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Wishes, and Words
for Your Family*

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About these worksheets

These are the pages from Things I Want You to Know that you can fill in again, one copy of each. Print as many copies as you need.

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2. About Me

My full name

The name I go by

Born on

Born in

My parents

My brothers and sisters

The people I married or shared my life with

My children

My grandchildren and great-grandchildren

When my family may read this journal: now, a page at a time, or later

Who knows where my will and my other papers are kept

Where I Was Born

Where were you born, and what do you remember about the place you grew up?

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Where I Was Born, continued

More room to write. Date the page.

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My Parents

What were your parents like? Write one thing each of them said or did that you still think about.

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My Parents, continued

More room to write. Date the page.

[illegible]

The House I Remember

Walk your family through the home you remember best from when you were young, room by room.

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The House I Remember, continued

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[illegible]

Who I Grew Up With

Who did you grow up with? Write about your brothers and sisters, your cousins, or the children down the street, and what you got up to together.

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Who I Grew Up With, continued

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The Family Before Me

What do you know about your grandparents, and about the family before them? Where did they come from, and what did they do?

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The Family Before Me, continued

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Holidays and Summers

How did your family spend holidays, Sundays, or summers when you were young?

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Holidays and Summers, continued

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School

What was school like for you? Name a teacher you remember, and say why.

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School, continued

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An Old Friend

Who was your closest friend when you were young? What became of them?

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An Old Friend, continued

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My First Job

What was your first job, and what did you do with your first pay?

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My First Job, continued

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The Work I Did

What work did you do over the years? What were you good at, and what are you proud of?

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The Work I Did, continued

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How We Met

How did you meet the person you married, or the person you loved most? Tell it the way you would tell it at the table.

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How We Met, continued

More room to write. Date the page.

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The Places I Have Lived

List the places you have lived, and write a few lines about each one.

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The Places I Have Lived, continued

More room to write. Date the page.

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The Years I Lived Through

**Which events in the news do you remember living through?
Where were you, and what did you think at the time?**

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The Years I Lived Through, continued

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A Hard Time

Write about a hard time in your life and how you got through it. Who helped you?

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A Hard Time, continued

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What I Changed My Mind About

What did you once believe that you later changed your mind about? What changed it?

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What Few People Know

What did you do, or what happened to you, that few people in the family know about?

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What Few People Know, continued

More room to write. Date the page.

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What I Believe

What do you believe about faith, about people, or about how to live? Where did those beliefs come from?

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What I Believe, continued

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Songs, Books, and Pictures

**Which songs, books, films, or programs have mattered to you?
Which ones would you want your family to know?**

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Songs, Books, and Pictures, continued

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Things I Made

What have you made, built, grown, sewn, cooked, or fixed that you were proud of?

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Things I Made, continued

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Advice I Was Given

What is the best advice anyone ever gave you, and who gave it?

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Advice I Was Given, continued

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When You Came Into My Life

Write about the day each of your children or grandchildren was born, or came into your life.

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When You Came Into My Life, continued

More room to write. Date the page.

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When You Were Small

What do you remember about your children when they were small? Write the stories they are too young to remember themselves.

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When You Were Small, continued

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Family Stories, Told Right

Which family stories get told wrong? Write the version you know.

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Family Stories, Told Right, continued

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Recipes

Write down the recipes your family asks for, the way you make them, with the parts that are not on the card.

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Recipes, continued

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Traditions

Which family traditions do you hope will continue? How did each one start?

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Traditions, continued

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What I See in You

What do you see in each of the people you love that they may not see in themselves?

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What I See in You, continued

More room to write. Date the page.

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What I Never Said

Is there anything you have wanted to say to someone in the family and never have? Write it here.

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What I Never Said, continued

More room to write. Date the page.

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Making Peace

Is there anything you want to apologize for, or anyone you want to forgive?

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Making Peace, continued

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What I Hope for You

What do you hope for the people who come after you?

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What I Hope for You, continued

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The Things in My House

Which things in your home mean the most to you, and what is the story behind each one? Who receives what belongs in your will. See Section 1.

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The Things in My House, continued

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How I Want to Be Remembered

How do you want to be remembered? What would you want people to say about you?

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A Good Day Now

What does a good day look like for you now? What helps, and what gets in the way?

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A Good Day Now, continued

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About My Care

What matters to you about how you are cared for if you become sick or frail? This page helps your family understand you. Your advance directive is the paper that counts. See Section 1.

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About My Care, continued

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Where I Want to Live

Where do you want to live as you get older, and what would make that possible?

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Where I Want to Live, continued

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My Pets

Who are your pets? What does each one need, and who would you want to care for them?

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My Pets, continued

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My Service or Gathering

What would you like at your funeral, memorial, or gathering: music, readings, a place, and who speaks? If you have made arrangements, write where the papers are.

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My Service or Gathering, continued

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Who Should Hear From You

When you are gone, who should hear from your family that they might not think to call?

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Who Should Hear From You, continued

More room to write. Date the page.

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What I Am Grateful For

What are you grateful for? Name the people and the places.

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What I Am Grateful For, continued

More room to write. Date the page.

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What to Stop Worrying About

What do you want your family to stop worrying about?

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More room to write. Date the page.

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[illegible]

The Last Word

If you could leave your family one sentence, what would it be?

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The Last Word, continued

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A Letter

To _____ Date _____

What I want you to know

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A Letter, continued

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