

## What Are Father's Made Of?

A father is a thing that is forced to endure childbirth without any anesthetic.

A father is a thing that growls when it feels good and laughs loud when it is scared to death.

A father never feels entirely worthy of the worship in their child's eyes. He is never quite the hero his daughter thinks he is and never quite the man his son believes him to be. This worries him sometimes, so he works hard to try and smooth out the rough places in the road for his children who will follow him.

A father gets very angry when school grades aren't as good as he thinks they should be. He scolds even though he knows it is the teacher's fault.

Fathers grow old faster than other people. While mothers can cry where it shows, fathers have to stand there and die inside. Fathers have very stout hearts, so they have to be broken sometimes or no one would know what is inside.

Fathers give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough, so they can have grandchildren that are smarter than anybody's.

Fathers fight dragons almost daily. They hurry away from the breakfast table, off to the arena which is sometimes called an office or a workshop, where they tackle the dragon with three heads – Weariness, Work, and Monotony. And, they never quite win the fight, but they never give up. Knights in shining armor.

I don't know where fathers go when they die, but I have an idea that after a good rest, wherever it is, he won't be happy unless there is work to do. He won't just sit on a cloud and wait for the girl he's loved and the children she bore. He'll be busy there, too – repairing the stairs, oiling the gates, improving the streets, smoothing the way.

*(from Paul Harvey's list for measuring fathers)*

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*Franklin W. Swenson*

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Alexandria, Minnesota

Friday, June 30, 2023

11:30 AM

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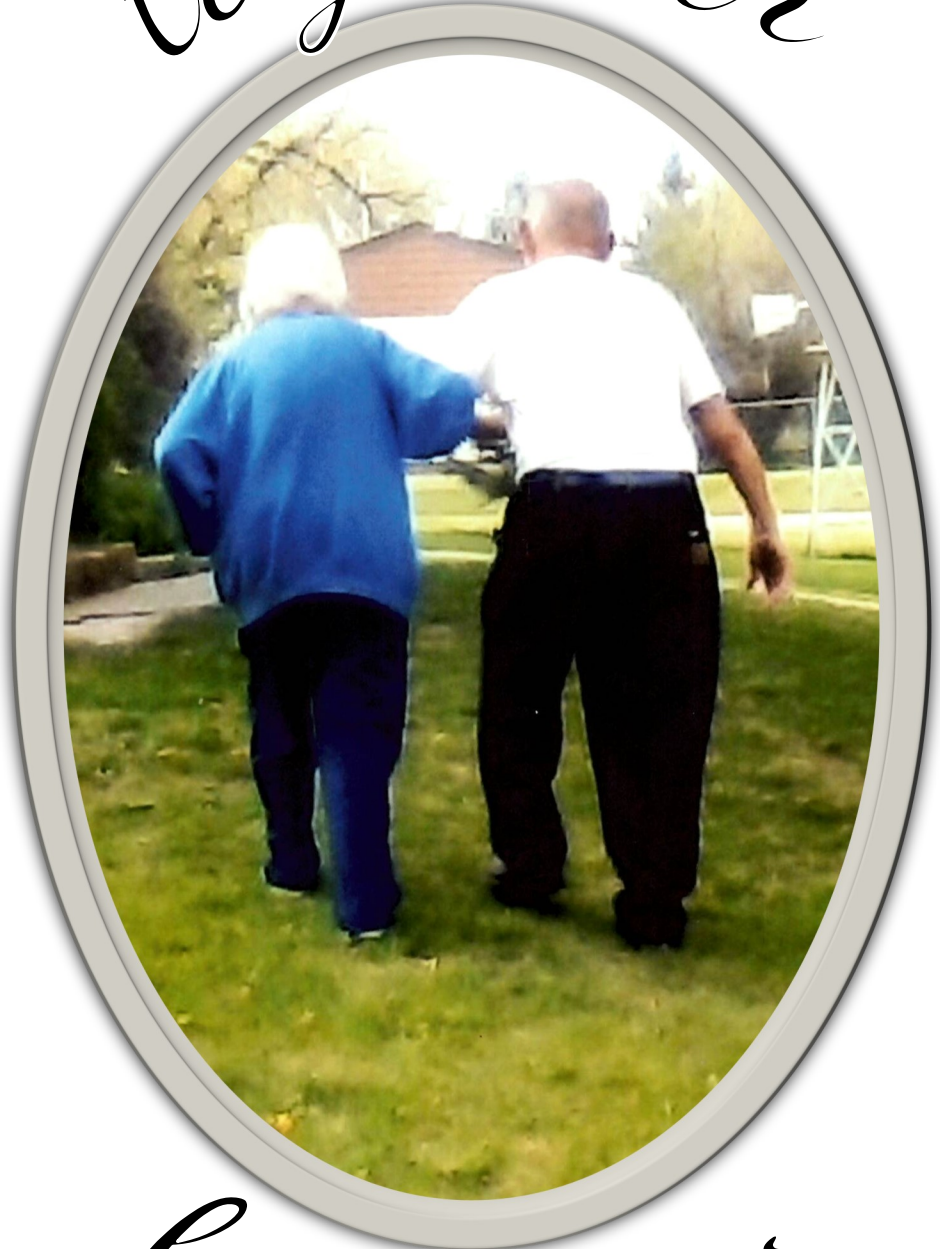
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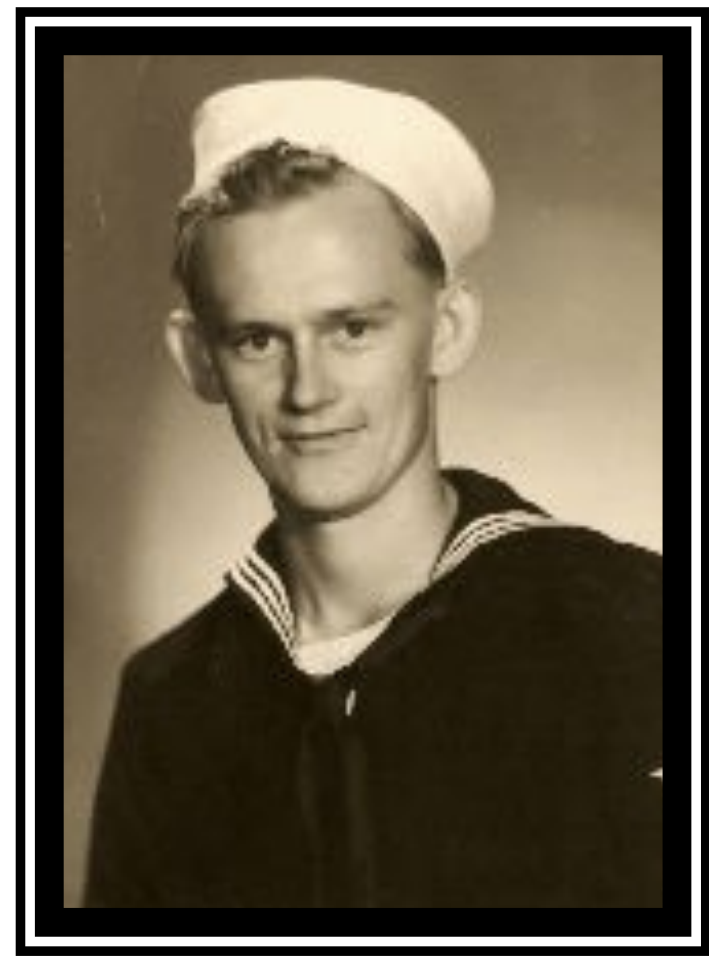
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