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Mark and Family David and Sherry

Goodbye Bill

Well into his 94th year, Bill's gray hair was still holding tight, although often unkempt. He wore the scars of life rippling through his face. He proudly wore his U. S. Navy hat recognizing his service in World War II. He was just as proud of his Dad and his Granddad, who were also sailors in the Navy.

And I am proud of my Uncle.

We talked about so many things over the last year as I kept him company in the nursing home. Mostly we talked about his life, his family, his sorrow and his joy.

He was always positive, seldom wanting to talk about his struggles with the untimely death of his 30 year old son killed by a drunk driver. One day he asked me, "I wonder what happened to the lady who killed him?" I asked him her name because I was going to find out. He said, "I don't remember. I had to move past that." That's the last time we talked about his son's death.

Looking up at the ceiling, he counted the ceiling tiles and complimented the construction of the room: sharp, precise corners, sheet rock walls with smooth paint. All the details handled correctly in his eyes. He was an engineer in working years, always precise, always admiring good work.

He told me of the joy his four grandchildren brought him over the last twenty-plus years. They were not all biological descendants, but they were all "his" grandchildren.

He was married for 60 years until his wife passed away a few years ago after suffering with Alzheimer's for seven years. He told me caring for her was hard on him. But he didn't want to talk about that often.

Despite the hardships in his life, he was always happy on the outside.

He would flirt with the nursing home aides who would laugh at the twinkle in his eye. I suspect he had a way with the women in his younger years.

I asked Bill what message he would give kids today. Without hesitation, he said they need to learn frugality. "You've got to save and invest for the future to be secure in this world" he told me. He described the hardships he saw in the 1930s with the Great Depression. There were not enough jobs and people were hungry. This was part of his fabric.

At Bill's funeral, the grandchildren spoke of the love Bill and Peggy had for them. They talked about short trips they would take with their grandparents to nearby small towns in Georgia, Tennessee

and Alabama. The hotels were never elaborate, but they always had an inside heated pool. They would all splash in the pool for hours. They said Bill and Peggy were perfect grandparents.

The grandkids talked about going to eat at a fast food restaurant on these trips and they would all get a sandwich. Bill and Peggy would smuggle drinks and potato chips inside and they'd enjoy their meal inside while saving a little money. He was just being frugal, true to his beliefs.

A couple of months before he died, I asked Bill what could be done to help this country. He didn't immediately answer that question. But a week or two later, he asked me, "Remember when you asked me about what I would do to help this country? I've thought about that question and decided that I would start the military draft again. Kids can learn responsibility and develop a better love of this country."

Bill had wisdom until the end.

We had a military funeral for him.

Bill would have been proud.

David



“Did You Know Where This Saying Came From...”

THIS IS (OR ISN'T) MY CUP OF TEA

Meaning: Something that a person finds to be agreeable to their tastes; delightful. If something is your cup of tea, then that means you like it. If something isn't your cup of tea, then that means you do not like it. **Origin:** From what we've found, it doesn't look to be that old. The earliest we could find this expression appearing in print is the 1930s. For example, in the Syracuse Post Standard newspaper, February 1935, it's used similarly to how we use it today, to describe things we like or dislike: "As Margie always says, 'Saving energy is great, but taking the hassle out of window cleaning is my cup of tea.'" The word 'not' is often added to the front of this phrase (e.g. that brown shirt is not my cup of tea). I guess people like to share how much they don't enjoy something! Anyways, the earliest example we could find of this saying



with the word 'not' in the front comes again from the 1930s. This time, it is in a literary work by James Agate, published in 1939: "For assured immersion in the medieval legend is not my cup of tea."

MAKING A MOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOLEHILL

Meaning: If a person is making a mountain out of a molehill, it means they are exaggerating. In other words, they are taking a minor issue and turning it into a bigger problem than it really is.

Origin: the origin of the saying "making a mountain out of a molehill" is unclear, but what is known is that it's over 350 years old. It is found as early as the year 1660 in a lexicon book by James Howell. This book contains many proverbs from different languages and there's a part from it that reads: "Making mountains of a molehill." Of note, Wikipedia states that the saying was used in a book published in 1548 called "The first tome or volume of the Paraphrase of Erasmus upon the new testament" translated in part by Nicholas Udall: The Sophists of Greece could through their copiousness make

an Elephant of a flye, and a mountain of a molehill.



FAST STROKE AWARENESS

Recently one of our employees working out of our Crestline/ Mountain Brook location on Church Street suffered a stroke. We are hopeful he will make a full recovery.

Here are the FAST stroke symptoms:

- **F: Face drooping.** Ask the person to smile and see if one side is drooping. One side of the face may also be numb, and the smile may appear uneven.
- **A: Arm weakness.** Ask the person to raise both arms. Is there weakness or numbness on one side? One arm drifting downward is a sign of one-sided arm weakness.
- **S: Speech difficulty.** People having a stroke may slur their speech or have trouble speaking at all. Speech may be incomprehensible. Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence and look for any speech abnormality.
- **T: Time to call 911!** If a person shows any of the symptoms above, even if the symptoms went away, call 911 and get the person to a hospital immediately.



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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

New Year is a time to reflect on the past and look forward to the coming year. It is a time to make changes in the New Year, and resolve to keep that change throughout the year.

Here are some of the most popular New Year's Resolutions:

1. Lose Weight
2. Get in shape
3. Quit Smoking
4. Get out of debt
5. Spend more time with family
6. Enjoy life more
7. Improve health
8. Save money
9. Manage stress
10. Volunteer more



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Beside the normal stuff, we also clean:

- Wedding Gowns
- Area Rug Cleaning
- Suedes and Leathers
- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots

And we do...

1. We are a Certified Wedding Gown Specialist
2. We are part of the Certified Restoration Drycleaning Network (CRDN) - We handle textile and electronics restoration due to damage from smoke, fire, water and mold.
3. Home and office dry cleaning pickup and delivery
4. Wash Dry & Fold service - including Champion Hamper service

New Year's Resolution Jokes

My New Year's resolution is to help all my friends gain ten pounds so I look skinnier.

My resolution was to read more so I put the subtitles on my TV.

My wife still hasn't told me what my New Year's resolutions are.

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

New Year's Eve forecast: Mostly drunk with a slight chance of passing out.

I return to work tomorrow with a child-like belief that 2020 is the year people will think at least twice before hitting, "Reply All".

I was going to quit all my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter.

Time To Do This...

- ✓ Gather tax papers
- ✓ Clean out all bills and papers from 2018 and put them in a box, labeled 2018.
- ✓ Give your office space (home AND work) a thorough cleaning.
- ✓ Purge files, both on your computer and in your filing cabinet.
- ✓ Establish a filing system that you'll use on a REGULAR basis!
- ✓ Place both trash and recycling containers in your office
- ✓ Place pictures and objects in your office that give you pleasure