



*To my wife of 70 years;  
To our beloved Mother;  
To our treasured  
Grandma  
(and Great-Grandma!)*

*These are  
personal messages  
from your family,  
to show you how  
we truly feel  
about you...*

***WE LOVE YOU!***

***Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday***





To my darling wife,

My love for you is great; You are without a doubt the best  
natured, most lovable and sincere person ever.

Your loving husband,  
David

## HOW DOES ONE THANK HIS MOTHER?

She worked so hard to teach me so many things: What is right and wrong; how I should act and dress in many situations; and eat all my food!

Taught me some piano; then provided me with a tiny violin at age 7; gave me the best instructors for years, all of which gave me such wonderful experiences. For some time, Mother accompanied me, playing the piano. She was a wonderful pianist with extensive skill who played with a true understanding of the music. Gave me the most beautiful gift for my Bar Mitzvah - my treasured violin. By the way, you must know how beautiful my mother looked in her stunning white gown with the beautiful roses on it at my Bar Mitzvah celebration party (see the picture below).

Supported all my activities as a youngster, and there were so many; even playing golf. And Mother and I were a lot closer than anybody else really knows; I remember how she would grill me after I came home from a date, and she would extract from me everything that happened (with some embellishment by me on occasion).

Instilled in me the need to read and study; how simple this sounds – but how deeply it affected my ability to learn and succeed in my life endeavors. It was not always easy for Mother to get me to walk to the library and read, but I did it, and I can never thank her enough.

Notwithstanding all the seemingly crazy ideas I had about politics and nearly any other matter, and the statements I made about not going to college, she not only tolerated it all, but persistently urged me to attend college. It was so hard for her to accept my going to the University of Texas, but the transfer after a year and subsequent graduation from Wharton was in large part do to her inspiration. Then Mother was instrumental in helping me in law school and making sure I passed the Bar Exam. Thank God for her thoughtfulness and help.

She was so very supportive of my children, and visited us in California almost every year for many years. This meant so much to me and to Joanne and the grandchildren.

Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Mother, with all our love, Bert and Joanne.



To Mother on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration:

As you can tell from this picture, we loved being with you and Dad to share your 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this past June. You look amazingly good in this picture! More importantly, your intellectual/emotional state is great. You have been blessed with not only a long life but one that has found you to be sharp mentally and looking and acting very good.

In particular, we have been very fortunate to be able to share so many special moments with you, especially these last 14 years since we relocated to Florida. We have enjoyed all the conversations, not only about each family member's progress, but the terrific discussions of world events. It is wonderful that you continue to read so much. Further, you have been so much fun to be with at all the meals we have shared but also at the bridge games while you were showing us your knowledge.

Finally, our thoughts are filled with the very finest memories of your continuing concern and love for each of us.

We wish you a most Happy Birthday with hopes of many more happy and healthy years in the future.

Love from Barbara and Jerry



Dear Mother,

I was the third boy...a dubious distinction since I am told that you wanted a girl. Although most of my childhood is a blur, I do remember how good your fried chicken was, your prime rib dinners; and how nice it was to all get together for the holidays in Dayton. I miss that. When I was young, listening to you play the piano in our house on Burbank Drive was a very happy time for me. But mostly I appreciate your relationship with Alyson. Maybe it is because you are both Virgos and love to clean; but whatever the reason, the closeness of the two of you has always been very special. She emulates you in many ways such as she always wants her home to look beautiful as you do and you both love to entertain friends. I hope that her life is as good as yours has been. I love you.

Love,

Dick





Dear Mother,

I remember when I first came to Dayton and you and Dad graciously opened your home to me. We spent many hours talking about Dayton and the people that I would meet and get to know. To this day, I know more about your friends, their families and who is related to whom than even Dick knows. While these lessons may seem boring or irrelevant to some people, to me they were so interesting. It gave me a sense of place long before I made Dayton my home. It also saved me from many mistakes I could have made by not knowing family relationships.

You also taught me a lot about entertaining. Without even realizing it, you showed me the way. I cannot say that I am the “hostess with the mostess”, but I know that it would have been much harder for me had you not led the way.

You also cautioned me about the things that I said because Dayton is a small town, and you never know when your words will come back to haunt you. This is a lesson that I hope I have imparted to my children.

Thank you for the things you taught me. I listened to you and I learned; well, most of the time.

Love,

Marni

## Grandma Edna...

I'm the one that got to put this book together – and while you might think it was a chore, it was truly a pleasure. I got to read, and to experience all of the thoughts and memories of you as a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother – of a true family matriarch. You have good reason to be proud.

This picture is my favorite. It is recent – and when I look at it I see three happy and close brothers, with their loving and supportive wives; and all six of us have found happiness and success in our lives. I have always felt, and my brothers would surely agree, that you and grandpa share the responsibility for this happiness and success. While your expectations were high, you were able to encourage and enlighten, and most of all to unconditionally love and respect each of us while we grew in our lives.

I also want to thank you for your love and support during the times when Travis and Eric were so small, and things were so much more trying. Even more, thank you for your love and acceptance of Kristy, Ryan and Tyler. I'm sure you know that she is my true soul-mate, and every minute that it took to find her was worth the wait.

Congratulations to you my beautiful Grandma Edna for 90 years of happiness; and thank you from the bottom of my heart for the last 46 of those years – my life is so much better on account of your love and influence.

With all our love and admiration,

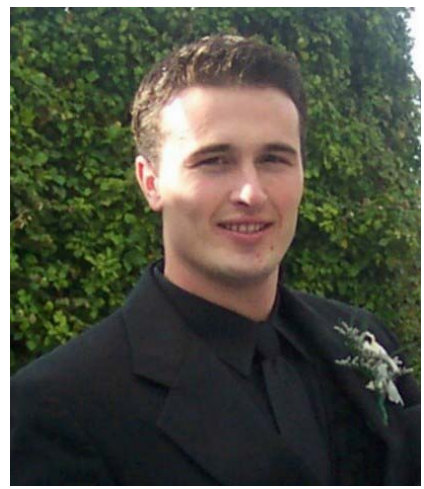
Jeff  
and  
Kristy



Dear Grandma,

Thank you for being the foundation of a family I am proud to be a part of. Happy birthday Grandma!

Love, Eric



Dear Grandma,

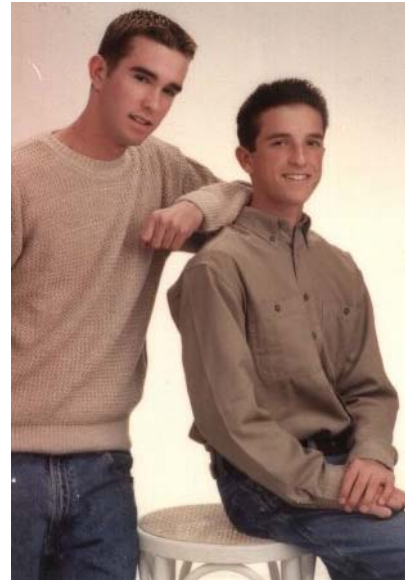
I'm sorry I couldn't be with the family to help you celebrate your special day. I hope you have many more happy, healthy birthdays.

Love, Travis

Dear Grandma,

Thank you for welcoming the both of us with open arms into your family. We wish we could be with you to celebrate this wonderful day. Happy Birthday!

Love, Ryan & Tyler







Dearest Grandma:

The sentiments expressed in this book reflect the deep and wonderful impact you have had on all of our lives. Thank goodness that first “tumor” was a child named Bert (or should I say “Bertram”).

Thank you for all your support and encouragement through the years. And don't worry – we are still saving!!

We love you dearly.

Mark, Sandra, Matthew, Cameron & Christina

## For our Dearest Grandmother

For so many years, you've shown great pride in your family. We've all heard about how wonderful our parents, uncles, cousins and siblings are. You've also personally expressed how very proud you are of each one of us.

Well, Grandma, it is due time for us to show you our pride. We all love and appreciate you for all you've done.  
...we always have.

Your blood runs through us as does your love. Thank you for being a wonderful grandmother and a beautiful person.

We wish you the Happiest Birthday ever!

With all our Love,

David & Cheri





Dear Grandma,

We are so lucky to have you as our Grandma. There are so many great memories of us spending time together. From our time that we spent together when we lived in Florida to your trip to Lake George, we have always had wonderful times with you. Do you remember our trip to the Broadway show in New York City? It was so much fun! Best of all, it is nice just spending time together. We want to wish you a very Happy Birthday and want to thank you again for always supporting and loving us.

Love Always,

Scott & Mary

P.S. We miss your meat blintzes.



Dear Grandma,

When I was young I loved Wales Drive,  
I have the fondest memories since I was five.

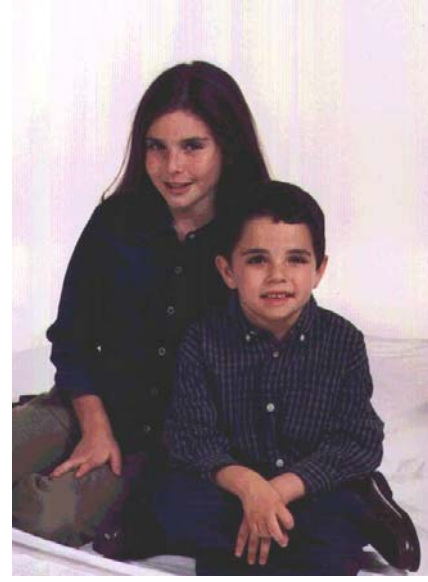
I loved to cuddle next to you at the piano,  
You always played nicely and gave me a show.

I counted all your robes in your closet,  
Seventy-five was the count and they all did fit.

Your cooking was scrumptious, you never took a rest,  
The turkey, the tenderloin, the blintz's were best.

I enjoyed our special days at Rike's & Beerman's downtown,  
It was fun shopping and eating lunch; I felt the luckiest around.

You left Dayton and moved to Boca Raton,  
It was fun and exciting, but no croquet on the lawn.



My visits to Florida during my college years,  
Were relaxing and memorable...  
after those Lauderdale beers.

Now I travel to Florida as a Serowitz,  
Unfortunately not as often and that is the pits.

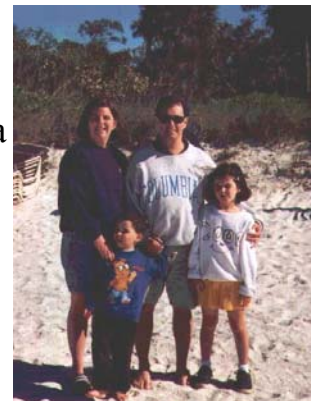
My husband and children also think you are great,  
Its only too bad they joined the family so late.

Today we all gather to celebrate,  
It's your birthday and you look great.

Nothing rhymes with ninety  
...(so I won't mention it again,)  
But please remember dear Grandma  
you're always my friend!

Happy Birthday!

Love, Stephanie



## Happy Birthday, Grandma!

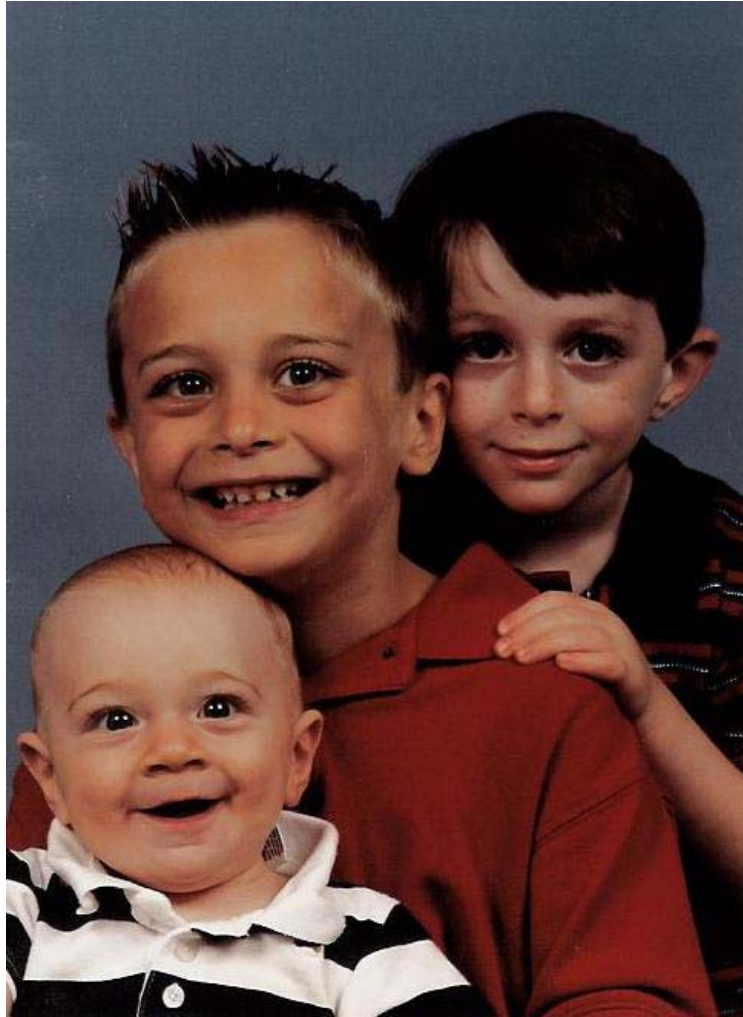
One of our favorite moments with you happened when we had been dating about six months. You came up with the idea that we should live together – not that we weren't thinking about it, ourselves – but you were the first one to openly voice it. Living together led to marriage – and now, ten years later, we have three beautiful boys (just like you and grandpa!). So, while your suggestion may not have been completely conventional, we have you to thank for giving us that “push”!

We really enjoyed being able to see you so often when we lived in South Florida. The two and a half years went by really fast! Having moved back to Atlanta, one of the things we miss the most is not getting to see you and grandpa so frequently.

You have been such an inspiration to us. We strive to be able to live our lives with the same love, support and respect for each other you and grandpa have shown us. We are working hard to follow in your footsteps. So far, we have three boys and ten years of marriage...now we only have 60 more years to go!

With love from John and Lisa





*(to the tune of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame")*

Take us out to great grandma's house  
Drive us up to Boca  
Give us some Pretzels and Chocolate Ice Cream  
Lunch at The Club and back to your house  
We'll play the piano and stack poker chips  
For you, we're so well behaved!  
'Cause it's one...two...three hugs for you, our special grandma!

Love,  
Zachary, Connor and Chase

Dearest Grandma,

On this spectacular occasion, we share with you some specific thoughts about you—our very special grandmother.

Foremost, we wish to express our gratitude for the inspiration you give us and for the wonderful moments we share during each occasion we meet. We are continuously impressed with your energy, whether it's when you get down on the floor to play with our dear Abery or when you passionately exchange thoughts and opinions about the world with us.

We are also inspired by your infinite capacity to love and to support all of your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. We are grateful for your encouragement when you celebrate our achievements, and we are grateful for your compassion when we discuss our challenges. When we know you are proud of us, we feel proud of ourselves.

What we wish to share with you on your special, special day is how proud we are to be your grandchildren. You model for us strength, courage, elegance, and confidence. No child or grandchild outgrows these life-lessons.

We wish you continued happiness and good health on this tremendous occasion. Happy Birthday! Yom Huledet Sameach!

We love you always,  
Yosi, Debi and Abery





Joshua meets his grandparents



Josh gets his 1<sup>st</sup> etiquette lesson



The rarest pic of all - Grandma and Jennifer both caught smiling on camera - with teeth!!!

*Happy Birthday Grandma –*

*All our love – Andy, Jennifer, and Joshua*

Grandma:

You are, and for Andy have always been, a huge part of our lives. (After all, thanks to you he was DETERMINED to marry someone sufficiently skinny as to meet with your approval...)

Those outside the family might not know how to interpret the loving advice and insight you provide – but we know the truth:

- No one is prouder of us than Grandma
- No one wants more for us than Grandma
- No one would give as much for our happiness as Grandma
- Grandma loves us best

You expect the best from us because you, more than anyone else, believe that we each have the best in us. When you wonder about our direction, express concern about our actions, it comes from a place few other people can match - the unfaltering certainty that your family is filled with outstanding individuals who are more precious to you than you are to yourself, and capable of achieving anything to which we set our minds and spirits.

We treasure the time we have together, and we will always be grateful for the time you spent telling us about your parents and siblings and giving us a clear picture of the enduring and unwavering love you hold in your heart for them, and for us. You can be sure that Joshua will know about your wonderful spirit and the grace you bring to all the things you do. We pray for him to share your love of family, friends, and music, and we hope we can show him the kind of love and dedication that you have always shown us.



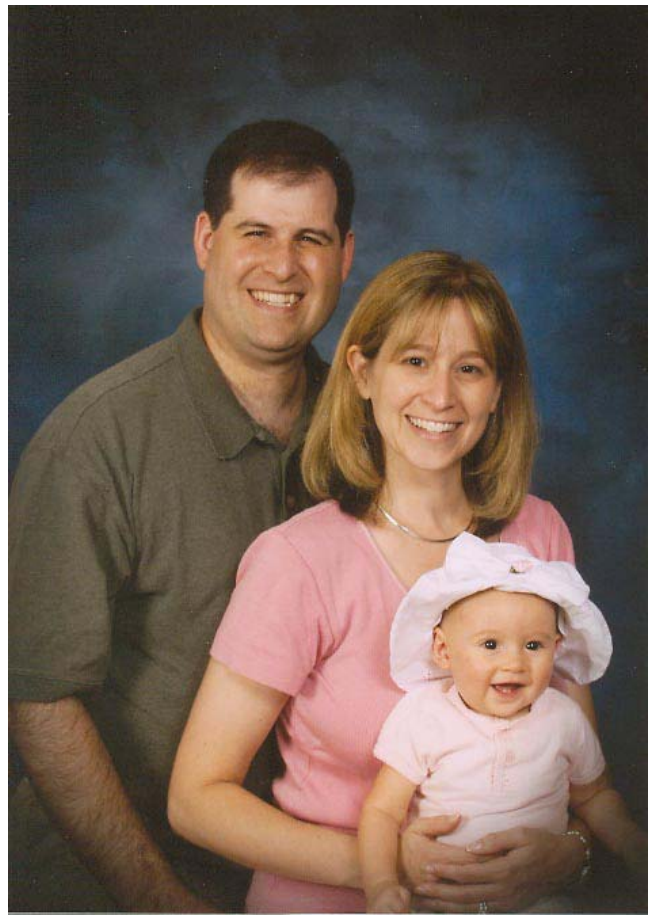
Dear Grandma,

Thank you for the memories  
There's been so many through the years  
From childhood happy moments  
Through adolescent tears

I enjoy our conversations  
Cherishing all the times we share  
I appreciate the cards you've sent  
And how you always seem to care

For many years you worried  
Trying to help along the way  
Did you really ever think  
I'd become who I am today?

You lead by your example  
A loving family and long life  
You are a caring grandmother  
A devoted mother and wife



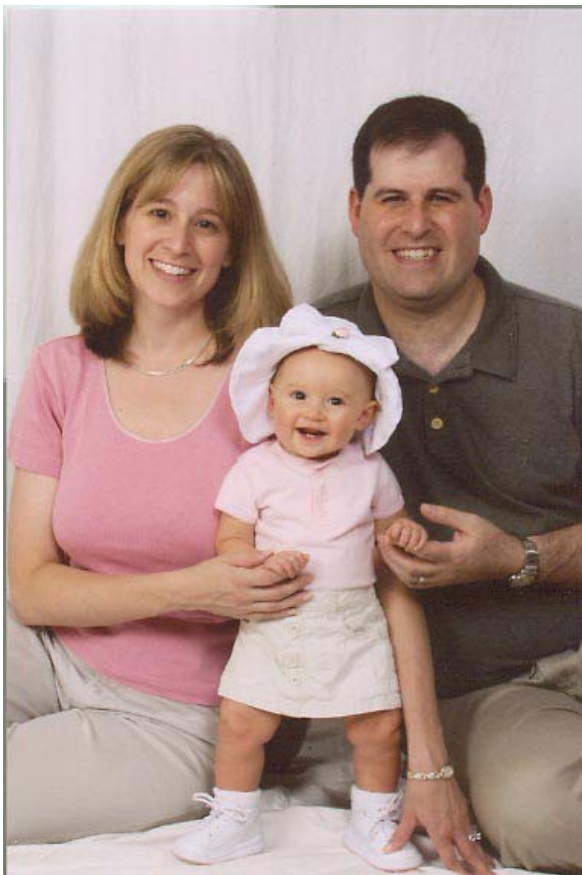
I can't wait to share with Sophie  
All the memories that we've shared  
To know she has a great-grandmother  
So wonderful and rare

You've encouraged me to become a wife  
Who loves the life she's living  
Jeff can tell you this is a gift  
We both thank you so much for giving

Thank you for the memories  
That we celebrate today  
For bringing our family together  
For paving the way for new memories each day

Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Love, Alyson



*“Sunflowers”*



*...some things never lose their beauty.*