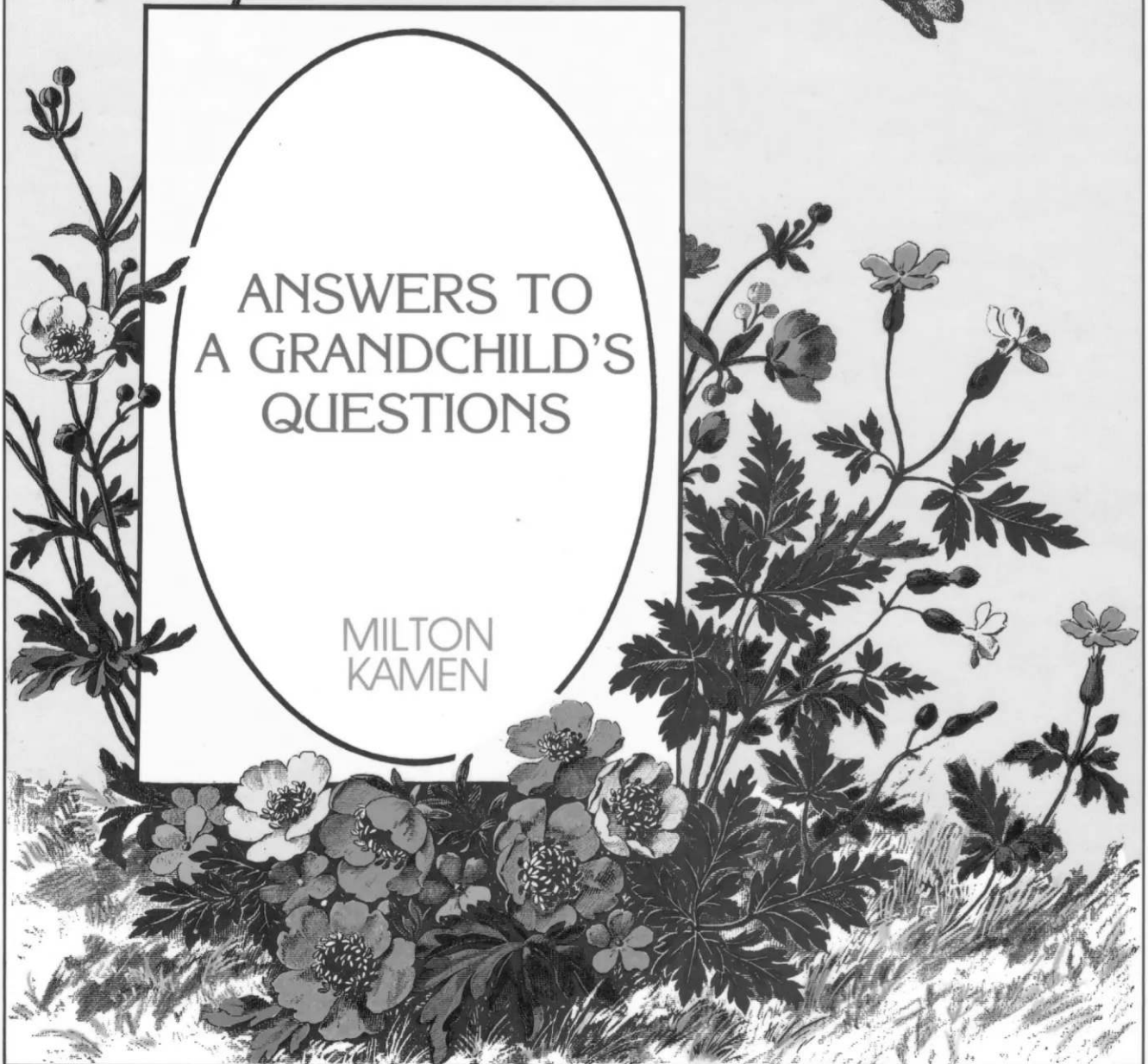


A Grandparents Book

ANSWERS TO
A GRANDCHILD'S
QUESTIONS

MILTON
KAMEN



Family Tree

RoseANNA + Ed Henry

Great-Grandmother

Great-Grandfather

Monica Henry

Grandmother

John Morrissey

Grandfather

Marie Morrissey

1896 - 1991

Mother

See inside of back cover for additional family tree. Two trees are provided so both Grandfather and Grandmother's family names can be recorded.

1773-
Thomas McKenna 1835
Jane⁺ Folkers 1840

Annie
~~Rea~~ Thornton + Thomas
1895 McKenna
1800-1870

Margaret
Shea 1869
Great-
Grandmother

JAMES MCKENNA 1875
Great-
Grandfather

1866-1959
Philip J. McKenna
Grandfather
1862-1924

Philip J. McKenna Jr.
1898-1980

Philip M. McKenna - 1932
Parent's Name

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by

John M. McKenna — Joan C. Stapleton
(Grandparent's name)

Jan 9th 1932 — Nov 30, 1933
(Date of birth)

Evanston, Ill, USA — Swanton, Ohio
(Place of birth) At Home

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Connor P. Kucera

By Grandfather

John M. McKenna in

Feb of 1992

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John

Beginnings

Where were you born?

(City or town, state, country)

EVANSTON, ILL USA

St. Mary's Hospital

What was the month, day and year?

What time was it?

Jan 9th 1932

How much did you weigh at birth?

Were you a healthy new-born baby? *yes*

What were your parents' names?

How old were they?

Philip (34) & Marie (36)

MCKENNA Morrissey McKenna

Notes:

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Beginnings

Where were you when I was born? Denver, Colo

Did you predict correctly whether I would be a boy or girl? No

How did you find out I had arrived? Telephone call from Singapore

Who were the first people you told? Uncles + Aunts - Colleen + Todd + Phil + Leslie + John II + Brian + Byrne + Heidi

Did you suggest a name, or names, for me? No Way

When and where was the first time you saw me? Christmas 1991

Notes:

We had a big party here in Lakewood, Colo on Dec 28th where all your McKenna aunts + Uncles (all except Byrne + Heidi) + your Great Uncle + Aunt Phil + Liz McKenna + our old friends could see your beautiful smile. Also your McKenna 1st + 10 2nd cousins (Allyson)

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John

Beginnings

Joan

Was there anything unusual about the circumstances of your birth?

No -

yes - I was born at home because my father didn't want to have me exchanged for the wrong baby in a hospital

What was your full name?

John M. McKenna

Joan C. Stapleton

Does your name have a special meaning?

Yes "M" stands for Morrissey & I was named after my grandfather John Morrissey

Notes:

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John

When You Were Very Young

Where is the first home you remember?

What did it look like?

Acvinia (Highland Park) on
Burton, Arc where we rented

Who were your neighbors?

good neighbors,
many Italian + the
Sheridan family

Who was your first "best friend"?

Don lived behind
me + took an egg from his Mother's
"Ice box" + we hatched it with my
chicken

Who were your other friends?

My best friends
were George Glader + Fred
Schweiger thru my early years

Do you still have any favorite things
that you had as a child?

yes - I still have old chairs + a
desk + things like that, which
are now called antiques

Notes:

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John

When You Were Very Young

Did you have brothers/sisters when you were very young? When were they born?

My brother was born at the same hospital + we lived in Chicago.

What do you remember about your room? We moved to 983

Ridgewood Dr., Highland Park

When I was 4 + my room faced our big back yard

What were your favorite toys?

A Train - we also

lived close to the train tracks + my father rode the train for over 50 years

What were your favorite games?

Tag + hide + seek. We

had a big yard and a large forest ~~across~~

the street, from our home. On the other side of the forest

What is the first present you remember giving? To Whom? I lived our cousin, the

Morrisey's.

Well that may have been in the 6th grade + her name was Peggy.

Of course we had family presents

Notes: too, but Christmas wasn't as big with presents as it is in the 1960's 70's 80's + 90's.

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John

When You Were Very Young

What is the first present you
remember receiving?

I can
remember that big
red bike with balloon
ties

What was your favorite book?

My father was
a big reader - so I tended
to read what he suggested
which included a lot of Eugene
Field Poems but also Robinson Crusoe

Did you have favorite stories?

The Night Before
Christmas I knew by heart but
we were big into nursery
rhymes - the old old ones - some
of those are still around
here.

Did you have a secret hiding place?

No - sorry

Notes:

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John

When You Were Very Young

Did your family have any pets? Yes - Boston Bull Terrier Dog

What kind? I had 52 pet chickens - Some Japanese Silkies + a lot of Bantams

What were their names? Jacqueline was a favorite Bantam that died in 1942 + was buried in our back yard

Did you have favorite relatives? Yes - lots

The McKenna Side had 7 children that lived - all favorites - with Aunt Ruth the most remembered. The Morrissey side had just Uncle + Ed (+ Irene) + their children Ed Janet + Jean were very close since they lived just across

Did you have a nickname? the "pout" from us.

How did you get it? Jack from my football coach

Did you like or dislike it? at St Norbert + "Hinky Dink" from St Norbert College who miss took me for the famous Chicago crook - "Hinky Dink Kenna".

Notes:

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John

When You Were Very Young

Who took care of you if your parents were away?

Edith Polli Ronyoni was a girl from Iowa who lived with us for a while. Also once "Uncle" Albert Sprong. World War II was on in those years though - so no one traveled (1941-45)

Did you have a grown-up friend who was not a relative?

We had a retired Railroad Home near us - & the "old men" would build a lean-to in our forest & carve out of wood. I often sat with these men & talked about their old rail road days. We never even thought about anything wrong in talking to strangers in those days.

What was the first movie you saw?

I don't remember - but it cost a nickel

Notes:

John

When You Were Very Young

What were your favorite radio programs?

The Lone Ranger &
The Green Hornet

What were your favorite TV programs?

We didn't have TV,
until I was about
15, after the war was
long over.

What indoor games did you play?

What outdoor games did you play?

Tag &
hide & seek

Who did you play with?

neighbor,
Cousins, & friends.
We had a lot of people
coming & going.

Notes:

Grandparents Beck

John When You Were Very Young

Is there one special early memory
you have of your mother?

She was
a housewife, bridge
player & drove to the
train every morning &
evening to pick up Dad.

Aunt Vi tried to teach her how
to smoke but she couldn't get
the idea.

Is there one special early memory
you have of your father?

An attorney, active in
Highland Park politics &
16 years as their head of
zoning. His practice was
in Chicago - Corp law
& estates. He said "people

Notes:

never fight over the \$20,000.
It always over the rings &
such." (Be careful everyone! L.P.)

My folks were a great couple.
They loved people & had so
many friends & they were of all
ages. We were a very happy
family!

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John Growing Up: Grammar School Years

What grammar school did you go to?

Where was it? Lincoln School

Highland Park, Ill. (A very long walk on a cold day)

When did you attend? 8 years - 1938-46

Who were your favorite teachers?

What was special about them? I was not
the teachers
get nor a fast student - so
athletics was my game
+ Mr Exdew the athletic dir.

What were your favorite

grammar school subjects? NONE

Were you in any school plays

or concerts? yes - Tom
Sanyer

What did you do after school?

I was
popular + we had a
lot of sports + games
after school.

Notes:

Grandparents Beck

John Growing Up: Grammar School Years

Who were your best friends in grammar school?

George (Bud) Gladder who lived just 3 blocks away. His father was the Milk Man. Fred Schweiger, also 3 blocks away + his father was manager of Chandler's the stationary store. Highland Park was a small town out of Chicago in those days

How late did you stay up during school nights?

I don't remember - but we didn't have TV or today's distractions to stay up

What chores did you have at home?

I had 52 pit chickens + we had a big yard. My Dad + I also had a victory garden during the war - about a mile away. So I liked working in the garden + the yard + helped cut the grass with an old iron push mower... which never

Notes: broke.

Grandparents Beck

John Growing Up: Grammar School Years

What do you remember about
your summer vacations?

When we were very young we would go to Northern Wis - fishing. My Dad had a client - The Idels - who owned the old Heildberg Restaurant in Chicago & we used their cabin on an Island in Wis.

What do you remember about
the school buildings?

Everything - the Red brick - the jungle jim & the Big Clock on the corner of the Main Bldg - which I donated to have repaired about 8 years ago.

Did you get an allowance?

yes - but I don't remember how much.

How did you spend it?

Hamburgers & pop

Notes:

Grandparents Book

John

Growing Up: High School Years

What high school did you go to?

2 years to
Where was it? Highland Park H.S.
+ 2 years to St. Norbert H.S.
De Pere, Wis (a boarding
school near Green Bay)

Who were your favorite high school teachers?

What was special about them?

My Track coach
who helped me in H.P. at
St. Norbert - lots of good teachers -
Father Clobats the principal + our
athletic dir.

Who were the teachers you didn't

like? What do you remember about them?

One Priest
gave me my challenge in life
when a group of us asked if we
should go to college. He said to
me "No way" + it took me 8 years
to prove him wrong.

What were your favorite
high school subjects?

History maybe - science maybe
plus football, hockey, track etc

Notes:

Grandparents Book

John

Growing Up: High School Years

What subjects did you dislike?

most of them

Who were your closest friends?

at St Norbert
& had good friends but not
the strong ties I had in
Chicago (H.P.)

What were your favorite sports?

football + track (880)
& track events

Were you on any school teams?

yes -
all the above + more

Notes:

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John

Growing Up: High School Years

Did you belong to any clubs?

What were they?

No - not in

H.S.

Were you involved in any activities

-i.e. newspaper, scholastic clubs, etc.?

No

Did you win any academic, social
or athletic awards or prizes?

No -

perhaps a lot of medals
& blankets & letters
though for athletics

Who was the most envied person
in your school? Why?

Fred Schweigis

probably - my good friend
in H.P. because he was
a scholar, an officer & was
athletic. He graduated from
West Point & now lives in Northbrook, Ill

Notes:

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Growing Up: High School Years

What teacher influenced you the most?

Father Clabots, The principal at St. Norbert H.S. He set up strong principles with a backing of Godly stability

Who did you date?

* His asst was Fr De Feers
Donna Reid, Peggy Rothenthal, Peggy Poane, Gena + lots more whose names do not come to me now. Mary Nickles, Clair Zebure

Was there someone you wanted to date but never did?

no, not really. I dated the rich & the poor the Italians, the Jewish girls and the Germans & Irish.

What did you want to be or do when you were finished with high school?

I had thought about agriculture but never followed that up

Notes: * Fr De Feers was the asst Principal of St. Norbert. He wasn't interested in athletics as Fr Clabots was. Fr Clabots got Tom Parsons & I in St. Norbert in about "5 min" when he heard we played football in Highland Park. Fr De Feers knew that I drank a little beer & really wanted me out. Well one day Mother sent me rum ball cookies & he came into the Dorm & accused me of drinking. He was very embarrassed. At college he became my Dean of Men & we became friends. Feb 90 to the next page & I

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John Growing Up: High School Years

What friends had the most influence on you?

Those that I would be around. I was a leader but also a follower

Did you fight with anyone? Who was it and what did you fight over?

Yes - I wouldn't allow anyone to push me around + most people knew that but once in a while ...

Did you have any part-time jobs during the school year?

Only during the summer - but every summer. Landscaping with Mr. Joe Greco along the North Shore Estates + Cleaning coal

How much money did you earn?

furnaces at Fort Sheridan + more

I believe it was Fort Sheridan for the highest pay of \$1.25 an Hr.

Notes: (De Leers) finish this story. after I graduated from St. Norbert College - Fr De Leers married one of the students - got a job in Chicago teaching - had 2 children - then divorced. He raised the kids to age 18 years + then rejoined the order (White Fathers or Pramonstarian) + is now (in 1992) a Priest²⁸ in N. M.

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John

Growing Up: High School Years

What did you like best about summer vacations?

A chance to get out of school & be with friends, lots of friends.

Did you ever work during summer vacations? What did you do?

Yes - those mentioned + gardening on my own.

How much did you earn?

What were your favorite books?

History books + philosophy. I especially liked a Catholic book written about the philosophy of communism. I still have it.

What were your favorite movies?

I just enjoyed them. They were all "pure". We followed the Bishop's recommendations + really stuck by that in those

Notes: days. They were moral, with divorce, + sex + the bad language. Violence did come in the Westerns.

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John

Growing Up: High School Years

Who were your favorite athletes? I didn't follow teams or players very much - I just wanted to be on the field

What magazines did you read? Look, Life + Post

What television or radio programs did you follow? We watched the

let every TV shows - Ed Sullivan - who I once saw in

Who were your favorite actors or actresses? his NY studio

rehearsing for his TV appearance.

I was in the audience with

Father Robert Troy - a cousin in

Notes:

* 1955.

Favorite actors - Bob Hope, Crosby + most in that era plus our cousin (in law) Elisha Cook

The reason I was in NY with Father Troy, who was the Priest cousin who married my parents, was ... IN 1955 after I was discharged from the US AF after 4 years ... I saw Father in Highland Park, He said he was looking for someone to drive him around the US + Canada + I volunteered for 2 weeks. 3 Mon later we got back after taking pictures of about 500 churches

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Growing Up: High School Years

What were the most popular songs?

Slow hits
of the Day - Bill Bottom
Trousers; Cuddle Up a
Little Closer. In Looking
Over a 4 Leaf Clover.

What dances did you do?

I went to dancing
school in grade school -
white gloves + all with
lights afterwards - but I was
never much of a dancer

What were your favorite clothes?

We didn't
have a lot of clothing. It
wasn't that we were poor we
just didn't feel a need. I did
get into the "jute suit" era though

What were the major clothing fads?

We had a "gang hat" (I may
still have it). Knickers
in grade school. But clothing
was not a big deal with me.
I had a suit + just ordinary things.

I still have an old corduroy
jacket from grade school that
I used for camping with the
family in our Colorado cold
camps (tenting).

John

Growing Up: High School Years

What were the most popular slang terms and phrases?

What did you do in high school that gave you the most satisfaction?

Went to Mass every day at St. Norbert H.S. That helped to give me a life of prayer & meditation. It also added to the stability of my life.

What was the greatest disappointment you experienced?

Test scores - They were almost always a big disappointment.

Did you drive a car?

Yes - I started driving at 15 & in my 1st year I bought a '36 Plymouth for \$350 & a year later sold it for \$35.

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Growing Up: High School Years

Who taught you how to drive?

My Mother

What kind of car did you drive?

I believe it... well I don't remember. I do remember the 1948 Olds though.

How did you get along with your mother?

Very very well. Oh she would tell me to change my pants - & then upstairs again to change my socks, but we got a long well. I of course made her nervous with my teenage years.

How did you get along with your father?

Most people called her Aunt Mer or Aunt Morris. Very Very well. He was a wonderful model of a man, not only for me, but for all the cousins & neighbors. Everyone looked up to Dad - myself

Notes:

more even than anyone else. He was in World War II; He went to Un of Ill (Agriculture) & then switched to law at Northwestern Un (His father was a suc. pol. attorney in Chicago - but grad from Dublin law sch). Dad was a scholar, a big reader, & a very well loved man. He fixed everything but cars. Active always in Church & the 33 local political scene.

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John

Growing Up: High School Years

Who were the adults you considered

friends? "Uncle Leo" - Dad's best friend.

Not a relative but a successful Chicago real estate man (He built the Prudential Bldg). I thought he had the "model family" of six children. He was my confirmation sponsor & I took the name St Leo from Leo Skridan. Leo became the ambassador to Ireland

What were your neighbors like? under Pres. Johnson

Mostly friendly. Harveys had a farm in Tiburtville & Harveys objected to a teenage party we had.

Who did you have "crushes" on?

Already mentioned
gals I dated. Peggy Dams & Mary
Nickles were two I dated for a
a longer pd of time, off + on.

Did you fall in love with anyone?

No way

Notes:

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John Growing Up: College, University Years

Did you go to college? Colorado College,

Where was it?

East ~~State~~ Texas State,
St. Edwards in Austin, De Paul Univ
in Chicago St. Norberts in Wis + Oxford, England
(Magdalen College)

What was your major course of study?

History
Philosophy + Science

Did you have any outstanding or memorable teachers?

Dr. Warner History at
C.C. became Pres of C.C.
Fr De Lurs was Dean of men at St. Norbert.
Fr Regan was my counselor and
friend + a vet himself

What were your goals when you were a student?

It took me a long
time to mature + goals didn't
become strong until after I
graduated + got in the business
world. Then I seemed to set better

Were you involved in any extra-curricular activities?

goals than most
people did.

Yes, in college, after 4 years in
the U S A F I became more club
interested. Pres of the Vets Club
was a major organization + I
was Pres of Ski Club + active in

Notes:

other areas too. We also
lived in a "home" at St. Norberts
+ had to organize our cooking,
cleaning etc. Back at C.C. I
was a pledge for Phi Gamma
Delta + was very involved, before
I went into the U S A F

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Growing Up: College, University Years

Were you a member of any clubs?

Yes - Vets,
Ski Club etc + Phi Gamma Delta

What were your most important learning experiences?

Living was an experience ... every day. We challenge ourselves every day. Once when I was working construction * in Green Bay during the summer...

What kind of a student were you?

Not a good student + I had very bad grades. Tests were hard for me + I was too social.

Did you receive any awards, prizes, or degrees?

No, not one, for any scholastic work.

What do you remember best? I remember that we, the Vets, sort of ran the social life of the college. St. Norbert College turned Co-Ed in about 1953 or so + so the Vets sort of lead the way in 1955 with the social life. Taverns were popular.

Notes: summer in Green Bay (- Construction). Another man had gone down into the ditch in my place. He had nine kids. The ditch caved in + he was killed 9 feet of dirt on top of him. I had not expected that kind of experience that day + the thought of it always stuck with me. That happened in about 1956.

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John Growing Up: College, University Years

Did you attend any graduate or professional schools? Why? No - but after I was in business & saw the need, I signed up for courses in business (correspondence) & always kept active in areas of advancement.

What did you study?

Dale Carnegie Sales Course was one of the best things I did. It was Grandmother (Joan) idea. It put me always ahead in sales.

Did you receive any awards, prizes, or degrees? They wanted me to teach for them full time & I did do some part time teaching for them (Dale Carnegie).

Who were your closest friends and roommates? at St. Norbert H.S. we had 12 to a dorm & we became quite close. at CC I live alone after the 1st semester. In the military we had about 100 people to the barracks, at St. Norbert college we had a house with 5 of us. Foley, McBride, McKenna.

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What do you remember best? + I've lost contact with all of them.

Graduation Day - My folks came up from Chicago & brought Joan (grandmother) up with them. I graduated in 1958 (Joan) after having started in the fall of 1950. It took a lot of schools & 4 years in the USAF & believe it or not - perseverance.

Notes: My Dad once asked me how I was doing financially at St. Norbert. I was on the GI Bill so was rather independent, & said "in Chicago beer was .15¢ a glass & in De Pere, Wis. it was .05¢ a glass - therefore I was making .10¢ on every beer that I bought". Actually, I went to Oxford Wn on the GI Bill but my folks helped me out with the transportation etc because they got the benefit of my 37 being on the GI Bill.

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John

Friends

What friends have you stayed in touch
with since childhood?

Jim Varney +
Fred Schweiger. Budd
Gladder died in about 1968.

What friends have you stayed in touch
with since your teen years?

John Herz,
Hugh Piddle, Tom Greenwood,
Tom Parsons, John Lawrence,
The Shridans, The Robert,
Hulsemans (Solo Cup)

What friends have surprised you by
getting in touch?

Tom Greenwood
+ the whole of the St Norbert
Alumni H.S. called me
in 1990 from their reunion -
when I was very sick.

What friends have you meant to keep
in touch with, but haven't?

Dick
Reynolds was an old USAF
contact who I lost track
of when he moved to Palm
* Springs, Calif. *

What friendships have you renewed?

Just had a letter from Joan Arvey
after 40 years - a former
neighbor. Called Marilyn
Callahan a cousin (after 40 years
when Mother died. At Mums

Notes: funeral, as well as Dads,
we renewed a lot of old
acquaintances.

I also lost track of (friends) (David W. Torres)

Willie Torres who was a civilian
in Brownsville, Texas when I was
in the USAF. I 1st met him in
Uncle Phil's wedding in Norman, Okla
& we became good friends in Texas.

He acquired US citizenship 39 + was drafted,
went to Korea in the front line, was discharged + I was still in USAF

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Friends

Who are your closest friends now?

How did you meet them?

Simon (ly)
Ireneble - met in the USAF
in 1952 (He died Dec 1991).

Don McNulty - met 1970 - Pham
reg. My brother Phil who I talk
to 3 to 5 times a week. Old
neighbor - who we still see in Denver

What recent acquaintances have
become friends?

Since my retirement
3 years ago - we have entered
into a lot of different groups -
Church groups - Nova Shalom -
Full Gospel - Community Bible
Study - & these people have become very
good friends.

Have you ever gone to a reunion? Which?

What was it like? How did you react?

Yes - went to the
10th year reunion for Highland Park H.S. (where
I went for my Freshman & Sophomore years).

Thought we could win a prize for traveling
from Co. or for the most kids or "something".

The MC said the only prize would be for
those who made it (\$) & those who
didn't. It was a great reunion.

Remember Donna Reid had thought that
I had gone away to St. Norbert to
become a priest.

Notes:

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John

Friends

Do you have any friends who became famous?

Yes - Bob Hulsemann took over the family business of Solo Cup + has enlarged it + made it even more successful and Mother's friend Bob Kemp (married to Mag Piloge) became very well to do - but Grandmother

What is the strangest place you ever

conceived that story began a friendship? I was going to Oxford in England - + I met a beautiful red head on board our ship (7 days) going to England. So that is where I met Grandmother Joan in the middle of the Atlantic. She would not let me kiss her so I had to go to Milwaukee Wis. after my Oxford + European tour - to find her. That is where she was teaching school.

Who is your most amusing friend?

Mr Gilroy was funny + I heard he won the million dollar lottery in Chicago. I guess my brother's great humor is what I appreciate most.

Have you ever had a serious quarrel with a friend? What happened?

no, not really. I have found that friends, even close friends sometimes go in different directions. I think religion + philosophy + materialism lead people in different directions. I

Notes: know that my personal feelings about religion + materialism make me seek out people who think like I do. Age, illness + ideals also make one seek interests more akin to where one person is.

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John

Friends

Where and when did you meet your
husband's/wife's best friend?

Meg was Joan
best friend + I believe 2 1st I met
her in Milwaukee when she came
up to get a nursing job. That was
when I was living in De Pere Wis (St.
Norbert) + counting Grandmother Joan
in Milwaukee.

What is your favorite story about
any of your friends?

Mrs Mardy Williams -
They were transferred to Texas in
her husband's new job. She didn't
know anyone + couldn't make many
friends (which she thrived on) so she
joined weight watchers even though
she was as skinny as a rail.
so she could meet people. She
then put pillows under her dress
to make herself look fat. She
made friends + wasn't lonesome anymore.

Who, within the family, has been your
best friend?

My brother. We were just
brothers until he moved to Denver in
about 1974, from Oklahoma.
Then we became really really good
friends; + have been able to help
each other in many ways.

Notes:

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Friends

What friends have done, or would do, the most for you without being asked? When I was in the Hosp. in Oct of 1989 - I was near death due to blood clots + infection as well as surgery. So many friends came to visit, but it was the Christian friends who knew how to pray that had the most to offer.

Have you done things for friends without them knowing it? What? When? Yes - I am heavy into prayer - + pray for friends + family + often think they are unaware of this intercessory prayer. Yes, I believe that I often do things for other people even if it's speaking kindly of them or asking others to think kindly of them.

What do you most value in a friendship? Those who are willing to be honest in their motives + are willing to give of themselves, so that I can do the same.

Who is the best friend you've ever had? Don McMulty and my brother come to mind. But others "along the way" have been very good friends - grade school, H.S. college, U.S.A.F. + on the 'job' + in our many Church activities - Job Hawley as an example as well.

Notes: as former neighbors + relatives.

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John

At Your Own Home

When did you leave your parents' home? I left

Why and where did you move? home at age 16 when I went to boarding school but the family break didn't really occur until I was 18 went to college + then on

How much rent did you pay? to 4 years in the USAF.

At home, none. In the USAF none. I rented when I went back to St. Marbert College + can only remember that it was

What did your home look like?

How large was it? How was it furnished?

really cheap.
Our home in Highland Park (983 Ridgewood Dr.) was a large 2 story (in fact 3 story) we had 3 bed rooms + the attic area. My parents bedroom was very large with a porch on one end. We had a living room, a family area (porch); a dining room + kitchen. Our 2 car garage (we only had one car) was detached from the house. Our lot was

How long did you live there?

almost 1/2 acre with a screened

Why did you next move? Where? 7x7 summer house to picnic in + lived in that house plus a stone fire place from age 4 to 18 where we often grilled.

so from about 1936 to 1950. In 1958 my parents moved to Lake Forest (200 N. Ridge Rd) where they (Mom) stayed until 1984.

Notes:

a word about the USAF. I signed up while at Colo College. The "Korean Police action" was a nervous situation to our generation - so soon after world War II + the atom Bomb.

I joined the AF because I was flunking out of school + the draft was sure to get me soon. The AF sounded better than the Army after I had worked in Fort Sheridan the summer before + saw all the artillery moving out.

I figured 4 years was really ^{4.5} only for the (next page)

Grandparents Book

John

At Your Own Home

How many other houses or apartments have you lived in?

after graduating from college I moved to Milwaukee & lived with friends & then rented a room until

What were your addresses? When were you there? Joan & I were

I think it was the Married

Bayshore area of Milwaukee. My Landlord where I rented a room for a while had a very large home with his family & Mother. He sang the Star Spangled Banner at the Milwaukee Braves Baseball Games.

Do you have any furnishings that belonged to your parents?

Yes, quite a few. The metal entry table came from my grandparents as did the mahogany black chair & book-case. I have 2 rockers from the Morrissey's in Champaign. I have the old desk from my parents.

Notes: I have pictures from my Uncle & one cartoon from the Chicago Tribune made by Mc Clutchen for my Grandfather. Fortunately I have a number of smaller items to remind me of "home", like dishes that my Mother painted & Billed from our Irish Priest cousins.

duration of the "War". It wasn't, it really was for 4 years. Continued on page 48.

Grandparents Book

John

At Your Own Home

What is the least expensive home or apartment you've ever had?

Our 1st home in 1934 in Revinia near Highland Park where my parents rented on Burton Ave

What is the most expensive?

The Lake Forest home (200 N Ridge) where I sort of called home since my parents move there just before I was married.

Which homes or apartments have you enjoyed the most? Why?

The home we had at 983 Ridgewood Dr in Highland Park from 1936 to 1958 (when my parents moved out). It was just really a "home" where my friends were always welcome and we were very happy. We had the "big" home, with a large lot + a small forest across the street. Then on the other side of the "forest" $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away, lived the Morrissey

Notes: cousins. The neighborhood was very friendly + my folks had organized the "Ridgewood Dr. Assoc" - where for 3 blocks in each direction - neighbors would get together for a Christmas Party + a summer Party.

Grandparents Book

John

At Your Own Home

What room have you liked the best
in any of your homes?

I remember well
my window at the Highland Park
House - where I could look out the
back yard - see my chickens, the
big big old oak tree with the tire
on it. The fish pond (where the
dockefeller McCornick fountain later
sat. The green grass, the green lilies,
the little summer house. It was a
nice room - with a big closet to hide
stuff in.

What have been your favorite pieces
of furniture?

My folks bought me a desk
to improve my studies at that
time - the maple desk (student
size) which I still have.

* Notes: Korea, as it turned out it was
a good experience for me. I had
stability from home. I had discipline
from boarding school - so I could
do better than many in the military.
I was too wild though + there was too
much drinking. Fortunately my last
3 years was in Harlingen, Texas where
we opened a new base. My friends
were civilians that by Trouble introduced

Grandparents Book

At Your Own Home

Who have been your favorite neighbors?

The Demsey family bought the large Harvey home to the south of us. They had 4 children + Uncle Byrne living with them. Byrne + I ran around together after I was discharged. His sister + brother in law helped me get back to civilian life after my 4 years in the service - just talking + realizing the adjustments I was making from the military back to college + living at home once again - after about 7 years away.

Who have been the most irritating neighbors?

Oh we had a few - but most were really congenial. The Marions had objected to one or 2 teenage parties my brother + I had + they never seemed to get over it. We always thought the old couple who live in a shack of a house (2 houses away) were different but actually they were a beautiful old English couple. He had his legs cut off by the train when he was crossing the track + died about a year after that. I used to visit them more then. The home was ~~was~~ torn down + replaced by a more beautiful home but the people were great - they couldn't be replaced.

+ me to in Brownsville. a great crowd of High School + above kids. we became part of this social life. I ran the Hamburger King Bar in Harlingen every other night - so this gave me plenty of money to keep up with the civilian crowd. I was a bar tender's Mom at age 19. (continued p. 50)

Marriage

* U.S.A.F. The government then gave us the GI Bill to go to college. I even was able to get out 3 months early. Even though I still had a long way to go, the USAT was a maturing period in my life that helped me much in the future. "4 years in Texas." "Deep in the heart of Texas there was sand in all we ate. The girls were all bol legged & the guys all had flat feet. That why they had to send us there to sit in sad dejection for that damn states protection. Does the the rain was wetter & down there the sun was hotter. They said it was the best state but there were 47 better. Still the IAF never forgot it, ... I asked 50 for foreign duty & believe me I got it."

Grandparents Book

John

Marriage

How did you meet my grandfather/ grandmother?
grandmother? + I met on board that ship - The Empress of Britain, going to Europe.

How old were you? 25
How old was he/she? 23

What attracted you to each other? A beautiful red headed girl - who wouldn't let me kiss her good night. It was her Irish personality + humor that got me really interested though. She had the same type of background as myself + therefore a lot to

How long did you know each other before you discussed marriage? We talked about it for 5 months after that before we were able to get together in Milwaukee. Then I graduated from St. Norbert + got my 1st job in Milwaukee where the courting really started. So about 10 months

How did you become engaged? We went to a German restaurant in Sheboygan (Mequon) Wis - + I dropped the ring in a martini glass. The bar tender almost through it away but when he heard the occasion he brought us our drinks. It was St. Patrick's

Notes: Day in 1958. We had actually bought the ring together in Chicago where I had some contacts (with the Dempsey family) in the jewelry business. I forgot, being winter, that that was the money that I had been saving to buy a boat, motor + trailer.

I Bill to 3 months ago, the USAF fed me much heart of Texas and legged - send us the action, Down + better. They said still the IAF or me I got it.

Grandparents Beck

Marriage

How did your parents react when

you told them? They were very very happy. They had thought that perhaps I was going to be the old Irish bachelor.

How did his/her parents react when

you told them? They were please I think. They were fond of the Irish + they liked my family. However, they had seen a lot of good boy friends pass thru the house + here was one who they didn't know that well.

What do you remember most about

your courtship? It was very social. I didn't have but a room so we had to always go out to bars + restaurants + church + that sort of thing. Joan lived with 5 gals in an apt so we could visit + there + I had my college friend apt when we had a lot of parties.

What ring or token did you give or receive as an engagement present?

I gave Joan a diamond ring.

Notes:

Grandparents Book

Marriage

When and where were you married? We married in Swanton Ohio in the Catholic Church, just across the street from the Stangelton home

What did you wear? A Tux

Who was at your wedding? About 500 people. Most people in Swanton + about 40 people from Chicago (A.P.) + around the country. Aunt Ruth from Calif with her 2 younger girls. Jean from Michigan (cousin). Cy + Mary Trenkle from Wis.

What do you remember best about the ceremony?

Joan's Uncle, Father Jim, married us. It was very formal with a full church. Father Jim said "for better + worse ...". Joan looked beautiful in her white gown wedding dress - but we were both nervous with so many people + our wild wedding party members.

Notes:

Grandparents Book

John

Marriage

Where did you spend the first night
of your marriage?

Brown's Motel, Cleveland
Ohio

Did you receive wedding presents?
What were they?

Yes - many presents were given
to us - Thanks to Grand Parents - Rudy
& Vi Stayshton & my parents Phil
& Marie McKenna. Lots of glass &
silver & pots & furniture & kitchen items.

Do you have photographs of your
wedding? Where are they?

Yes & we have
the photos in an album. We
took mostly black & white in
those days.

Did you go on a honeymoon? Where?
How long?

Yes - to the
Pocono Mountains in
Penn in a 1957 Chev Convertible
which belonged to the Stayshton's
we stayed a week at a Honeymoon
type resort.

Notes: On our honeymoon we looked
up relatives - The Werner side & saw
Aunt Ethel, cousin Phil & Mary Hunt
& Margorie & Ned Doris & their kids.
They had always kept this cabin
in the Pocono Mts.

Grandparents Book

John

Marriage

What were the first things you

bought together for your home? We had

a lot of used furniture from
Swanton + H. P. Aunt Freda + Chalmers
gave us a beautiful set of
tables which we still have
in the family room. Rudy + Vi
gave us the Ice Box, which we still have

What surprised you most about my (after 33 years
grandfather/grandmother after you married?

That she didn't know me as
well as I thought she did,
but then, our courtship was
rather short, considering
that much of the time we were far apart.

What was the first argument you had

after the wedding? I don't remember -

perhaps it was when she found
that I had placed all my
hats in the dining room
china cabinets in our apart-
ment. The hats really
looked good too.

Notes:

Grandparent's Book

Marriage

What friends have you seen most as

that we owned

a couple? Our 1st house was on
~~22nd~~ ~~place~~ in Holden. Tract home -
where we all moved in at the
same time. We are still having
reunions with 4 of these couples, 130

What has he/she done that has made
you proud?

years latter.

She had six beautiful children!
What else counts? Only
going to Heaven!

What pastimes, games, sports or
leisure interests do you share?

Joan likes football
even better than I. Since so
many of our children were in
sports, we tend to like most of them.

Have you and your husband/wife enjoyed
good health? If not, what were the problems?

We had good
health until about 18 years ago,
when my lungs started to
deteriorate. Before that we
were very very active, with
camping, hiking, skiing
etc.

Notes:

Grandparents Book

Marriage

What is your favorite story about
my grandmother/grandfather?

about her
reaction, after our 1st
child - when I said ... "Only
18 more to go". Or, when
she was hit by another car in
the parking lot about 30 years
ago + the man left a note on
the window. When she called
the number, the "lady" said ... "My
husband doesn't know a ~~John~~ ^{John} ~~Joan~~
Did you marry more than once? McKenna".
Whom? No

Did you have children by another
marriage?

No

Notes:

Grandparents Book

Travel

How old were you when you took your first trip? Because of World War II we didn't take a lot of vacations. We went usually to Wisconsin, fishing etc. after the war the family took a trip to Calif via Colo (1948)
Which childhood trip do you remember most vividly? Why?

I remember fishing on that island in N. Wis, when my fishing rod "fell" in the lake & we didn't discover it until morning. It had a big bass on the end of the line. I believe it was the largest fish we caught that year. Our trip to Calif was exciting also - in 1948. My Mother passed out on Red Mt Pass in Colo (it was a dirt road known as the million dollar Hwy) & broke into Hives - Hives - when my brother was driving. 43 years later Uncle Todd drove for UPS over that same Hwy.

When did you take your first plane ride? Were you scared?
My brother took me up in a biplane. Yes, I was scared when he did stunts - dives etc & I thought up all over the plane & they made me clean it up.

Did you or your parents take photographs of your trips? Do you still have any?

Yes, some pictures & yes we (Uncle Phil III & I) still have some

Notes:

Grandparents' Book

Travel

Do you remember the first hotel

you stayed in? Which one? When? Yes - it was the famous hotel on Macanack Island in upper Michigan. I got sick there too all over the main dining room.

What is the most adventurous thing

that occurred while you were travelling? On our trip to Calif in 1948 - my Uncle Ed Morrissey died + Mom + Dad flew back to Chicago. My brother Phil + I had to drive the car back. They didn't give us much money. Phil went to visit friends on Balboa Island. I lived on a 60-sailboat for a couple weeks then I ditch hiked up to Monterey Calif + spent time with cousins (John + Margare Calhoun) then I got a ride to Bishop Calif + spent a week with Peggy + Elisha Cook (cousins) who were in the

What is the funniest thing that ever

happened to you during a trip? Movies (Exangel - Stone) We (Phil + I) were driving out of Yellowstone Park, when I hit a rock in the road + we were pulled 80 miles into Da Bays, Wyo. We lived on a glass of milk for breakfast + a hamburger for lunch + both of these for dinner. They finally fixed

Notes:

the hydrolic gear shift with a hammer (it was new in those years). We would watch the 'old gals' put knicks in the slots + after they finished we would try this machine - we usually was a little.

Grandparents Book

Travel

Were you ever lost while travelling? Do you remember the story about Moses. If he had only asked for directions he could have gone 1501 miles or so + found the Promised Land... but men don't ask for directions... + it took him 40 more years.

Were you ever in need of a Good Samaritan on a trip? Did you find one? Grandmother + I have traveled much - Europe, Ireland, Israel, Hong Kong, China, Mexico + we only made it by getting others to help us. One time in Mexico City, we were looking for Chapultepec castle + a "nice" big policeman got in our car to help us. That made 9 people.

Have you had any health problems while travelling? In the car
Once Joan + I were on a beach vacation to Mazatlan, Mexico when asthma hit + I had a little trouble walking - but we never had any acute big problems. Oh, yes, Joan got sick on a family vacation in Mazatlan + we had to drive to Tzucalarbana, Mexico to cool off.

Where did you go on your first trip with your husband/wife?

We had all "family vacations" from 1958 to 1983 - when Joan + I went to Vienna, + Bavaria (Germany - Switzerland - France). We took a train for about

Notes:

3 hours out of Vienna to a "New Wine" city - met some great people - had too much wine - + almost missed our train + our hotel. We went to far on the train, had to get a sub way back + then a cab - then our hotel was closed.

Grandparents' Book

Travel

What is the most exotic or extraordinary trip you've taken?

The very best trip we made was 16 days to Israel via Boston in 1985. We didn't want to go with a priest because that could have been a dry tour going when he wanted to go. We didn't want to travel with a charismatic group because I sometimes want a beer. So we ended up with a tour of 14 Jews - which was fantastic. But, the beautiful part was remembering the Old Testament + the New Testament + being in those very same places. Joan + I had only recently finished our 1st 5 year course in the Bible.

What is the strangest mode of transportation you've used while on a trip?

In 1948, I took a tour of the Grand Canyon on a donkey. In 1957 I took a bike ride in + around the castles in W. Ireland. I took a horse around the Ring of Kerry in Ireland. In H.S., I took the North Shore to school every day in Highland Park.

Notes:

Grandparents Book

Travel

What is the best trip the two of you have taken together?

As I already stated on the opposite page - Israel was the best trip for us. But perhaps, the best trip was really back in 1957 when Joan & I met each other on the Empress of Britain, going from Montreal Canada to Liverpool, England. Joan was just starting her tour of 3 months of Europe, but she broke away for a day to visit Dublin Ireland with me to meet Father Charlie Troy. She

Do you have any purchases or mementos from your travels?

had a girl friend with her to.

Yes, just today (5/20/92) I had to take my old German clock into get repaired. That was a present that I found carried from Germany to my folks in Chicago in 1957. When the folks died, I got the old clock back. It needed a new spring for \$25. They said the value on a clock like this would be about \$250. Today, I don't remember the original price, but my whole trip hardly

Notes: cost more than that.

Grandparents Book

Travel

Have you ever travelled with friends?

When? With whom? Where did you go? No, all of our long distance trips have been on our own. However, we have gone to interesting places + met people - like Maureen + Kevin + Brian in

Have you made any friends while travelling? When and how? (Hong Kong.)

Yes - even on our honeymoon to the Pocono Mts. Or on one of the family trips to Victoria Island Canada (The Johnsons). Or in Israel, the Jewish people. Or in Europe, one of our neighbors a block away.

What foreign countries have you travelled to?

Mexico; Canada;
China; Hong Kong; all of Europe twice; England, Ireland, + Israel.

Notes:

Grandparents Book

Travel

What places would you return to? all of them.

Each country gave us reasons to want to return, especially Ireland + Israel

What places would you not return to?

Have you ever taken a cruise?

What ship? How long was the trip?

Just that one that I mentioned, The Empress of Britain in 1957 when Joan + I met - going from Montreal Canada to Liverpool, England for 6 days

Notes:

A Grandparents Book

Travel

What is the best hotel you stayed

in? Why?

We tend to stay in smaller hotels when traveling to foreign countries. A Bed + Breakfast in Passau, Germany stands out in 1983, as does another one in Garmisch, Germany.

What is the best restaurant you've

eaten in while travelling?

I liked the German restaurants because they had swine hocks, + each place served them differently. But French food in Hong Kong; trips in China; Israel had special foods because their inhabitants have come back from all over the world.

Notes:

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Travel

What is the most spectacular sight you've seen while travelling?

The Great Wall of China, Bethlehem, Nazareth, & the old city of Jerusalem. Now the European adventure of Rome, the Vatican, and the tremendous ancient ~~best~~ history things of that area ... but that was 35 years ago.

What is the single greatest memory you have of a trip you've taken?

The family trip to Mexico should be a movie, when we went to Mexico City & then Alcapulco - with the sight of us. John II will have to write another seven songs about that trip.

Notes:

Grandparents Beck

Work, Jobs, Money

What was your first full-time job? How much did you earn? What were your responsibilities?

1st summer job in H.S. was working landscape for Greco (Joe) Inc. We made about .50¢ to .75¢ an hour & we worked the very large estates in Winnetka; Glenview; Wilmett, along the lake area

Describe your first boss.

Joe Greco - an immigrant from Italy, about 55 years old - raised his family (Joe + Fred) in Highwood & had been doing this work for 40 years. He made my Father

What has been your main occupation? Why did you choose it? How did you get started?

Doggo Red wire

Sales - I gravitated to sales because of my personality + willingness to work with people. This is how I started my career + about 6 job later I

For whom have you worked?

was still in sales.
Moore Business Forms in Milwaukee, Wis; Dewes-Seal Office Supply; Montgomery Ward; Schering Pharmaceutical; A H Robbins Pharmaceutical + Miles Inc (Pharmaceutical).

Notes: Other summer job in H.S. + College were - One year worked Ft Sheridan in Highwood, Ill cleaning out old coal furnaces. Another year I did gardening on my own for neighbors. In the service, I was a bartender for 3 years - every other night at the Hamburger King in Harlingen, Texas. In college I spent some ⁶⁹ time working construction in Green Bay.

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Work, Jobs, Money

What other jobs have you had? In 1970 I went to work for Dome Lab, which later became Miles after Miles was bought by Bayer, AG of Leverkusen, Germany (Neat Calone) in 1978. I started with Dome in selling Dermatology + allergy products (allergenic extracts) then with Miles we went into female products + many others. When Bayer took over we sold heart products + Cipro + Mezlin antibiotics.

What is the most important promotion you've received?

In 1980 I was promoted to Dir Mgr for the S.W. area of Arizona, Utah, Colo; NM + part of Texas. After 3 days I turned the job down, realizing I couldn't raise a family + move around the country like that. Joan influenced me in that decision + it was the best move I ever made.

What was the most difficult job you've done?

God + family are more important than the job + money etc

In 10 years, I had 10 managers. Some good + some terrible. The most difficult job I ever had was getting along with some of the people. There were some where I didn't get along.

Notes:

Grandparents Book

Work, Jobs, Money

Have you ever owned your own business? *No*

How did it start?

Who or what has been the most important help
to you in your work?

The "what" of this question would be the Dale Carnegie sales course which I took in 1960 when I realized I need technique to compete in sales. The "who" was Karl Eckhardt my Dir mgr at S H Robins. He gave me the enthusiasm & the goals & promotion to set me above others. These were small promotions in territory, Hospital & retail sales - plus he sent me around the Oregon, Texas, N. M., Colo area, training other sales people.

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Work, Jobs, Money

What is the most extravagant thing you've ever done?

Conservative by nature ... & must think. I believe it may have been in 1969 when we had lost our job with D H Robins; moved into our new house we built on 30th Ave in Lakewood, Colo; just had our 6th child; and no prospect of a new job + much needed income - Joan + I went out + bought a beautiful new big dining room set. Prices that showed our optimism.

Have you ever been caught in a severe financial crisis?

Yes, I just spoke of that above. It took me over 3 mo to land a job + by then we were drinking eating powdered milk, eating oatmeal + no longer able to donate much of anything to the Church. All three of those things hurt me very much. We went from \$12,000 a year down to \$10,000 a year in our new position with Dome Laboratories.

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Work, Jobs, Money

What do you think is the soundest investment one can make?

That's not a fair question today (5/22/92) because things are changing so very, very fast. If we just look at the last 2 1/2 years back, when we saw the world change; when we saw the Berlin Wall come down; Russia no longer the USSR. The Common Market of Europe pull together; the market in Japan fall; The election of Pres Bush being well challenged; our family values being changed; The inner city of LA being trashed; our court system being questioned; our divorce rate still increasing & abortion being so common place for birth control - we have to change our ideas of a sound investment. I don't know the answer. Homes were a good investment but appear less so today. The stock market has money to be made... but someone also is going to lose. The Bond market is looking better in today's market - what

Notes: it takes, I believe, is someone who can really watch the World events. I believe that we will see more money turn bonds in the future. Therefore we must be right with God & in the highest of integrity - be it in our own business or working for a Company. These past passing years are going to be exciting & very successful but our morals must be very high. A tie-in is a good practice.

We must stay out of debt, except for the house. We must Not let money or success get ahead of God & Family. Yet we must be bold & daring. God wants us to be Financially a success. To help others

Grandparents Beck

Family Lore

What were your grandparents' names? Philip Joseph + Joanna ~~Richardson~~ Richardson
McKenna + Monica + John Morrissey.

Where did they come from? Philip came from Foynes, Limerick Ireland
What did they do? Joanna Richardson came from Escanaba, Mich
Monica Morrissey was from Champaign, Ill +
John Morrissey came from New York (upper)

What memories do you have of them? Philip, Monica + John all
died before I was born. Joanna lived in the
"City of Chicago". We would visit often in her
apt. When she was unable to take care of herself
& after his sister Aunt Mary died she lived with
us. She always did the dishes for my brother + myself
standing on one crutch. She visited Aunt Art + Aunt
Ruth. Then she moved back East (Baltimore) + died
at Aunt Blonnie's when I was in the service. She was
about 88 years old + is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Chicago.

Who were your great aunts and uncles?

Where did they live? I didn't know any great uncles/aunts.
They died + in Champaign + in Chicago + Pittsburgh before
I was born.

What did they do? What memories
do you have of them?

In Champaign - one was buried with-
out even a grave stone + were not sure
way. Another, Dan Morrissey, bought up farm land +
made tremendous amounts of money. On the Henry side,
I have visited the grave stones (Protestant Cemetery).
In Chicago, I believe one was buried

Notes: So, who were my grandparents. Monica Morrissey
was a housewife + her maiden name was Henry. John, with 2
brothers came from upper NY, + he ran a tobacco shop + became
a gentleman farmer... owning the farm (240 acres) in Champaign
+ (640 acres) in Matt, N.D. Phil McKenna I, came from Ireland
where he was college educated in Dublin, + probably already an
attorney. He was editor of the Escanaba Escanaba newspaper +
the Catholic Forester magazine enticed him to move to Chicago.
He became a rather powerful behind the scene politician
+ was on the less corrupt side. He + Joanna had a
big home on Sheridan Road, near Evanston (Rodger Park).
We think he lost all his money before the depression

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Family Lore

What were/are your parents' names? *Marrie Morrissey McKenna*
Ph: lip Joseph McKenna, Jr.

Where did/do they live? *Dad lived in Chicago & he met Mother in Champaign, Ill where he went to the Un of Ill. Ed Morrissey introduced him to his sister. Mother lived in Champaign & went to school at the Villa in Rock Island, Ill.*

What did/do they do? *Dad took Agriculture at the Un of Ill & then switched to law (like his father) at Northwestern Un in Chi. Mother was a house wife.*

What are your memories of the home

you grew up in? *Dad would be up at about 6:45 A.M. every day, come downstairs & make coffee & up again to get dressed. Mother would be down to make everyone breakfast & then drive dad to the 8:10 train for Chicago Office (1 North La Salle St). She would again pick him up at the Station (5:10 P.M). She would wave him down & on dark nights have an emergency light on the top of her car. On a hot night Dad would have his hat, hair turned up, coat*

Notes: *over his arm, shirt just wet with perspiration. He was a big man, like 6'2" & about 240 lb's. He played bridge both ways on the train & usually paid for his ticket. At night he would relax in his chair with the paper & the radio. As we got older though, we took over the radio & listened to Lone Ranger, Green Hornet, Jack Armstrong etc etc. Mother would 'fix dinner', & we would eat in the dining room. For about 2 years we had Edith, a young girl from Iowa help us with all the chores. Edith Paletti Ronzanni. She married while at our 76 home. She was at the Falco 50th wedding anniversary as a widow.*

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Family Lore

What are your thoughts about your mother?

What a great Mother. She would "pull the hair" of the teachers who wouldn't pass me in school. She was really very good, & lived to age 94.

What are your thoughts about your father?

My Father ~~you~~ would refer to my Mother as "Mother Dear". They kept young all their life by replacing old friends who died or moved, with younger friends. They always had a very full house.

What are the most important things you have learned from your father?

Respect others, & respect their property. He was a great patriot, having served in World War I (Purple Heart). Every day of his life, he hung up the American Flag on his tall Flag Pole, where everyone could enjoy it.

What are the most important things you have learned from your mother?

Manners & prayers. Mother was raised in a small community (Champaign). When she moved to Chicago with Dad, I believe that society was a challenge for her. She challenged that & manners were important to her in her new role. She was a prayer warrior though & we gave her plenty to pray about.

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Family Lore

Do you have aunts and uncles? I had 3 Uncles + 3 Aunts.

Uncle Ed Morrissey then on the McKenna side
Uncle Art McKenna; Uncle Harold McKenna; Aunt
Ruth Mayer; Aunt Bonnie Makoney + Aunt
Ethel Werner. I had a few more on the
McKenna side but they had already died
before I was born. Uncle Dodge died at 25 from
an appendectomy + the others were infant.

What special thoughts do you have of them? One died of rat poison.

Everyone remembers Ruth - I had 5 children married into the Oscar
Mayer family + was a "high flyer". Bonnie had
one son + his husband helped to develop the
atom bomb in World War II. Ethel had 4 children +
her husband had a furniture store in Harrisburg, Pa.
Harold had 3 children + married a 2nd time to
one of the Corbis millionaires. Art + Kay had one child who died at birth.

Ed + Irene Morrissey had 3 children + he was in advertising, in
Chicago + quite successful.

Do you have brothers and sisters?
How did/do you get along with them?

Yes, I have one brother, Philip Joseph McKenna III,
a geologist with his own company (Wexford) +
we have been "best friends". He has lived
in Denver since 1974. He + Liz have 3 children.

What did they look like when they
were teenagers?

Phil was tall + skinny, compared to me.
Then he became tall + "fat", compared to me.
Now he is tall + getting skinny... but we
now look much more alike than when we
were kids. We both resemble my father a
lot now too

Notes:

Grandparents Beck

Family Lore

What work have they done? Phil, a geologist, worked for Pure Oil, then an off shore oil firm from Tulsa, then Pexamin in Denver where they worked the old railroad land in Eastern Colo - then Polaris Oil - then he started Wexford - helped by a friend in Kansas who was
Where are they now? (in oil) well with him in E. Colo.

Phil + Liz live in Littleton, Colo - in their new home on Fairfax Ct.

How far back can you trace your
mother's family?

Only back to my grandfather Morrissey who came from N.Y. On the Henry side we can go back further than Monica, but I were not sure of all the names on the grave stone. I believe that Rose Anna O'Neil was married to a Henry so would be my Great Grandmother.

How far back can you trace your
father's family?

My father did the tree back to the 1700's where Thomas McKenna married Mary Jane Folks (daughter of the Commander of the English Forces). (see the Wexford song). They were run out of Wexford + settled up in Foyres, Limerick, Ireland

Notes:

Grandparents Book

Family Lore

Do we have any famous relatives?

Who? What have they done?

Godfrey Mayer (married to Ruth McKenna Mayer) was the nephew of Oscar Mayer + he made millions working for that Company before it was sold to Gen Mills + then to Hall's Morris. We never heard the figure, but the 5 Mayer Children were left a lot of money.

* Who do you feel are our most successful relatives? What have they accomplished? Financially speaking -

a success - having come to the U.S.A. as an immigrant from Ireland. He had a big home in Escanaba Mich + then a large home on Sheridan Rd in Chicago. As mentioned though he lost all his money + Grandmother had to live on "very little" for about 30 years.

I visited "Model Farm" in Foyres where he was raised + it was a rather small poor farm house

Are there any characteristics which you feel run through the family?

yes - liquor

I had one or two uncles who were alcoholics + three aunts + a Mother (at 80 years old).

My father stopped drinking because of all this about at 70 or so years of age. I was not a good example in this area but health

Do you look more like your mother or your father?

Oh, I looked like my father + we can see this passed down to my sons too, a word about Dad. He was not an ordinary citizen. I didn't inherit it, but he was Phi Beta Kappa. He knew Greek, law + Latin. He read extensively + was knowledgeable in so many subjects. But his greatest benefit is that he was "loved" by so many.

Notes: * we all fell into the trap of measuring success by who made how much money or who climbed the ladder the furthest.

The relative that was actually the most successful was Phil McKenna Jr, "my father". His success was actually his integrity + his self worth rather than money. He came very close to large \$'s, but never did "make it". However he was the most giving man one could meet. He gave to his country, he gave to his community (30 years + on City work) (50 years to the neighborhood). He gave to his family! He was the most loved man by the rich + the less rich. He was honest, he gave hours + hours to church, to everyone.

My father gave me a book about all the Johns throughout
history when I complained about the name "John" because in DeBete
N.Y.S (College) 1955 I played paper with "5 Johns" & we
never knew which Grandparents Book "John" we were talking about.

Family Lore

Are there specific first names that
are repeated through the family?

Yes - "John" came from } we also had a John
John Morrison, my } on the McKenna
Grandfather. "Philip" came from my grand- } side who died at
father Philip McKenna. My brother was named } birth in early 1900's
Philip + 2 cousins + my son - Philip.

Have members of the family followed
similar occupations or professions?

Yes - My Grandfather +
father (+ my Grand-
mother) were all attorneys

Have there been any exceptional athletes
in the family?

No - not ones that were college
or beyond athletes. However, almost everyone
was in sports - My father, myself + our
children. They were all people who enjoyed
"doing" rather than watching.

Which relatives possess artistic talents?

What? My Uncle Ed Morrison was an artist...
in advertising, & did a little painting. My
children have taken this up in various ways & I
can see this in the grandchildren.

Are there any medical problems
that seem to run in the family?

Yes - Alpha One Anti-Trypsin Deficiency - a
rather rare lung disease - when the lung
doesn't produce enough trypsin + the
Elastase then eats up the lower lung
tissue. We have researched this

Notes: rather well + our children have the
necessary information on this. Broken
down to the chromosome - it can be
traced to show who could have a
problem. However in ref. to Grand-
children - it is going to be so rare
that it is suggested that we don't
even check. The reason is that employers
& insurance companies could use this
against a person & for no good reason.

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Family Lore

Do we have any family legends? already mentioned is the story in the late 1700's of how 'Mammy' Jane Fells left the English married Thomas McKenna, & when the price on Tomas head got to high they ran to Limerick

What family traditions have we always followed? we have had the usual Christian celebrations... but they were usually bigger than the neighbors. With my parents, it was big with food & in my case, it was big in numbers of people.

Are there any family "black sheep"?

Who are they? What did they do? yes, on the Morrissey side, one Uncle was "buried" with- out a grave stone. We suspect that (Bernard) he was a "black sheep". Some of my aunts & uncles drank too much but I wouldn't call them black sheep because they were otherwise stable & some came out of that problem.

Are there any curios or mementoes that

have been handed down over the years? yes the main thing being family information & the family history. I set up a file folder for each of our children with information. I have already given this to 3 of the children. It also contains a little info on each

Notes: individual person. such as graduation sheets etc.

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Family Lore

Are there any family photographs or records? Where are they now?

yes - My brother Phil + I have kept a number of photos. Phil has these + we plan to get them reproduced. Health makes us a little slow in doing small tasks.

Are there any favorite stories that are told and retold?

My father would often times read "My 1st Confession" by O'Connor. We + the cousins encouraged him + he would be leaving with tears before it was all over. We have this on tape + in each of our childrens "folders" is a copy. The "1st confession" was just very real to Dad because he had gone thru a situation much like that presented in the story. I guess I have told stories on myself to my children to.

Who was the most beautiful woman in the family?

Sister Maureen + Sister Colleen + Heidi + Leslie + Concetta + cousin Peggy McKenna Cook (Elisha Cook). She was "stand in" for Carolyn Landis in '40s

Who was the most handsome man in the family?

Byron + Brian + John + Phil + Kevin + Todd

Notes:

Grandparents Book

Religion

Do you believe in God? **Yes!** I was raised Catholic + still try to follow all the teachings. However, I have learned so much from the Protestants - of how to pray + praise + be in "His Word" (Bible)

Do you regularly attend a house of worship? Which one? **Yes - Spirit of Christ at 80th + Wadsworth, Lakewood, Colo**

Who is the first member of the clergy you recall? What was he like? **As a kid - Father Gleason in Highland, Ill. Then Monsignor Morrison + Father Brubler in Highland Park, Ill**

Has a member of the clergy had an influence on you? How? **Yes - I went 2 years to boarding school at St Norbert in De Pere, Wis. Father Clabotte + his whole crew has had a tremendous influence on me. Fr Fr Regan + Father Charles + Fr + Robert Troy (Cousin)**

Did you attend a religious school? Which one? When?

St. Norbert's H. S., DePere, Wis in 1948-50 (2 years). The school is no longer + the buildings are used by the College. I also graduated from

Notes: **College here at St Norbert & also went to Colorado College (Methodist); St Edwards in Austin, Texas (Catholic); East Texas State Tea College, Commerce, Texas (State); Texas Southwest State Teachers College in Brownsville (State); + Oxford, Un, England (Anglican).**

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Religion

Did you ever want to become a member of the clergy? Yes - I thought about it in 1952 (The Maryknoll Fathers), but my conclusion was that I probably really just wanted to get out of 4 years in the USAF.

What is your favorite prayer? In my youth it was the formal prayer of the Catholic Church, including the Rosary which I still say today. However, with children, I started using prayers that they would enjoy. Then in about 1974 I went to a Dick Eastman seminar on prayer which changed my life. I started to add to my formal prayers with praise + song (in my heart) + then much intercessory prayer.

What is your favorite religious music? When I was young the Church used the organ (+ Latin) + Pope John let us get away from all that. I have really enjoyed the changes in the "church" which include the music with prayer + praise + happiness.

Are you active in social activities (choral, fund raising, etc.) in your house of worship? Yes - I belong to Full Gospel Business Men Fellowship which includes all denominations. Also, Community Bible Study 9 months of the year. We have worked for the Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen but health slows me down in this area. Joan + I are also in Nova Shalom, a Bible based marriage group which brings in people from all different churches. We are leaders when we take

Notes: 5 couples through a course for 14 weeks (a leader couple + asst couple) of marriage. Examples of couples going through this course are - couples breaking up this marriage, or some times divorced couples, or some very normal couples. Just all kinds of people who want to improve this marriage. Nova Shalom means "new peace" + then this Bible based course we see marriages just renewed + build bonds of one flesh that will last this whole life. It helps Joan + I improve our own marriage each time we teach it to.

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Religion

Is religion a major factor in your life? Yes - because I had to retire at age 57 (medical) I have been able to give more time + thought + work to our next life of eternity. I try to go to Mass at least one extra day or two a week plus Sunday. I tend to get time to meditate as well as pray, like never before. However, I have always spent time on my knees, even as a sinner, since my days at St. Norbert.

How often do you read the Bible?

What is your favorite passage?

High school.
I read the Bible about five times a week + some memorized verses daily. Joan + I have one favorite that we say every night - which is Psalm 144 (it gives us a charge to pray for everyone + all things). I like Romans 12:12 + Philippians 4:7-8 + Psalm 103 - 1-8, + the very last verse in James.

Do you interpret the Bible strictly or loosely?

strictly. As Catholics, I we can believe the actual Body + Blood of Jesus is in the Eucharist - then we should be able to accept God's word in the Bible + use it as a 2 edged sword. We should also be able to accept salvation by Grace as God's gifts, just by repenting + calling Christ Lord of our Life... + all things therefore are for Him.

Grandparents Book

Religion

Have you ever explored other religions? Which ones? How?

No, at least not with a thought of a change. However I do go to a lot of different churches with the groups we belong to as well as our childrens churches. I do read about cults when it is necessary.

What was your most important religious experience?

Having children + seeing the miracle of birth as well as their growing up + then to see grandchildren - what an experience! I have seen supernatural answers to prayers. I have seen the works of intercessory prayer. I have felt God speak to my innermost soul. Once when close to death in the Hosp (Oct '89) I said I was ready to "go home" +

Have you conducted any religious ceremonies in your home? What and when?

Yes - we have had a number of 1st communions in the Home - Byrne Colleen + Maureen + Phil, I think. We also had our 25th anniversary in the Home with Deacon Joe Hawley + our 30th anniversary at Home with Father Ken Leone. We also had a memorial service for Grandmother McKenna with Deacon Hawley.

What religious rituals or historic figures are most important to you?

Mass is most important to me, with the Eucharist. I try to go every Sunday, but will make a few exceptions. Then I also try to go about once a week, which I did even before I retired. Figures that are important to me - will Adam, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, David + Jesus Christ.

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God, The Father + The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has become very real in my life, as a person + as a power, I depend upon Him to get me through the difficulties. Yes I have a prayer language which I received in about 1967 + it has increased with age. The Spirit is every where + we should really try to reach out to Him.

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Religion

How much religious training did you receive from your parents?

Substantial - much of which was getting the "habit" of going to Mass every Sunday as well as Confession about once a month. Of course much of that was our generation but my parents made us keep the 10 commandments.

How much religious training did you give your children?

Substantial - Prayers every night - Mass every Sunday but lax on confession. They went to CCD training as well as school at Our Lady of Fatima. We didn't know about Bible teachings or scripture memorization in those days which we wish we had really pushed.

Have there been times when you questioned your religion? When and how?

Only slightly & when I was much younger. "How can God really be in the Eucharist" as an example. Faith on this subject & in other areas were given to me by grace in abundance though & it was not a lasting problem.

How do you feel about prayers in schools?

We had prayer in school (Public School - Lincoln grade school) & I favor this. That some school now is predominantly Jewish but I think we can still worship God & worship him together.

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Grandparents Book

Religion

Have there been times when your religion has helped you through difficult personal moments?

When? When we were raising a family of six children, when money was short, when I lost my job (twice).

What happened? My ability to "lean" on my faith was the thing that was able to keep me "steady" & determined. We also had a lot of crises in raising our family; like very severe accidents; very severe surgery; kids running away; kids not talking to us for 4 years... & lots more. God pulled us through those situations & healed them. I have also been faced with health problems for

How do you feel about children 18 years + God - The Lord Jesus - has been my healing grace.
being taught by members of religious orders?

My experiences in this area were excellent with the "White Fathers" (Ore Monasticians from Holland at St Norberts). However I was not overly impressed with our kid grade school education - but then nuns were few & far between. I believe I like the college level of religious teaching rather than H.S. & grade school.

Notes:

Grandparents Book

Religion

At what period in your life has religion been most important to you?

Right Now! The older we get the more we need it. However you have to work on it for 60 years + more... My Mother said once, when she thought she was going to die in 1959 (she didn't) - "that you have to pray when you feel good because when you get sick you don't really feel like it". I call that "preventive prayer" + we should all start today.

Do you remember any bedtime prayers you said as a child? What were they?

We said the Our Father + the Hail Mary when I was a kid. But when we had our children we said those plus "Now I lay me down to sleep"; "I am so glad to be alive..." and we always prayed for the Grandparents, Aunt + Uncles + all the Cousins.

Notes:

Grandparents' Book

Some Favorite Things

What are your favorite foods? When I was young - my father gave us some very special foods, which probably date back to our Irish heritage. kidney; tongue; oysters; pigs feet; tripe; ledercrantz cheese; + more, Oh yes, Pork shanks.

Drinks? Beer... all kinds + water. I don't go for soft drinks. Hard liquor was perhaps a fad for me, but other than martinis, I never used much. This is not what I advocate... it's just what I did. I drink very little now + suggest to all relatives that they will do best without the booze.

Animals? I love dogs + had a Boston bull when I was young. We had Kippy the cat for 14 years, so you sort of fall in love with all animals.

Colors? I'm color blind but blue is my favorite but being Irish, you have to also love green.

Places in the world? Jerusalem; Ireland; Germany; Rome, China + Hong Kong; + Mexico; but also all corners of the U.S.A.

Flowers? carnation

Gifts to give? something that a person wouldn't normally buy for themselves.

Grandparents Book

Some Favorite Things

Gifts to receive? shirts + sweaters + things

Times of day? morning, however in retirement I have been staying up later + therefore getting up later. I'm ready to change back to A.M.

Painting? yes - I have taken up painting in retirement - a little water color + a little oil.

Sculpture? love to look at bronze + especially enjoy some of our artiest of today who have doing the life size works.

Age? I'm at a good age (60) right now however I need the lungs of an 18 year old.

Season? Love the spring + summer. Fall no longer impresses me because it's a sign that winter is on its way.

Building? I love our home + always wonder how we had the nerve to build it at the

Notes: time - with 6 children - not much money - + then 6 weeks after we moved in - I lost my job. It took us about 5 years to be able to decorate the living room. I'm impressed with Rome + the Vatican + all those types of churches + buildings

Grandparents Book

Some Favorite Things

Magazines/Newspapers?

I only buy the paper when I need it + don't like to spend too much time reading negative things. I have read US News for years but they recently had an editorial pushing abortion. so I switched to Business Week.

Authors?

The Bible has become my best reading now but I enjoy Frank O'Connor + Eugene Field

Journalists?

It's become very difficult for me in this area + mainly because of the humanistic theories that are pushed by the press. I was a Democrat with a desire to help the less fortunate but because of the Humanistic philosophy, these people pretend to help but actually destroy family, church, responsible government + children by abortion

Books?

Bible

Singers/Groups?

John II + his Christian music

Orchestras/Bands?

Glen Miller

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Grandparents Book

Holidays and Traditions

What is your favorite holiday?

What memories does it bring back? St. Pat Day! That was the Day that Joan + I got engaged! I also like the 4th of July, after spending 4 years in the USAF. I think back of those years + of the years that I was a kid during World War II + the parades etc.

How do you observe it? I observe St Pat Day very quietly now, not needing a drink + just thinking about how my Grandfather Philip J. McKenna I, had the ambition + nerve to come to the U.S.A.

What do you consider the most important family holidays?

Mother Day! We wait anxiously to see who will respond to this Day of Recognition for Mother. This year, 1992, we had 100%!

Which family members have been responsible for hosting various holidays?

Well right now, everyone lives out of state or out of the country, except Colleen + Todd. So we often sit together with them for Thanksgiving + Easter! This year though we had everyone but Byrne + Heidi here for or near Christmas 1991.

Are there any traditional family foods?

Yes - Corned Beef + Cabbage; Louisa; + leg of lamb.

Notes:

Grandparents Book

Holidays and Traditions

Are there any traditional family
toasts?

No, but Erin Co Bran (sp) could be used

Have you ever observed holidays of
religions other than yours?

Thanksgiving - we have always gone
to Church on this day to give Thanks.

With whom?

Where?

We have gone to a lot of different
Churchs - but usually to meetings etc rather
than holidays.

Notes:

Grandparents' Book

Holidays and Traditions

What birthdays of family members

have been important celebrations?

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My 60th Birthday celebration was a big one, here at our house - where almost everyone of our family attended. We always tried to celebrate the kids birthday when they were young... but because of travel... the birthdays were some times late. Were usually a little late with presents.

What have been your best birthday parties? - 60th

gone
What are the best gifts you've ever received?

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Best gifts were often times Christmas presents - like VCR's; garage door openers + microwaves. But sweaters, shirts ties, vacuums, can openers, spellers, digital diaries + many more, have always been welcome.

Notes:

Grandparents Book

Holidays and Traditions

Did anyone ever have a surprise party for you?

No - I'm too smart

What happened?

Were you really surprised?

What have been your most memorable wedding anniversaries?

25th - when we celebrated with our Deacon Joe Hawley at our house, with all kinds of guests (old + new), also our 30th, with Fr Ken Leone in our home - with a party following Mass.

Notes:

Grandparents Book

Holidays and Traditions

Did your family gather together frequently?

Or just for the holidays?

Going back to my parents - We gathered together frequently. I don't know anyone more social than my parents. We would go to church + more often than not, we would get together with the Sheridan family + either go to their house or our house for the rest of the day. Or Dad would "ring the bell" at our home on the

What holiday traditions do you hope

I give to my own children?

weekend + the neighbors would all come over for a drink.

We hope that we can give to our children an understanding heart, in that they must visit the family of their spouse... as well as us. With this in mind - we hope that on selected years that we can all get together for special holidays - Christmas; Thanksgiving; St. Pat's Day; Easter; Mother's Day; or what ever - because we love each of our children + their spouse + their children, very much.

Notes:

Grandparent's Book

Pastimes, Hobbies, Collections

What do you most enjoy doing? My "old" hobbies were camping; hiking, & skiing etc. I had to change all this because of health, so now my hobbies are painting; and Christian activities.

What talents or abilities have you tried to develop? Again, while in "business" I tried to work in that area, so about 10 years in Toastmasters & 8 years in "Salesmen with a Purpose". In these areas I always tried to become pres etc. Also the J.C.C.

Have you ever been on a stage?

What happened? I have had speaking engagements, with 10 to 300 people, plus appeared on TV & in debates.

Have you ever had your name in a newspaper? What paper? When and why?

Yes, but only in small print. Some of these had to do with speaking engagements but I still write letters to the editor of newspapers - telling my points of view against abortion etc.

Have you ever been on television?

When and why? Just once - in a debate on medicare long before it was passed, with the President of the AMA

What type of books do you read most often?

In the past I liked poetry & history books now I'm more into the Bible & religious books

Notes:

A Grandparents Book

Pastimes, Hobbies, Collections

Have you ever won a drawing or a lottery? What did you win? No

Have you gambled or made bets? No - very little

What have you bet on?

Do you play cards? What are your favorite card games? Yes, in college etc I would play poker and when we were 1st married I would play bridge + even duplicate bridge but I never really enjoyed that.

Who are your favorite card partners? That was perhaps the problem in bridge because people just took the game too seriously + I was more interested in having fun, telling stories + enjoying the company.

Notes:

A Grandparents Book

Pastimes, Hobbies, Collections

Have you played musical instruments?

Which ones?

No, none + I couldn't
even sing. I am a 'no-tone'.

How did you learn?

How long did you practice?

What music did you play?

Notes:

Grandparents' Book

Pastimes, Hobbies, Collections

Have you collected things? Not really, but then I never throw any thing away either.

Stamps? No

Coins? just a few that come from the mint as a proof set - regular coins - silver + a little gold. I also have some of my folks old gold coins (used)

Antiques? Our only antiques really are those from my folks + grandparents home. We were fortunate to get these because we lived in Chicago + all my Dad, sister + brothers lived out of town. a couple chairs, brocade lamp post, entry table, + a few other things

Art? Since retirement I have taken a few art lessons + have painted in watercolor + now oil. I just finished two paintings of the McKenna-Morrissey farms in N.D. + Champaign, Ill.

Models?

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Grandparents Book

Pastimes, Hobbies, Collections

Recipes?

Toys?

Books? I have kept room books from my Grandfather Philip J. McKenna Sr., & have passed some of these on to my children. So far only Kevin & Maureen have picked them up.

Records?

Other collectibles? Yes I have kept old family items, like silver, clocks, watches, waterford etc. I "Some Day" I will go through the house & "talk" about all these.

Where are your collections now? all around the house. Nothing is hidden away.

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Grandparents Book

Pastimes, Hobbies, Collections

Have you had other hobbies?

What organizations, clubs, or associations do you or have you belonged to?

Jr. Chamber of Commerce; Salesman with a Purpose; Toastmasters; Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International; Community Bible Study; Bible Study Fellowship; Nova 'Shalom.

What did they do?
Salesman with a Purpose was a motivation organization. Toastmasters was learning how to speak. Full Gospel is testimonies of God's activity in our lives. Nova Shalom is a marriage course which we taught. Bible Study - 2 courses, one lasted 5 years & the other long.

How active have you been?

Pres. of Salesman with a Purpose
Pres of Toastmasters
Various offices in Jr. Chamber
Teaching with Jan in Nova Shalom

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Grandparents Book

Pastimes, Hobbies, Collections

Have you been active in any charities
as a volunteer?

Yes I did volunteer work for one
year at Jefferson County Health Dept. in the
records section of drug & alcohol

What did you do?

Typing records, copies &
general office work

What are your other interests?

I have always followed
the stock market & try to keep up on
the financial situations of the day. Why
is interest going up or down & what
effects the market etc. I do a fair
amount of reading in this area
& investing.

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Grandparents Book

Maureen Elizabeth

My Parent/Your Child

When and where was my mother/father born?
How big was she/he?

Who delivered the baby? Leo Nolan, MD, at St Anthony Hospital, in Denver, Colo

Who was present? Maureen's Mother, Joan, the Doctor + nurses, & 'was' in the Father's waiting room, which was as close as fathers were allowed.

Who were the first people you told? We called Grandparents - Rudy + Vi Staughton + Shl + Marie McKenna

How did you choose the name? We liked the name Maureen even though we thought about Monica. We wanted an Irish flavor + that's what we got. Elizabeth was a saint name + also the name of Maureen's Aunt.

What was my parent like when she/he was a small child? Maureen was a beautiful girl from the very beginning with a big smile + beautiful blonde hair. She could get everyone's attention as an infant with her "cry" because it was really loud.

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