations are not special. (I'm still waiting for my graduation dinner.)**

**• That birthdays don't have to be celebrated on your birth date—and, in fact, often weren't in our family.**

*—Susan Leonard*

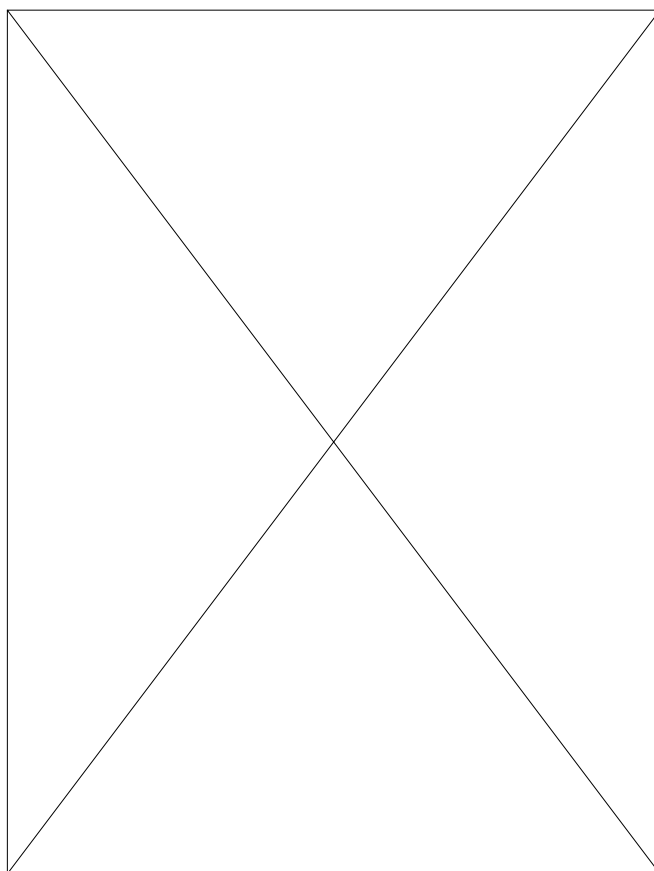
What I learned from Mom:

**• Buy candy to share, but have your own stash, too.**

**• Visits to the doctor are followed by visits to Dairy Queen.**

**• There's no such thing as too much chocolate.**

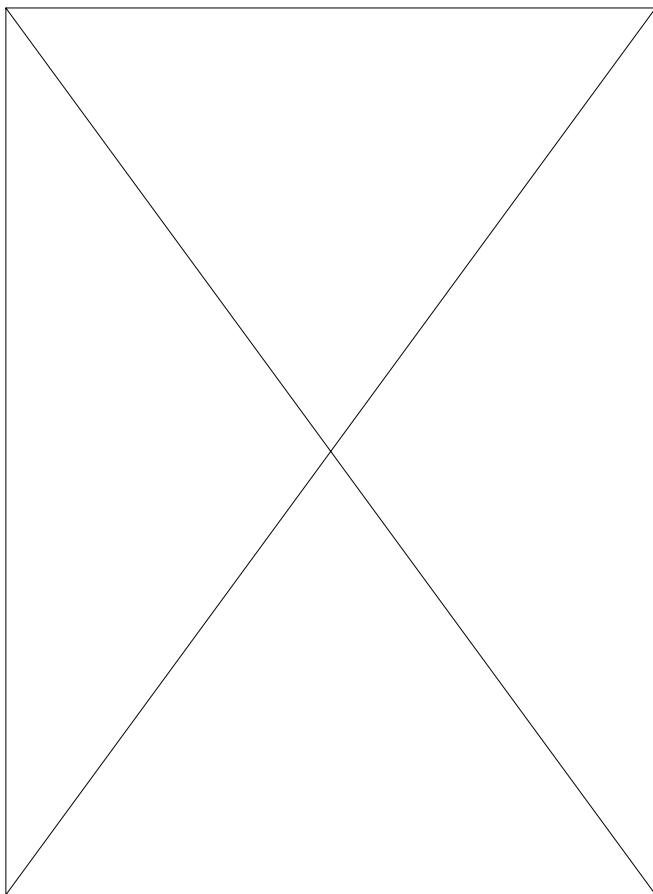
*—Patt Leonard*



What I learned from Norma Jeanne:

**I learned that a mother can still have fun. Once I was happily surprised when Norma Jeanne went to a Joan Baez concert with me. It was very cool! Especially since my friends changed their minds about going. Norma Jeanne was my aunt and my friend, too!**

*—Mary Carol Kriste*



What I learned from Mom and Dad:

- **That parents can be cool and youthful.**
- **That concerts are fun. (They took Jim and me to our first concert—a country western extravaganza at the Coliseum.)**

*—Susan Leonard*

What I learned about Mr. and Mrs. Leonard:

**Patt didn't invite people over unless they were not around.**

*—Brendan deVallance*

What I learned from Dad:

**How to make a few extra bucks and get rid of stuff with a yard sale.**

*—Susan Leonard*

What I learned from Mom:

- **That red hair is special—and so is white hair once you're ready to unveil it.**

- **If you eat liver as a youth, you will grow up to be a model.**

- **When you're interested in a man, using the Jackie Kennedy Onassis uninterested approach is the best way to get his attention.**

*—Susan Leonard*

What I learned from Mom:

- **Boys don't like girls who chase them.**

- **Tall is the best height and red is the best hair color.**

*—Patt Leonard*

What I learned from Patt's mother:

**Where beautiful redheads come from!**

*—Tia Liepack*

What I learned from Patt's mom:

- **I remember Mrs. Leonard making homemade cornbread. I had no idea that it could be done. Cornbread is Arizona cuisine.**

- **My mother had dyed red hair. I learned from Mrs. Leonard that red hair could in fact be a natural phenomenon, a virtue to pass on to loved ones.**

- **I learned that moms could help their daughters throughout life, perhaps even do a better job of it once they're grown.**

*—Terry Montelibano*

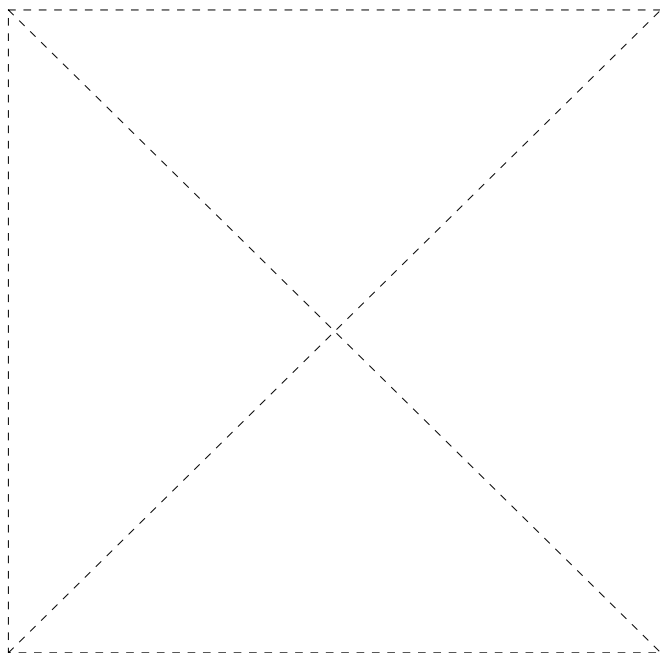
What I learned from Bill and Norma:

**If your kids have some friends over to the house and things get a little loud, smile—but if things get too quiet, come into the room and ask if anyone would like a soda!**

**A house filled with family and friends is a home filled with love.**

**Happy 50th, Bill and Norma!!!**

*—Cindy Coulombe*



What I learned from Mom and Dad:

**I remember all my friends' usual comment, "Your parents are very nice but very strict." A lot of my friends would seek their insightful intellect when they happened to be around.**

*—Dan Leonard*

What I learned from Mom and Dad:

**• That getting an education is important.**

**• That reading novels, newspapers—most anything—is fun.**

*—Susan Leonard*

What I learned from Mom and Dad:

**That growing up hearing good grammar makes passing grammar class a breeze.**

*—Dan Leonard*

What I learned from Mom:

**• How to tell a good story and to read out loud with animated enthusiasm, enunciation, and expression.**

**• How to be a good listener and a good writer. (This, of course, had a huge impact on my career choice.)**

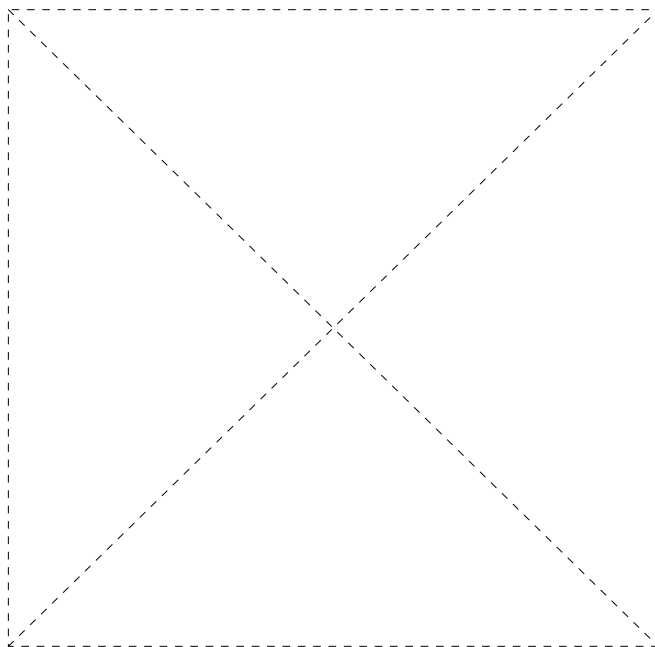
*—Susan Leonard*

What I learned from Mom:

**• Be charitable to people who were not raised out west.**

**• You have to respect other people's religion and culture, but you can quietly critique their hairdos.**

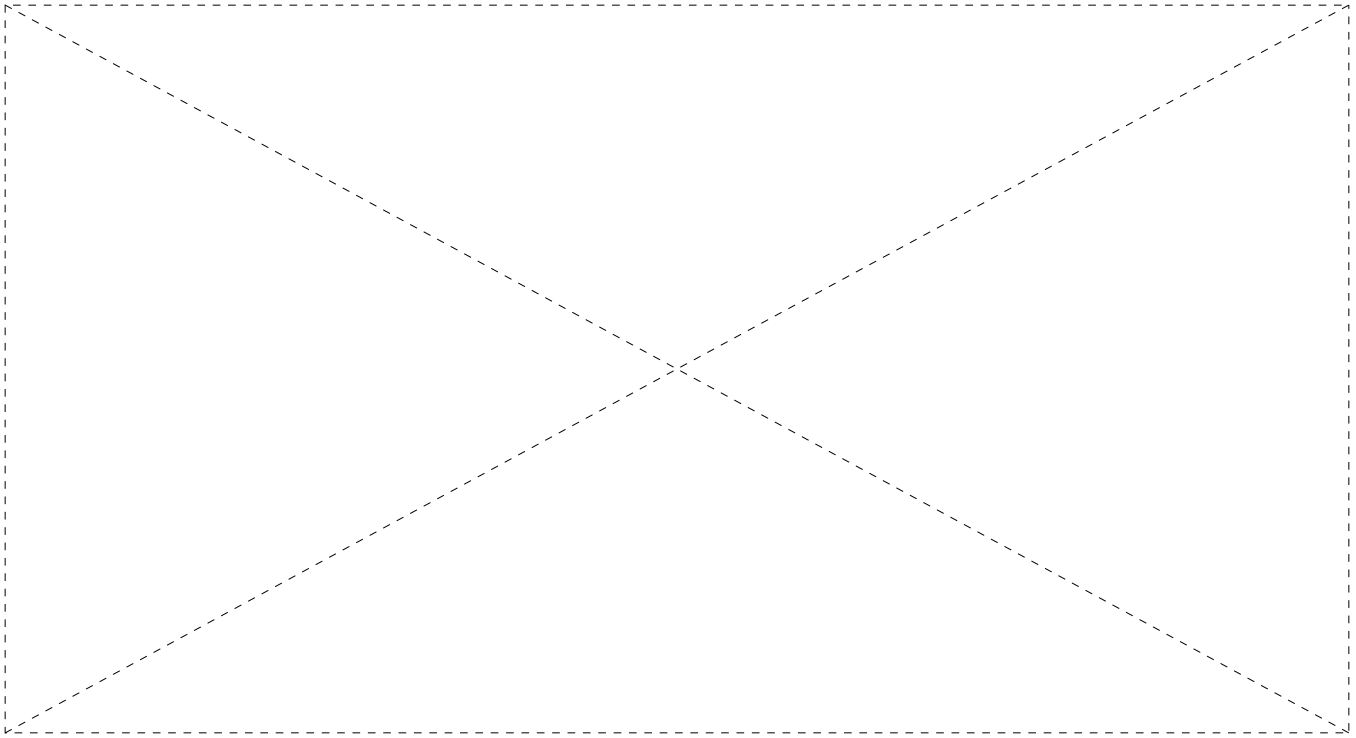
*—Patt Leonard*



What I learned from Mom:

**That smiling at others—even strangers—makes people feel good.**

*—Susan Leonard*



What I learned from Mom and Dad:

- **How to share. (Of course, what choice did we children have with six siblings?)**

- **How to develop a good work ethic, set goals, and to be dependable and responsible.**

- **How to run a household at a young age and care for children when your Mom and Dad leave you with a babysitter, who, in turn, unexpectedly leaves the children alone to fend for themselves.**

- **How to make it on my own. What choice did I have given that they literally drove off and moved away on my 18th birthday?**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Bill:

**That a determined man can quit smoking overnight. And that \$100 and a direct challenge buys a lot of determination.**

—Emilio Millán

What I learned from Mom and Dad:

**How to overcome bad habits, as evidenced by the admirable way they kicked smoking.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

- **That you can go to college at any age and succeed.**

- **That you can return to work at any age and succeed.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Dad:

**If all else fails, read the directions.**

—Ed Leonard

What I learned from Mom and Dad:

**An open bottle of bourbon can last years.**

—Patt Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

**Tacos for nine is easy. Tacos for one is hard.**

—Jim Leonard

What I learned from Mom and Dad:

**How to make to-die-for tacos that are better than any served by any Mexican food restaurant anywhere.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

- **How to cook up tacos, and have them every other time the parents were away for dinner.**

- **How to repaint the ceiling after catching a pan of hot cooking oil on fire.**

—Dan Leonard

What I learned from Dad:

**How to make delicious bean, macaroni, and potato salads.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

**Finding a leaf in your plate of spaghetti isn't necessarily a bad thing (don't be alarmed, it's just a bay leaf).**

—Dan Leonard

What I learned from Grandpa:

**That baking cookies can be a legitimate hobby.**

—Ayn Leonard

What I learned from Dad:

**Get the dishes done before you go to bed.**

—Ed Leonard

What I learned from Dad:

- **How to organize, organize, organize—your desk, your house, your life.**

- **How to clean, clean, clean.**

- **How to work, work, work.**

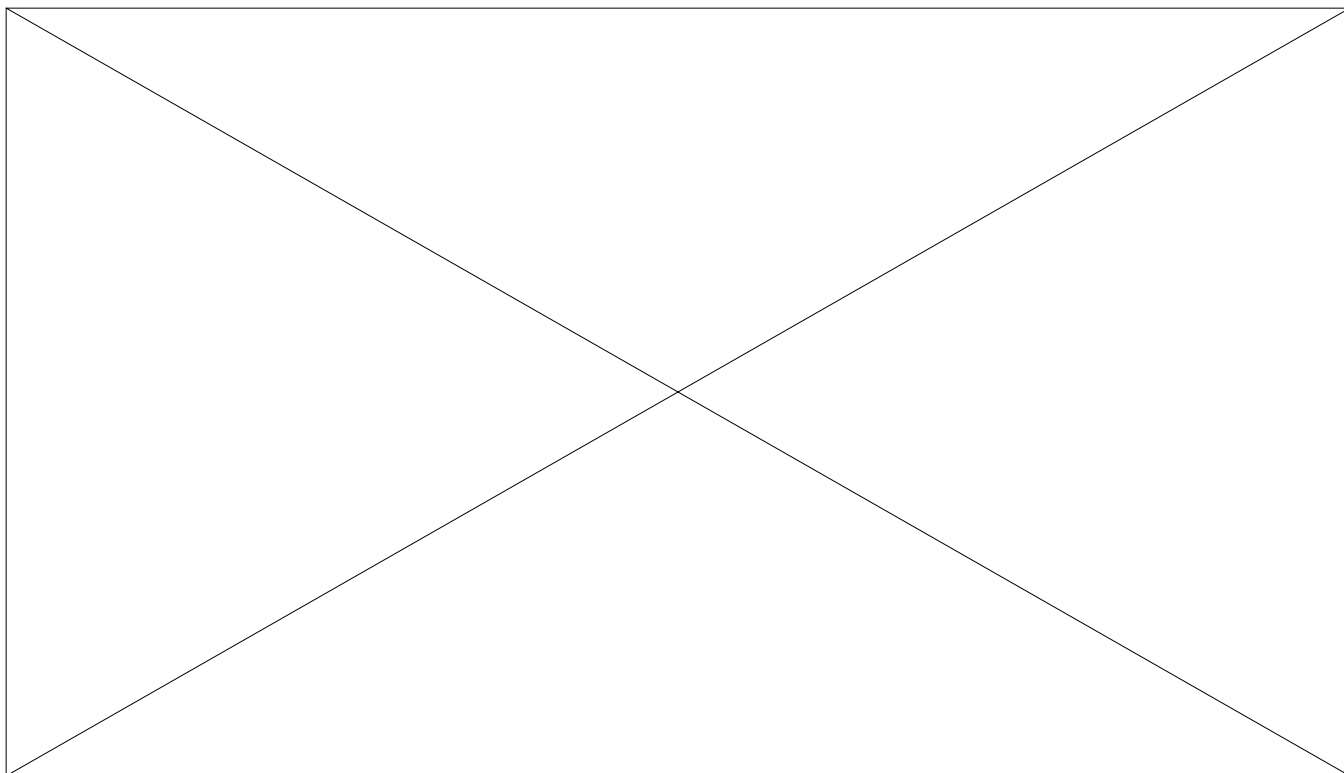
- **How to speed-drive, speed-eat, speed-clean, speed-argue, and speed-vacation.**

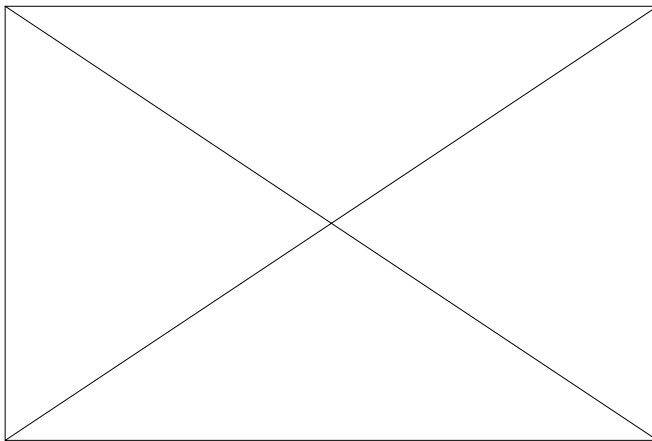
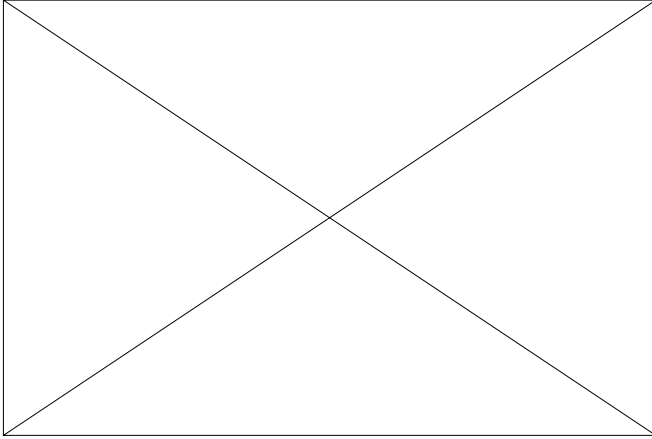
—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

- **That bows, aluminum foil, and plastic bags should be recycled.**

- **That good table manners and proper etiquette are important.**





- That certain colors and patterns match and others don't.
- How to sew, dress well, and cook delicious meals.
- How to choose a sophisticated wedding dress.
- How to decorate a house with class, pizzazz, and beautiful, vibrant colors. (I'll never forget all of the blue, green, and rust-colored walls in our home in Yuma.)

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Norma:

- Get calm, stay calm, slow down.
- Entertaining is very easy, comfortable, and down to earth.
- The gold promised is in the heart.
- MacLean good attitude; certainly not the Leonard disposition.

—Deanna Andrle

What I learned from Bill:

- Pets give orders too.
- Know when to zip your mouth—not a talker.
- Play games to lose.
- Always looked up to for advice and answers.
- Need a garage sale at least once a year.
- Live: Kids gone? Broke but retired.
- Always have Pepsi on hand.

—Deanna Andrle

What I learned from Mom:

- That life is more fulfilling if you worship God and have faith, hope, and a sense of spirituality.
- That God will help you find your way when you're lost and help you with your problems if you turn to Him.
- That war is wrong—and that individual women can make a difference in the search for peace.

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

- Read three books a week.
- Sing in church, sing while you work around the house, and listen to *Jesus Christ, Superstar* every Easter.
- Praise your husband by saying, "You do good work, Lovey."

—Patt Leonard

What I learned from Dad:

- Saturday mornings are for yard-work and Saturday afternoons are time to take a little nappie.
- If your wife is winning the argument, change the subject.
- Even if you vote Republican for years, eventually you'll wise up and vote against them.

—Patt Leonard

What I learned from Dad:

**Republicans are great—until you age and develop some wisdom. Then they don't seem so great.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

**Democrats have always been better. And we partly know this because Grandma MacLean, who was very wise, was a Democrat.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

• **Appreciate the strength and good humor of Sandy MacLean.**

• **Never question the authority of Margaret MacLean.**

—Patt Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

**That your parents and your childhood are fun to reminisce about no matter how far you've come or how far away you've moved.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Dad:

**Sweater sleeves should be worn all pushed back and bunched up on the forearm.**

—Dan Leonard

What I learned from Dad:

**How to save money on shoes: buy a single pair that goes with everything—white sneakers.**

—Susan Leonard

What I heard from Mom and Dad, but I've learned isn't true:

**One-hundred-ten-degree heat is preferable to snow.**

—Patt Leonard

What I learned from Bill and Norma:

**Spring break and Christmas break are for painting the house.**

—Linda Leonard

What I learned from my large family:

**That among all the broken bones, burns, and stitches, only appendicitis will get you real attention.**

—Patt Leonard

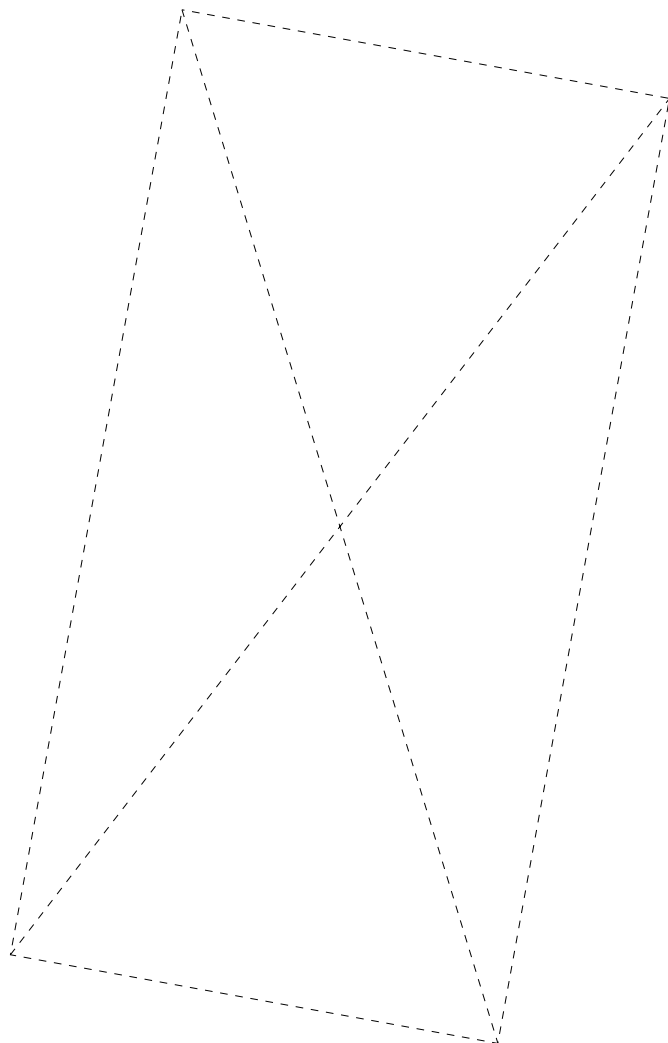
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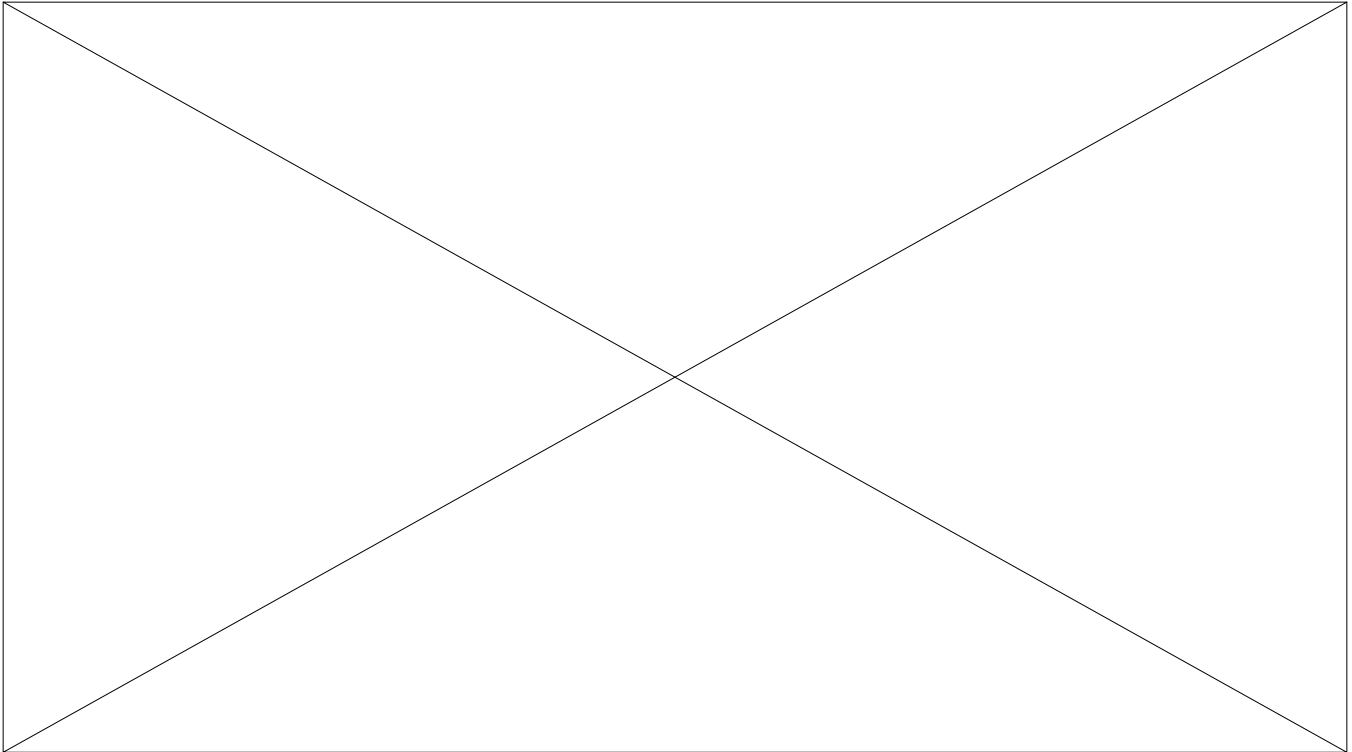
**How to save your life: always, always wear a seatbelt because you never know when you will hit a horse, cow, deer, or some other beast that crosses the road at precisely the wrong moment.**

—Susan Leonard

What we learned from Dad/Bill:

• **The orange tree trimming isn't over until you have injured yourself multiple times.**





• **There can never be enough bags of oranges.**

—*Ed and Linda Leonard*

What I learned from Dad:

**Fruit grows better if you take care of it.**

—*Jim Leonard*

What I learned from Patt's father:

**How kids can make a beautiful garden grow.**

—*Tia Liepack*

What I learned from Dad:

**Don't climb trees!**

—*Jim Leonard*

What I learned from Mom:

**Don't believe them when they say they will not climb trees.**

—*Jim Leonard*

What I learned from Dad:

**Be very, very careful and watch your footing when up a tree.**

—*Dan Leonard*

What I learned from Bill:

• **Never leave the ground while picking grapefruit.**

• **You've got to know when to hold them; know when to fold them! And the more wild cards, the better the game.**

• **When I tell you I have a pain in my lower right quadrant, send me to the hospital, not back to work (and the carpet wasn't that clean, either).**

—*Howard Arntz*

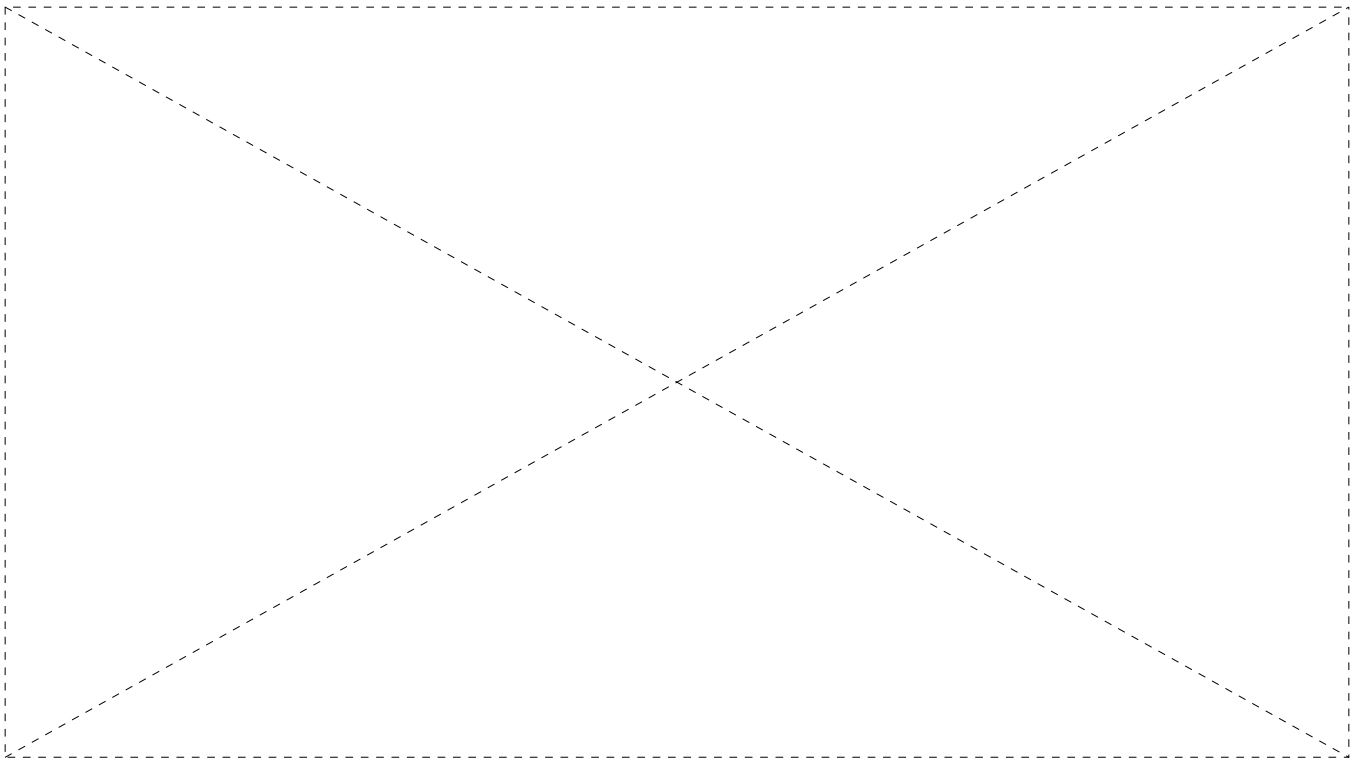
What I learned from Norma:

• **After the third child, I relaxed and began to enjoy myself.**

• **I stroll the kids in the late afternoon while the rest of the neighbor wives are still busy with all their chores.**

• **I don't fear dying after my near-death experience.**

—*Fran Arntz*



What I learned from Norma:

**I've only known Norma for a short time but I truly felt an immediate rapport—it's because we're both nurses—and *we* always seem to *know* each other. Norma, you are so kind and gentle and you have always made me feel welcome at our Theresian groups. I am blessed to be with you. You are in my prayers, too.**

*—Lillian Harwood*

What I learned from Mom:

- **What to do when you're feeling happy and joyful: cry.**
- **What to do when you're feeling sad and low: cry.**
- **What to do when you're feeling compassion for those less fortunate: cry.**
- **What to do when you see a touching movie, television show, or Hallmark commercial: cry.**
- **What to do when you're feeling proud of your loved ones: cry.**

- **What to do when you can't stop laughing: cry.**

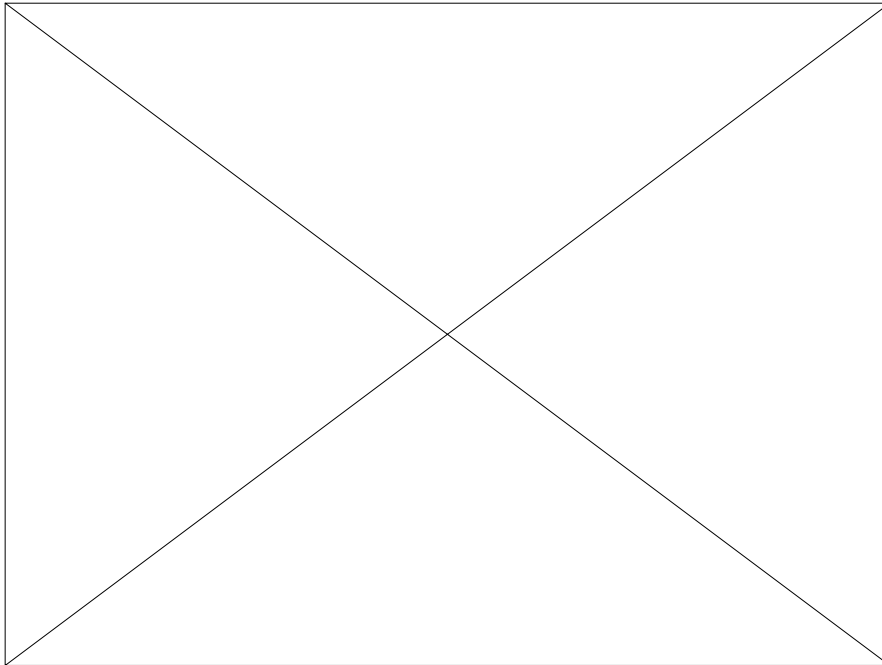
*—Susan Leonard*

What I learned from Norma:

**Norma is:**

- **The epitome of “understated elegance”...**
- **The essence of wit and wisdom... expressed in the fewest words possible!**
- **The expert at diverting the spotlight from herself...**
- **The efficient one who makes things look easy... no matter how difficult the process may be.**
- **Her humor keeps all things in perspective... “This, too, shall pass...”**
- **An original women's rights activist... just by her presence.**
- **A strong shoulder to lean on...**
- **A great ear... for hearing out the worries of others...**
- **A gentle hand of compassion...**
- **A loyal friend in every situation....**

*—Anne Murphy*



What I learned from Bill:

- **To know it's never too late to learn (achieving his C.F.P.).**
- **To trust my tax preparer implicitly (Bill himself).**
- **To honestly enjoy being around Norma's friends—we *know* he likes us!**

—Pat Mullen

What I learned from Bill and Norma:

**Even with seven children and everything as crazy as can be, you still can stay together for 50 years and believe in the vows that you made.**

—Anne Campbell

What I learned from Norma:

**Norma is always able to find a humorous response or side to a situation. She and I have a lot of life experiences in common and I love to share with her. She also gives great hugs. I am blessed to call her my friend.**

—Patsy Borgesen

What I learned from Mom:

- **That healthy relationships should be sought out and unhealthy ones shed.**
- **That friendships, such as the ones she has developed with her fellow Theresians and siblings, can last a lifetime.**
- **A mother can be your best friend—as well as your parent.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Norma:

- **To see the humor when few others do.**
- **To be faithful to commitments large and small.**
- **To look for the best in everyone.**
- **To be an ever-welcoming and honest friend.**

—Pat Mullen

What I learned from Bill and Norma:

**Norma has been a stabilizing rudder in my life. Many times I have come to a Theresian meeting and it is Norma that has the right word or hug to get me back on track. If Norma has any fault, it is that she does not know how to say “NO!” She is always available for those in need. She and Bill have weathered some mighty storms. These are the things that make the 50 years together work. A placid life would have bored them and indeed, they have had an amazing life together.**

—Lyn Mowen

What we learned from Bill:

**If we ever win the lottery, Bill will be our first phone call for financial advice. We do hope that we will need to make that call.**

—Paul and Lyn Mowen

What I learned from Bill:

**(a) Accounting is good profession;  
(b) a large yard with grass and citrus  
takes a lot of effort to maintain; and  
(c) hard work and persistence.**

—Mark Haydukovich

What I learned from Bill:

• **How to impersonate an I.R.S.  
agent.**

• **How to eliminate Mickey Mouse  
points.**

• **How to get excited.**

—Dennis Mitchem

What I learned from Dad:

**How to save for the future.**

—Jim Leonard

What I learned from Uncle Bill:

**Hard work and dedication will  
bring you success.**

—Lori Reents

What I learned from Uncle Bill:

**Write everything with checks so  
you will have a record of what you  
spend.**

—Brenda Daly

What I learned from Dad:

• **How to open Indi-  
vidual Retirement Ac-  
counts, plan for the fu-  
ture, and to be finan-  
cially independent.**

• **How to make  
money in the stock  
market, to hold respon-  
sible, high-pressure,  
high-stress jobs, and to  
pass the difficult Certi-  
fied Financial Planner  
exam in one fell swoop.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Uncle Bill:

**How to be very structured and to  
the point.**

—Jeanne Oliva

What I learned from Bill:

**How to take chances. When he  
bought that house in Phoenix, we  
asked, “What is he doing?” It turned  
out to be a very good investment.**

—Joan Haydukovich

What I learned from Bill:

**Integrity in the business world.**

—Eric Miller

What I learned from Norma:

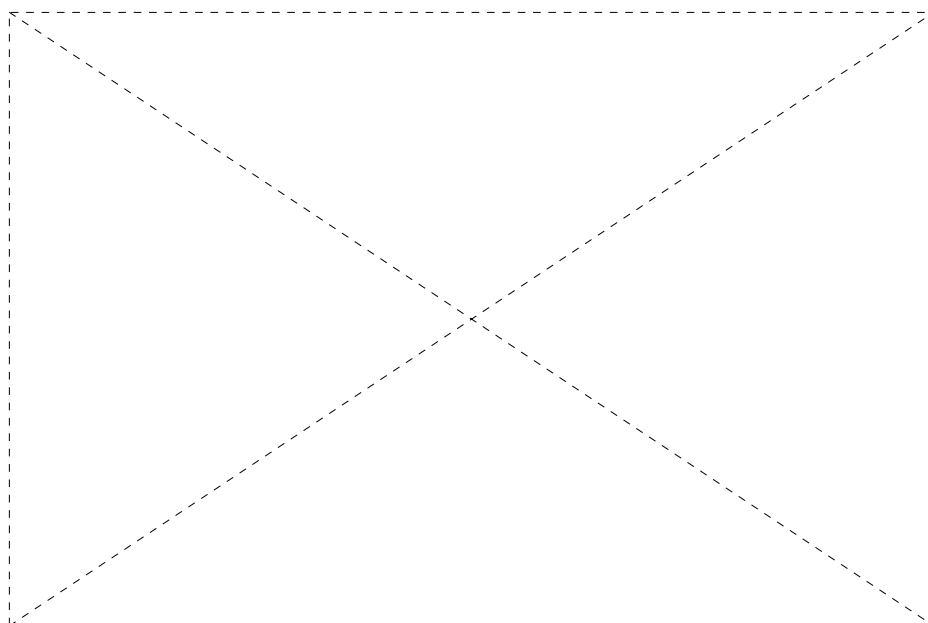
**The ability to remain a good  
Catholic but criticize the Church.**

—Eric Miller

What I learned from Mom and Dad:

**That you can survive on only a few  
hours of sleep a night, which is all they  
often got after getting up in the middle  
of the night to care for—or to worry  
about—their children and grandchil-  
dren.**

—Susan Leonard



What I learned from Mom:

- **Don't smoke in front of your mother.**
- **Never show favoritism among your children.**
- **Don't try to direct the lives of your grown children.**
- **When kids ask you to explain sexual lyrics, pretend you don't know what the song means.**
- **If you get hurt, Mom's kiss will make it better.**

—Patt Leonard

What I learned from Mom and Dad:

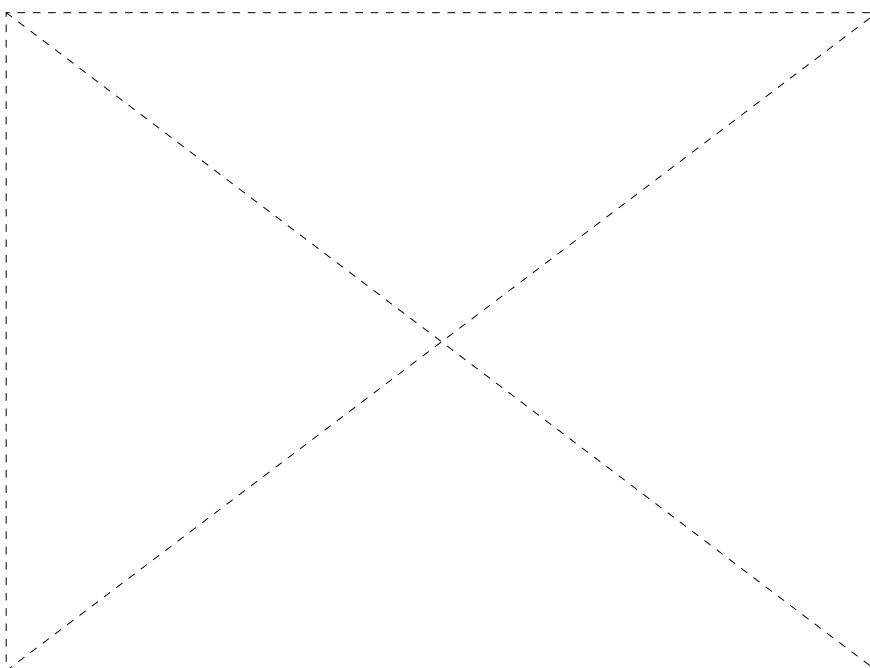
- **Having a lot of grass is nice to look at but is a lot of work to mow.**
- **Having a lot of kids is nice to look at but they are a lot of work to raise.**

—Dan Leonard

What I learned from Mom and Dad:

**They are so nice now after all the kids, they must have been really nice before.**

—Doris Leonard



What I learned from Mom and Dad:

- **That romance can happen between two people who are opposites in many ways, except for the fact that they are both intelligent and inspiring.**
- **That you can find your true love in high school and that marriage can last a lifetime.**
- **That a lot of sex has a lot of consequences—a lot of children.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Dad:

**You can drive 90 on the highway.**

—Patt Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

**Misbehaving children are subject to being “knocked into next week.”**

—Ed Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

- **Having kids is great—most of the time.**
- **That you can survive without a car—even with seven children—if you have a great attitude, strong muscles, and a good wagon to transport the kids and the groceries.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

**There are times when it's better to brake (such as one particular day in Paradise Valley).**

—Patt Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

**How not to complain.**

—Jim Leonard

What I learned from Mom and Dad:  
• **That you can live for decades with health problems without ever complaining about them.**

• **Good morals should be practiced every day.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Norma:

**Patience.**

—Eric Miller

What I learned from Norma:

**It is a virtue to remain calm.**

—Dennis Mitchem

What I learned from Mom:

**She has a lot of good traits, having been raised by an Arizona cowboy.**

—Rich Leonard

What I learned from Grandma:

**She's like a flower.**

—Brianna Leonard

What I learned from Grandma:

**We tell her what stuff we don't know and she tells us about it.**

—Kyle Leonard

What I learned from Grandma:

**She can get stuff we can't reach in the closet.**

—Dakota Leonard

What I learned from Mom and Dad:

**They did teach me a lot. Patience. To take life more easy and look at the important things instead of worry about nonsense. Bond to family. Enjoy life.**

—Doris Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

**Stop at museums.**

—Patt Leonard

What I learned from Dad:

**Hustle through museums and get back on the road.**

—Patt Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

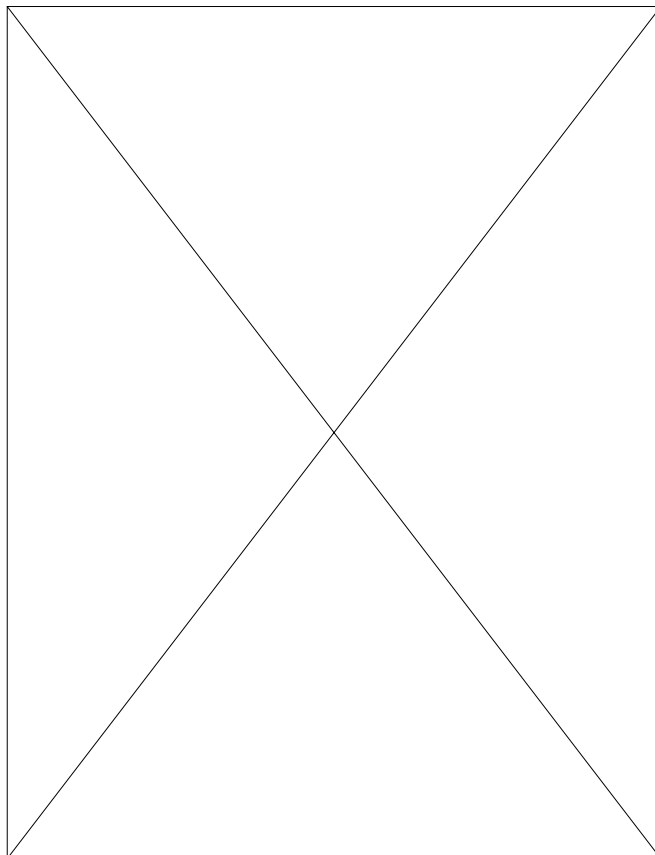
**A nurse can live with a man who drinks from the carton.**

—Patt Leonard

What I learned from Dad:

**An accountant can live with a woman who doesn't do math.**

—Patt Leonard



What I learned from Dad:

**How to move swiftly.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

**How to slow down and smell the roses.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Dad:

**You should create a to-do list every day and stick to it.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

**You should create a to-do list every day and then set it aside if something more interesting comes up or if someone needs attention.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Norma Jeanne:

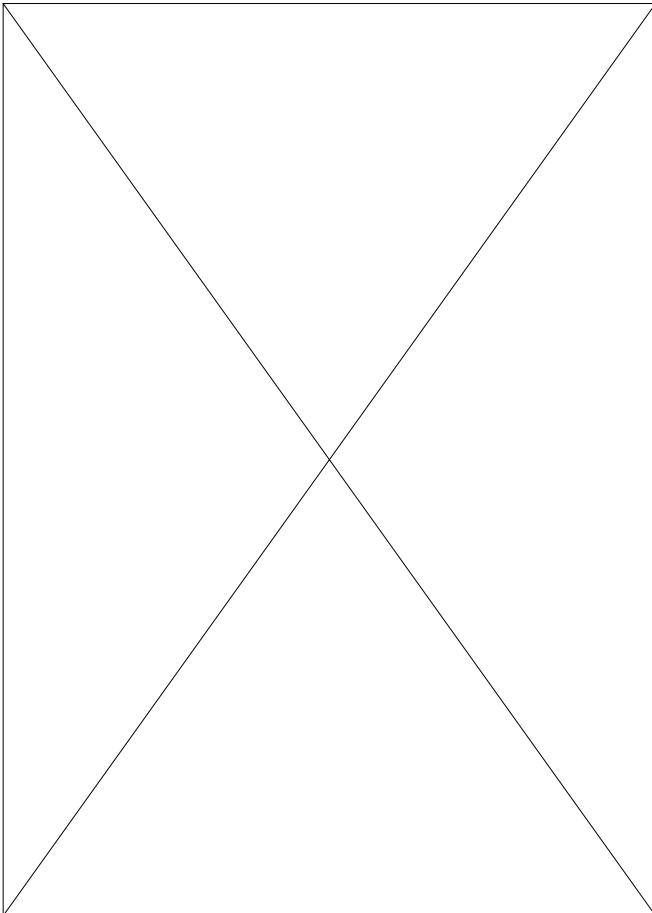
**Norma Jeanne was the “cool” version of my mother—a little bit wild—still redheaded. I learned to “rock” to music when my aunt drove the car. I also learned that is very easy to mistake Norma for my mother when you’re a child looking up.**

—John Haydukovich

What I learned from Uncle Bill:

**How to have a really good time launching rockets in a park and tuning up a hot rod.**

—John Haydukovich



What I learned from Uncle Bill:

**One time we went on inner tubes on the Salt River and I learned that Uncle Bill could be fun, too. With them we would get out and do things. Life was good when we got to see Bill and Norma Jeanne and our cousins. We had so much fun.**

—Brenda Daly

What I learned from Dad:

**How to take inner-tube rides on the Salt and Verde rivers.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Mom and Dad:

**That Arizona is a beautiful state rich in history and terrain.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Mom and Dad:

**Road trips should include side trips to scenic attractions.**

—Dan Leonard

What I learned from Mom and Dad:

**Take back roads.**

—Patt Leonard

What I learned from Dad:

- **Stomp is good music.**
- **Stomp is coming back.**

—Patt Leonard

What I learned from Dad:

**Stomp music rules.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

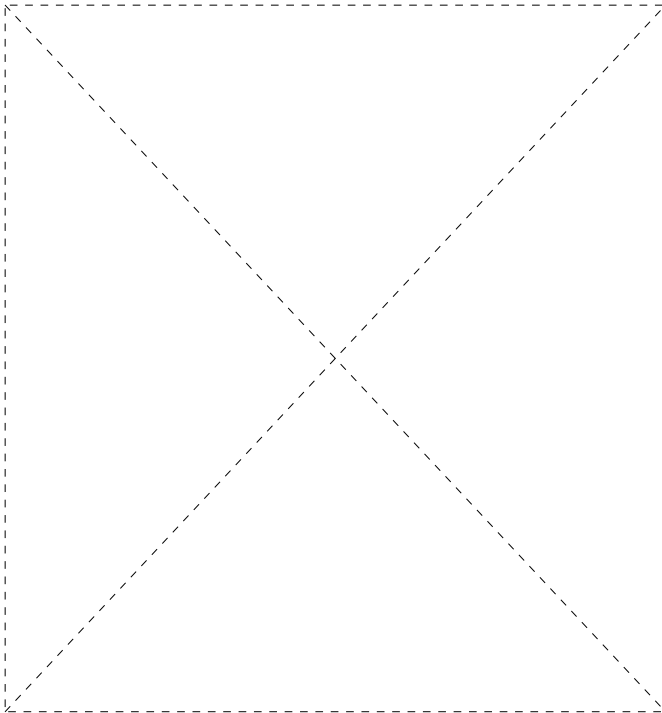
**A lot of music has more class and depth than stomp music.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Mom and Dad:

- **When putting down electric blankets, make sure the heat level controls are not crossed over to the other side of the bed.**

- **When all the kids are highly**



**encouraged to go play somewhere else, it may be because an unwrapped Christmas gift is being delivered.**

*—Dan Leonard*

What we learned from Dad/Bill:

**When introduced to SimCity for the first time, it is possible to serve as the Mayor of a virtual city for 12 hours straight and get the worst Nintendo thumbs ever.**

*—Ed and Linda Leonard*

What I learned from Mom:

**If your husband calls Grady Gammage “Grubby Garbage,” you will, too—at a truly embarrassing moment.**

*—Patt Leonard*

What I learned from Dad:

- **When the floor is freshly waxed, slide across it in your socks.**
- **Make torpedo noises as your Oreos sink into your milk.**
- **Talk fake Japanese.**
- **The expressions “Wowie zowie,” “Big whoop,” and “Carter’s liver pills” have not gone out of style.**

- **Don’t take a picnic when you can take “a little pickinicky.”**
- **Nicknames are constantly mutating.**

*—Patt Leonard*

What I learned from Dad:

**How to give a nickname—or two or three—to everyone.**

*—Susan Leonard*

What we learned from Dad/Bill:

**“Pizza Kid(s)” refers to who(m)-ever mowed the lawn that weekend and stayed for a Pizzafarro’s pizza.**

*—Ed and Linda Leonard*

What I learned from Bill:

**When I met Bill, I said, “Now I know where Jim gets his quirkiness.”**

*—Kathy Ogburn*

What I learned from Mom:

**Going to church is important.**

*—Susan Leonard*

What I learned from Dad:

**Going to church is not important.**

*—Susan Leonard*

What I learned from Mom:

**Long, leisurely, interesting conversations are one of life’s greatest pleasures.**

*—Susan Leonard*

What I learned from Dad:

**Long, leisurely conversations can quickly get boring unless they involve a political debate.**

*—Susan Leonard*

What I learned from Norma Jeanne and Bill:

**As I look back and remember times spent with Norma Jeanne and Bill, I realize I’ve learned something very important. A “life lesson,” if you will. Norma Jeanne was always laughing with Mom. She taught me that life can**

**be funny and that humor can find its way into every aspect of life. On the other hand, Bill was always very serious. He taught me that being successful means staying focused and staying on track. Talk about your ying and your yang!!! A great balance! Their formula is a wonderful example for our family to witness.**

**God bless you on your 50th!**

*—Amy Rhoades*

What I learned from Mom:

**When speaking at a meeting, say something that makes the whole room laugh.**

*—Patt Leonard*

What I learned from Norma Jeanne and Bill:

**Laughter. Humor. Warmth.**

*—Anne MacLean*

What I learned from Norma Jeanne:

**How to laugh.**

*—Jeanne Oliva*

What I learned from Mom:

**The past is there to make you laugh.**

*—Jim Leonard*

What I learned from Norma Jeanne:

**Laugh at everything.**

*—Darci Haydukovich*

What I learned from Norma Jeanne:

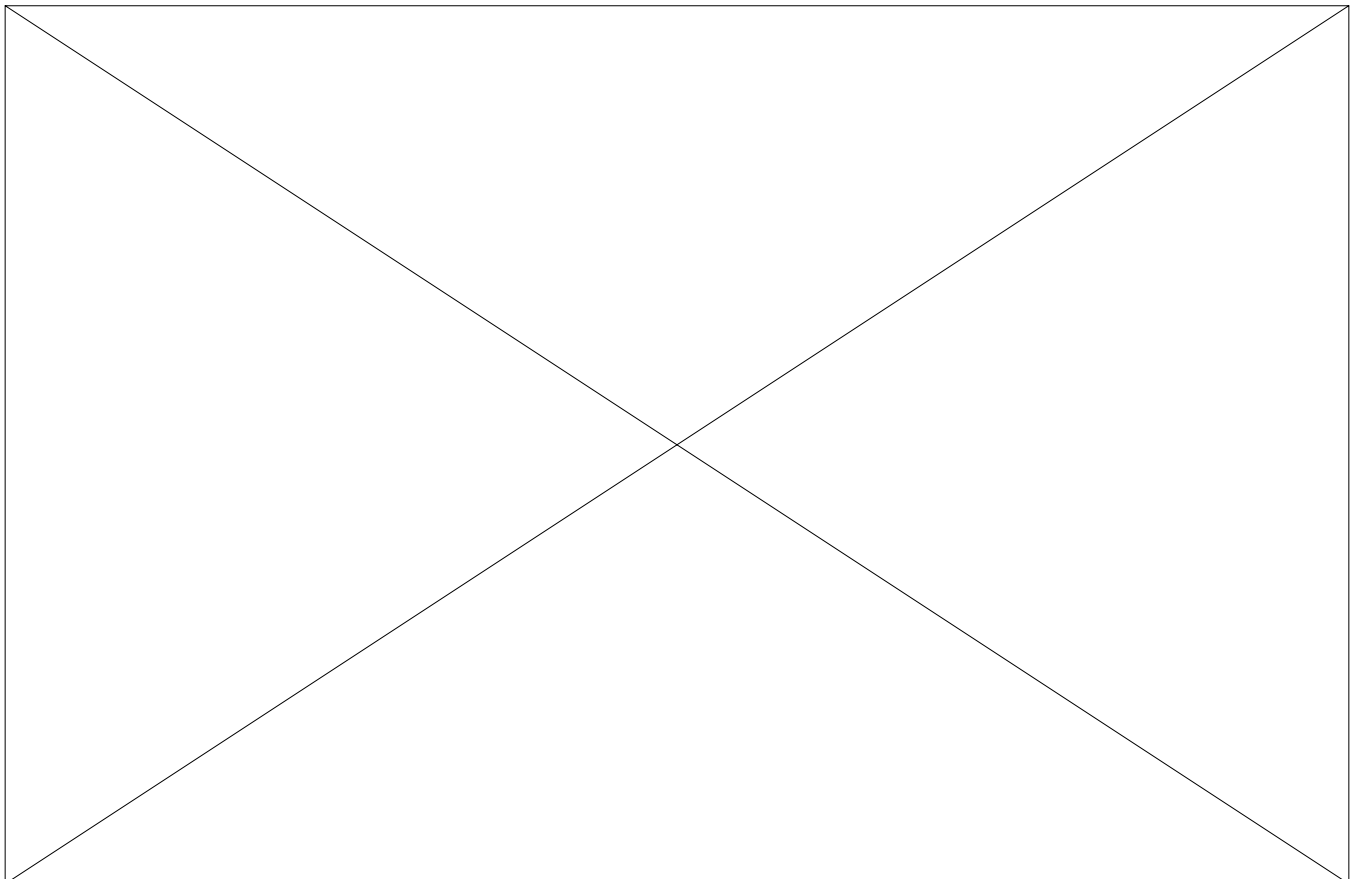
**Enjoyment of laughter. Mom and she got on the phone and just laughed.**

*—Mary Carol Kriste*

What I learned from Norma Jeanne:

**Laughter. Mom and Norma Jeanne used to laugh so hard about everything.**

*—Lori Reents*



What I learned from Mom:

**I remember Mom reading Joan's letters, laughing hysterically about raising kids.**

—Dan Leonard

What I learned from Norma Jeanne:

**To laugh with your sisters until you cry. To keep your faith no matter what.**

—Brenda Daly

What I learned from Norma Jeanne:

**How to be a great sister to her older sister (and vice versa). It never ceases to amaze me how much fun Norma Jeanne and Joan have whenever they are in contact (in person, by telephone, or by letter). Throughout their adult lives no matter what the circumstances, they always enjoyed each other—many times with total chaos surrounding them. They really enjoy each other's company and it is apparent.**

—Mark Haydukovich

What I learned from Norma Jeanne:

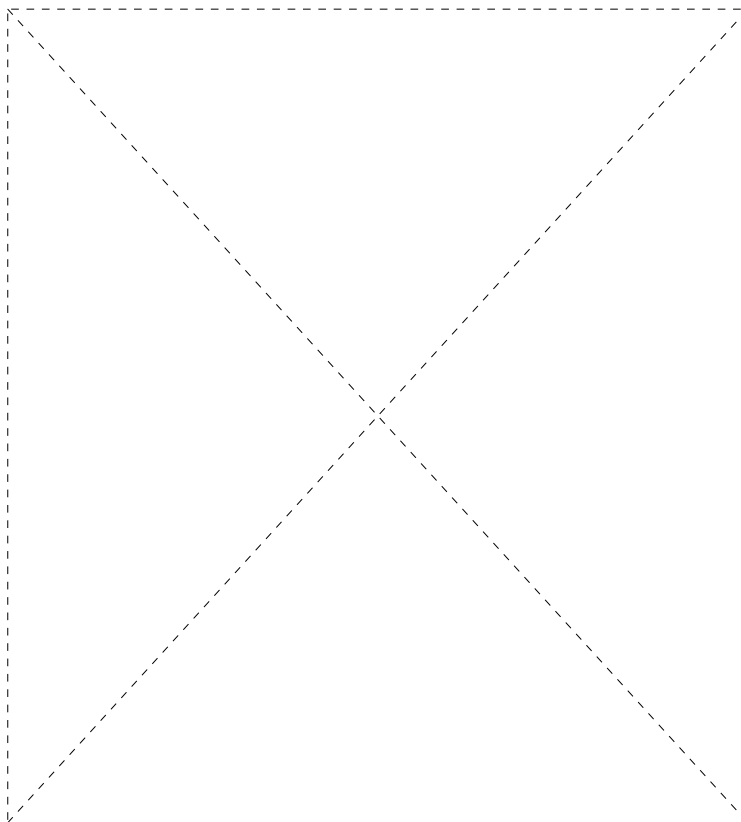
**I learned that laughter is the best medicine. It can cure *anything* that ails you. I could call her and be griping about some stress in my life and she would make a humorous remark and, lo and behold, the air was cleared. After being rescued by her countless times, I made a vow that I was determined to live my life joyfully. Some days it is a little more work than others but it keeps me sane.**

—Joan Haydukovich

What I learned from Mom:

- **That life should be approached with a sense of humor, gratitude, and a positive, optimistic attitude.**

- **That taking risks makes for a more interesting life.**



- **That comforting people when they are ill, sad, or scared is the kindest gift that you can give.**

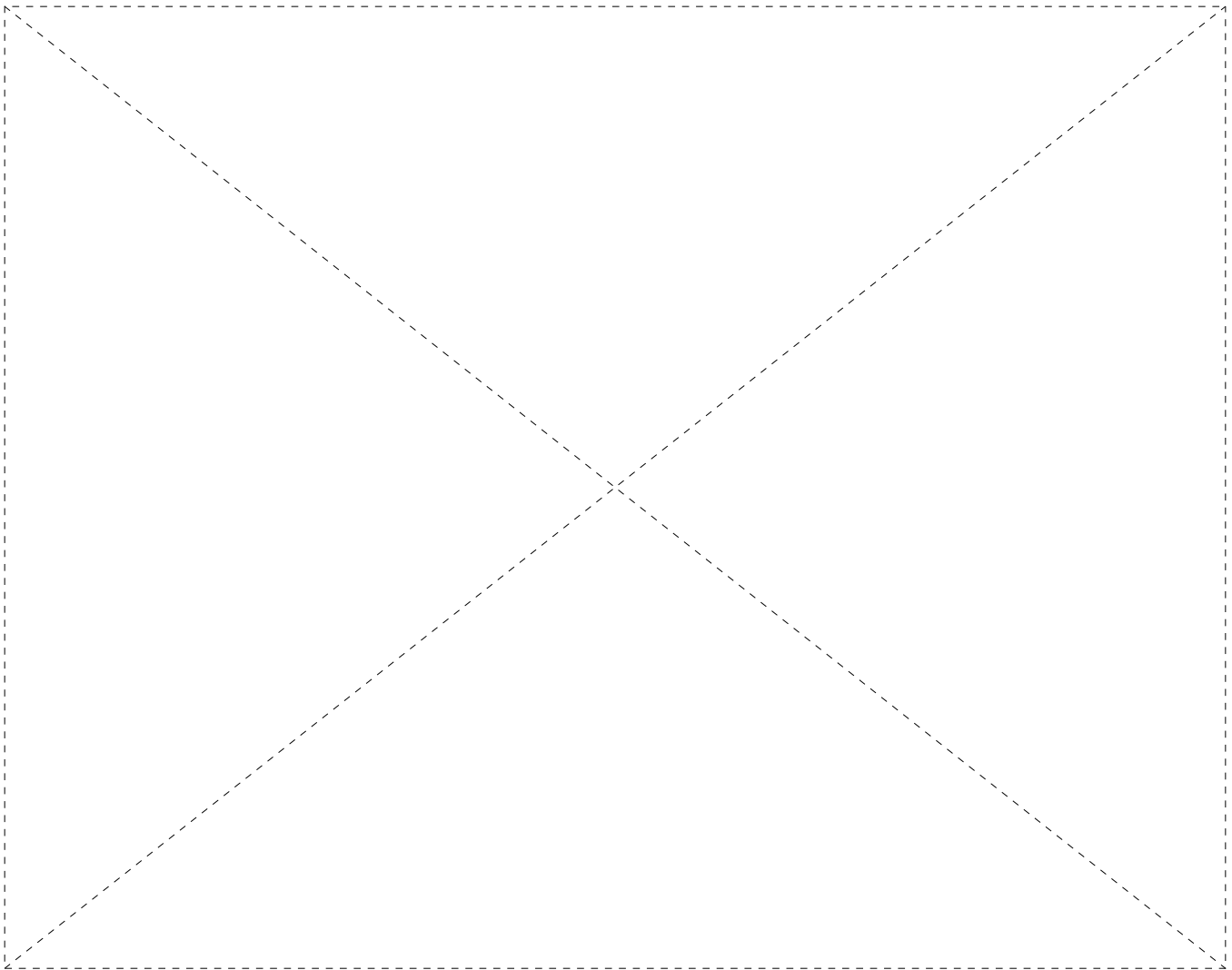
- **Unconditional love is the best kind of love.**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Grandma:

- **That, contrary to popular thought, it is possible for *one person* to know *everything*. When I stayed there on Pasadena Ave., I always tended to direct all my inquiries, regardless of their nature, to Grandma. Be it questions on political affairs, stains in clothing, health worries, world history, gardening, etc., etc. The list is endless. She always had an answer. I never found my assumptions of her grandiose knowledge odd, for they always proved just.**

- **The moral ideal of genuine and compassionate service to others is achievable. Her initiative in the life of**



**Dakota Lee is a blessing and her kind gestures toward me will not be forgotten.**

*—Ayn Leonard*

What I learned from Grandpa:

**Hard work pays off. During my stay with my grandparents and early years of college, Grandma told me the stories of my grandfather juggling a full-time school schedule with a full-time work schedule. Knowing such things were even possible, and done in my family, created a high standard for me to judge my achievements and progress.**

*—Ayn Leonard*

What I learned about Dad:

**It is hard to find a more focused, task-oriented, hard-working, thoughtful, and early-rising man than my father.**

*—Ed Leonard*

What I learned about Mom:

**It is hard to find a more kind, caring, compassionate, patient, understanding, and reverent woman than my mother.**

*—Ed Leonard*

What I learned from Norma:

**That being cheered up by Norma while your husband's gone to war with the Army may include bawling your eyes out in a dark theater.**

—Linda Leonard

What I learned from Mom and Dad:

**How to keep trudging forward during bad times, knowing that "this, too, shall pass."**

—Susan Leonard

What I learned from Mom and Dad:

**There are always possibilities.**

—Jim Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

**There's always hope things will get better.**

—Dan Leonard

What I learned from Mom:

**• Drive by your old neighborhood now and then. Think about the people**

**you've known and talk about them.**

**• Be so empathetic that when you're describing something sad that happened to someone else, your voice cracks, your eyes turn red, and you have to blow your nose.**

**• That Dad is the only man Mom ever loved.**

—Patti Leonard

What I feel for Mom and Dad:

**Complete admiration on raising seven kids.**

—Dan Leonard

What I learned from my siblings:

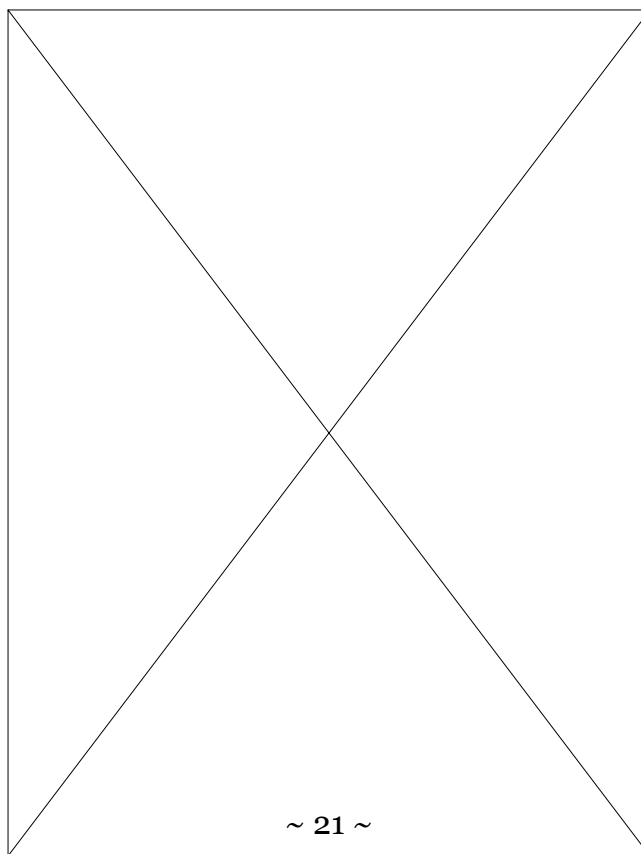
**That my Mom and Dad have done a good job.**

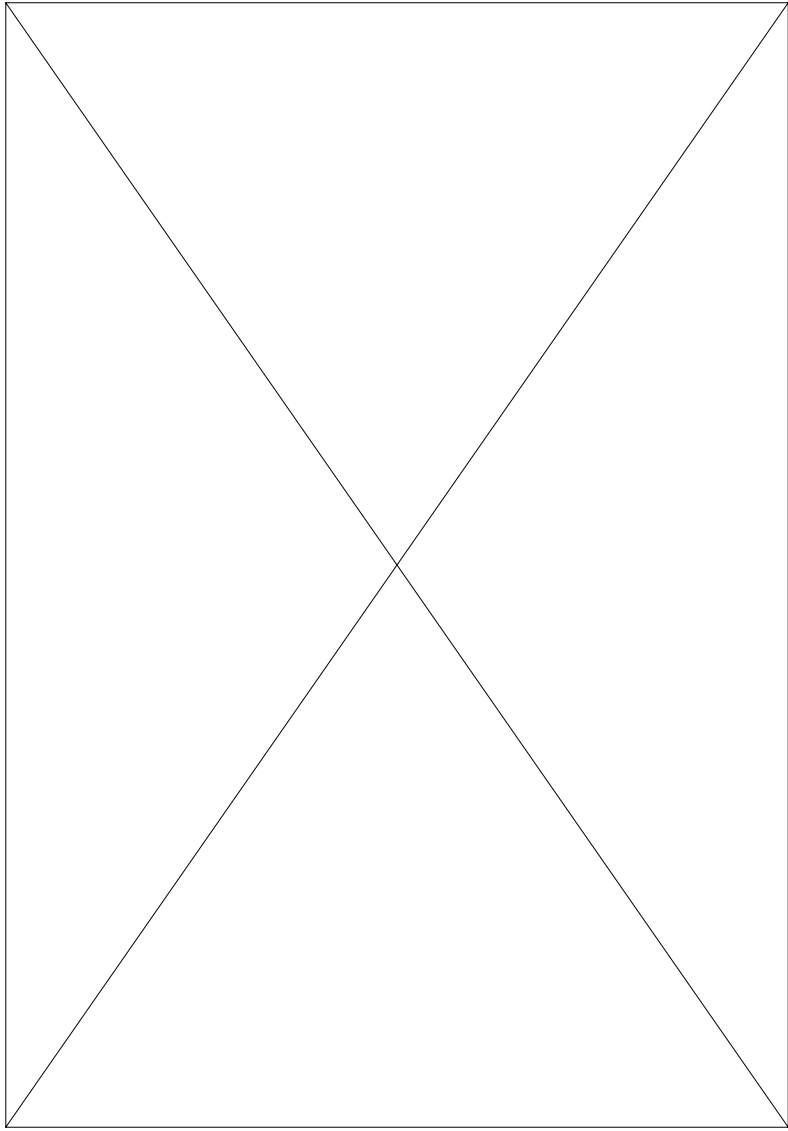
—Jim Leonard

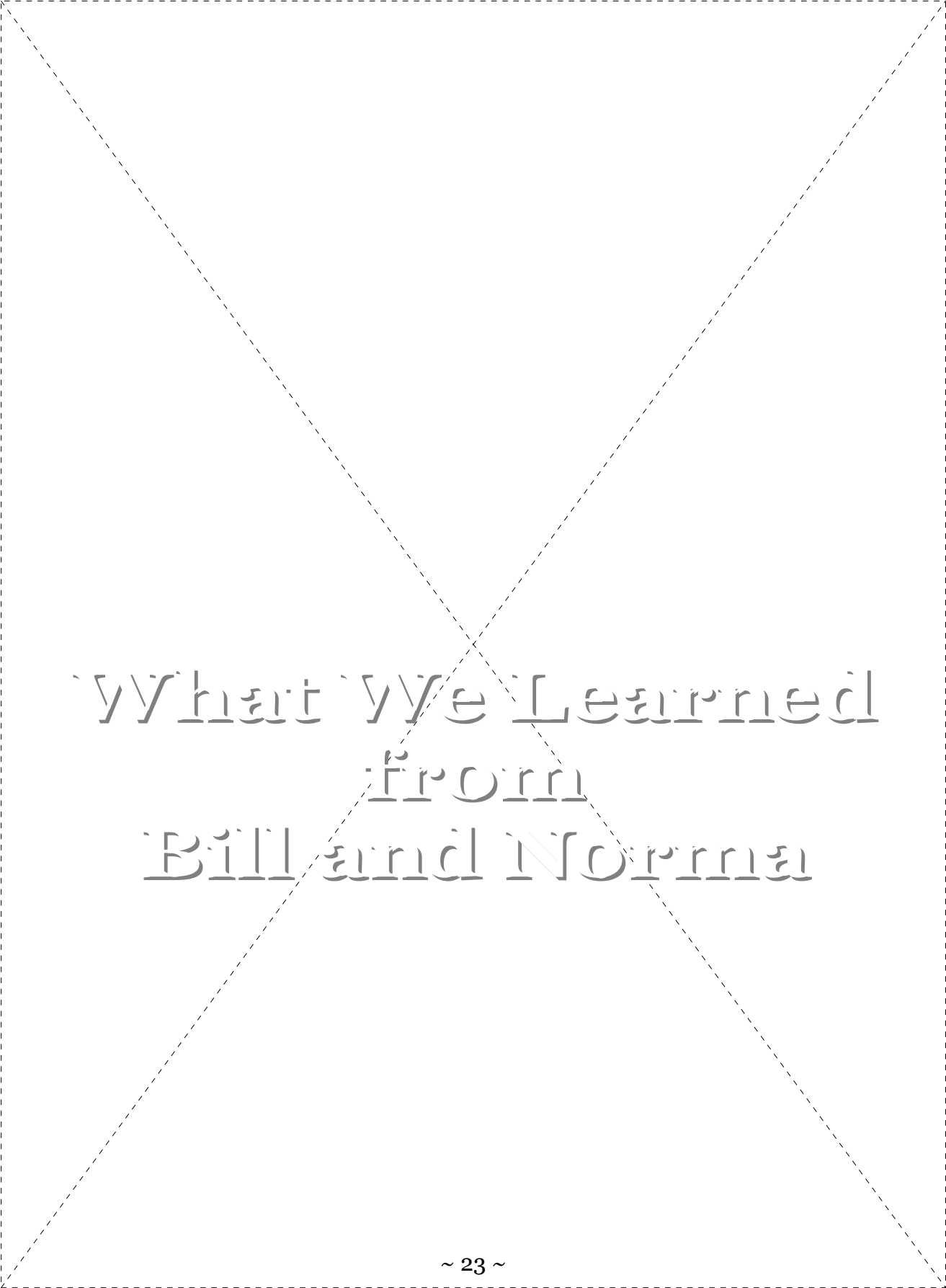
What I learned from Grandma and Grandpa:

**Reading. Spelling. Playing games. They're fun. They're smart. I love them.**

—Dakota Leonard







What We Learned  
from  
Bill and Norma