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Here are **50 interview questions** designed to help family members recall meaningful, funny, and vivid memories about a deceased loved one. These questions are meant to trigger **stories, emotions, and specific moments**, which are the heart of a family legacy book.

50 Interview Questions for a Family Legacy Storybook

Early Life & Background

1. What is the earliest memory you have of them?
 2. What stories did they tell about their childhood?
 3. What kind of family did they grow up in?
 4. Did they ever talk about their parents or grandparents?
 5. What challenges did they face growing up?
 6. What was their personality like when they were young?
 7. Were there stories about school or childhood adventures?
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Personality & Character

8. How would you describe them in three words?
 9. What made them unique compared to other people?
 10. What habits or quirks did they have?
 11. What were they most passionate about?
 12. What made them laugh the most?
 13. What things annoyed or frustrated them?
 14. What kind of sense of humor did they have?
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Family Life

15. What kind of parent, grandparent, or sibling were they?
 16. How did they show love to family members?
 17. What family traditions did they create or continue?
 18. What holidays or gatherings were special with them?
 19. How did they handle disagreements or conflict in the family?
 20. What is one moment that shows what kind of family member they were?
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Work & Talents

21. What work or career were they most proud of?
 22. What skills or talents did they have?
 23. What did they enjoy doing outside of work?
 24. Did they ever give advice about work or success?
 25. What projects or accomplishments mattered most to them?
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Daily Life & Habits

26. What was a typical day like for them?
 27. Did they have any routines or rituals?
 28. What foods did they love?
 29. What hobbies or activities brought them joy?
 30. What music, movies, or books did they enjoy?
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Memorable Moments

31. What is your funniest memory of them?
 32. What is a moment when they showed incredible kindness?
 33. What is a story that perfectly captures who they were?
 34. Was there a time when they surprised you?
 35. What is a story you tell others about them?
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Wisdom & Beliefs

36. What life lessons did they teach you?
 37. Did they have favorite sayings or advice?
 38. What did they believe about family, life, or faith?
 39. What values were most important to them?
 40. What is something they taught you that you still follow today?
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Hard Times & Strength

41. What challenges did they overcome in life?
 42. How did they handle difficult situations?
 43. Was there a moment when their strength really showed?
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Legacy

44. How did they impact your life personally?
45. What will you always remember about them?
46. How do you see their influence in the family today?
47. What do you think future generations should know about them?
48. What made them special people to so many people?

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Final Reflections

49. What is one story about them that should never be forgotten?

50. If they could speak to future generations, what do you think they would say?

Helpful interviewing tip:

Ask people to **describe scenes**, not just facts.

Example:

- Instead of “Was he a hard worker?”
- Ask: “*What did a typical workday look like for him?*”

Scenes create **powerful storytelling** in a legacy book