

Your Pearls of Wisdom, Dad/Grandpa/Uncle

Happy 93rd Birthday! You are brave, diligent, determined, intelligent, fun, and strong. Thank you for always being everyone's inspiration and role model...:)

XOXO





Pearls of Wisdom I learned from Dad:

1. Everlasting love and loyalty to family and friends: Dad truly is the “glue” that keeps our extended family connected.
2. Zest for life and ability to have and create fun: Dad loves life and is just as happy teaching the grandkids how to spin a yo-yo as he is relaxing at a fancy resort.
3. Genuine interest in people: Dad is very social and loves meeting and engaging with people, and making them feel comfortable and welcome.

Love, Eddie



Pearls of Wisdom I learned from Dad:

1. Even when life is difficult, keep your sense of humor.
2. Always enjoy family and good food.
3. Bring kindness and joy wherever you go.....XOXO

Love, Dana



Pearls of Wisdom I learned from Grandpa:

1. How to improve my golf swing
2. About our ancestors and the importance of Family
3. Living in gratitude and faith in God
4. Always having an enthusiastic attitude toward life and overcoming challenges
5. The importance of protecting your food from seagulls!!

Love, Kevin

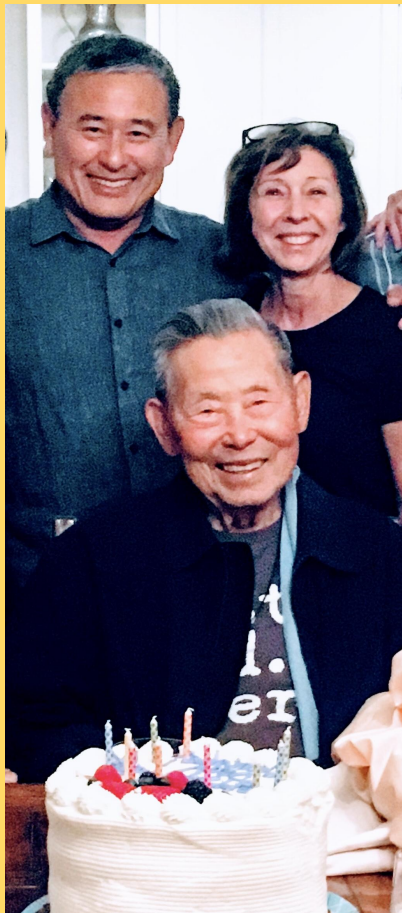


Pearls of Wisdom I learned from Grandpa:

1. How to have a positive attitude and sense of humor in life.
2. Countless helpful pointers in many different sports and activities. I have so many great memories of learning how to play pool & ping pong with Grandpa, talking about golf & baseball swings, attending sporting events, and many more.
3. The importance of being open-minded and curious: Grandpa is always excited to try new activities, eat a variety of good food, and meet new people.

Love, Steven





Pearls of Wisdom I learned from Dad:

1. Surround yourself with positive energy and abundant love.
2. Don't ever worry about needing to "act your age"....:)
3. Life is an adventure--ask lots of questions and be open to new experiences.
4. When you see a huge wave coming, swim as fast as you can and dive under it so you don't get tumbled (a metaphor for life)!

Love, Karen



Pearls of Wisdom I learned from Dad:

1. Have fun and be curious about people and the universe.
2. Find enjoyment or reward in all that you do.
3. Chew your food to get all of the flavor out.
4. “To improve your golf swing, move your hips like this so you can rotate on your front leg.”

Love, Larry







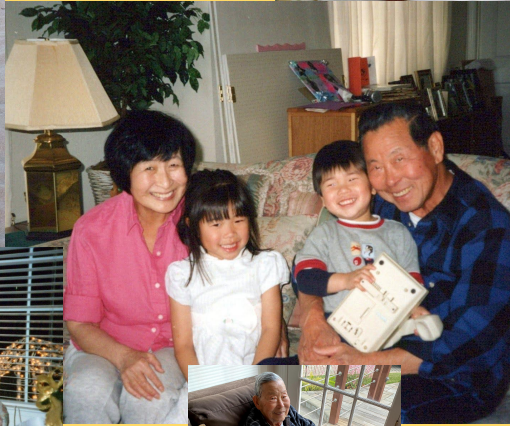
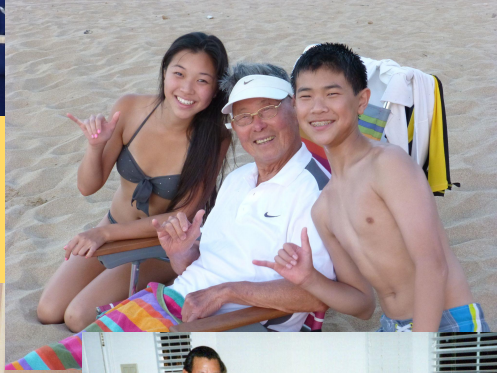
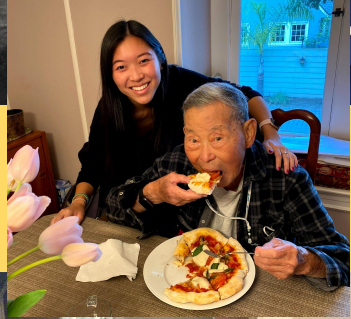
Pearls of Wisdom I learned from Grandpa:

1. Stay curious and observant, and love others with your whole heart. Even when your own heart hurts, remember to care for and give to others
2. Drink as many root beer floats as you can (preferably with “Dad’s” brand root beer)
3. Always make time to go to Hawaii
4. Never waste food - including very bad-tasting lau lau from Costco - and always say yes when someone offers you more food (like poi)
5. Sing loudly in church, keep body surfing, and don’t forget to continuously improve your golf swing

Love,

Elizabeth





Pearls of Wisdom I learned from Grandpa:

- 1. I've learned what having a fantastic family looks like**
- 2. I've learned that having fun and being a little crazy at times is ok**
- 3. I've learned there's always a solution to any problem**

Love, Ryan



Pearls of Wisdom I learned from Dad:

1. Be curious and adventurous.
2. Shopping around for the best price is a good thing.
3. Put your tools away after you are finished with them.
4. Allowing your 16 year-old son to take apart the dashboard of the family car is very brave.

Love , Mike

Pearls of Wisdom I learned from Grandpa:

1. Age should never limit your dreams or abilities
2. You should always maximize what you can get out of something, especially if it's a buffet
3. Always make time to show up for the people you love and who love you

Love, Maddie



Pearls of Wisdom I learned from Dad:

1. Find creative ways to be as efficient as possible in terms of process, time, and cost.
2. Be intellectually curious about everything and everyone, including people who have vastly different viewpoints from you.
3. Enjoy life: Stay active, meet new people, root for UCLA, and eat lots of kimchi & ice cream cones!

Love, Kathy



Pearls of Wisdom I've learned from observing the way Uncle has lived his life:

- 1. Listen and Question - everyone has their story to tell.**
- 2. Go from “can’t” to “can” with baby steps.**
- 3. Choose a destination and enjoy the journey.**
- 4. Pass down to your children the story of Our Family, beginning with the legacy of our Founding Father to the remarkable lives of those they’ve never met.**

Love, Judy







Pearls of Wisdom I've learned from observing the way Uncle has lived his life:

- 1. Have patience.**
- 2. Be unafraid, but be cautious and careful.**
- 3. Everything you do, do with love in your heart.**

Love, Janet













Pearls of Wisdom we learned from Uncle Eddie:

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1. Listen with passion and learn from every engagement - which will keep you enlightened - Just be curious - Dan and All
2. You never need to raise your voice, as when you lower it - people will listen - Colleen
3. Do not spend your money frivolously - “this one I had to learn on my own” - Lovingly Colleen
4. Throw rocks at the skunks - they like it - Nicholas
5. To save gas and your brakes - coast to the stop light - All
6. Enjoy your food - eat Kim Chee even though no one else does - Colleen
7. You can do anything you set your mind to - Ryan

Click to hear Nicholas:

Click to hear Ryan:



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Pearls of Wisdom I've learned from Uncle Eddie :

1. What Uncle Eddie stands for, his own values have guided him through this lifetime that have naturally made him into a person who leads by example. He is the one we'd like to emulate and have our children emulate. Someone who is kind, considerate, and giving, who shares his time with family and friends, who is patiently helpful, supportive, naturally loving, and deservedly happy.
 - Ken Park



Pearls of Wisdom I've learned from Uncle Edwin:

Whenever we visited Uncle Edwin and Auntie Barbara I remember how willing Uncle Eddie was to engage with Kym and I. Looking back as a parent myself, I recognize his enjoyment of cultivating curiosity and nurturing exploration, particularly with mechanical things. He never talked down to us as “just” children, rather he seemed to enjoy explaining what were probably complex things in terms that a kid could grasp. I now see how important this type of gentle encouragement is for developing curiosity and critical thinking.

- Keith Park



Pearls of Wisdom (continued...)

Another thing I remember from visiting Barbara and Edwin's house was that they had these two wooden ducks on the shelf. I think it was Uncle Eddie who explained that it was a Korean way of maintaining marital harmony in a home, and if one partner was unhappy about something they would turn one of the ducks around, as a quiet signal to the other that something needed to be discussed. I have no idea if these were actually used for this purpose, but I've always remembered that as another gentle yet clear way of expressing oneself without drama.

- Keith Park



Family
Yim, Lee, Park
Reunion



Pearls of Wisdom I've learned from Uncle Edwin :

Make time for family and learn about your ancestry. Uncle Eddie has always been such a wonderful resource for family history and have generously shared his knowledge. He demonstrated a curiosity and deep respect for our roots, by doing his research and traveling to Korea. He made the effort to reach out and meet us when visiting D.C. and also to attend our family reunion in L.A. In these busy times, that level of intentional connection meant the world to me.

- Kym Park 





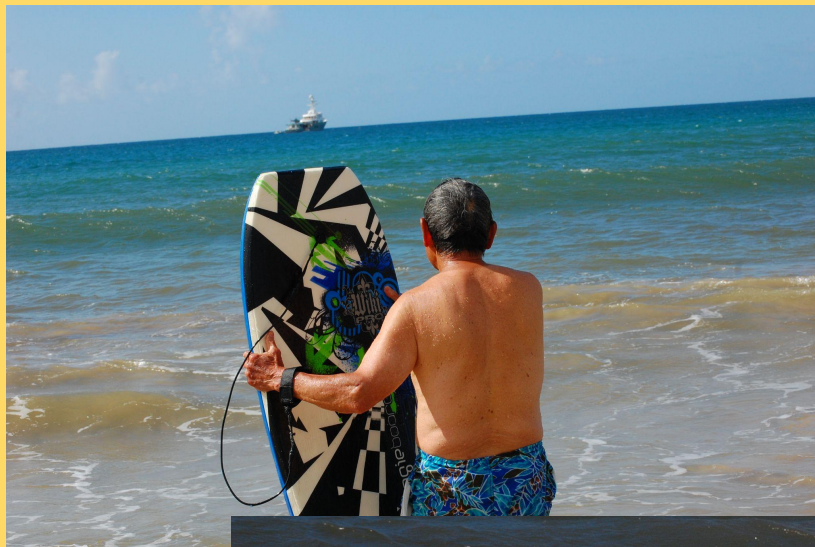
Pearls of Wisdom we've learned from Uncle Eddie:

1. Family is everything
2. Save all your documentation!
3. Learn to drive a stick shift
4. Don't forget to wave at your neighbors when you drive by
5. Add kimchi!!!



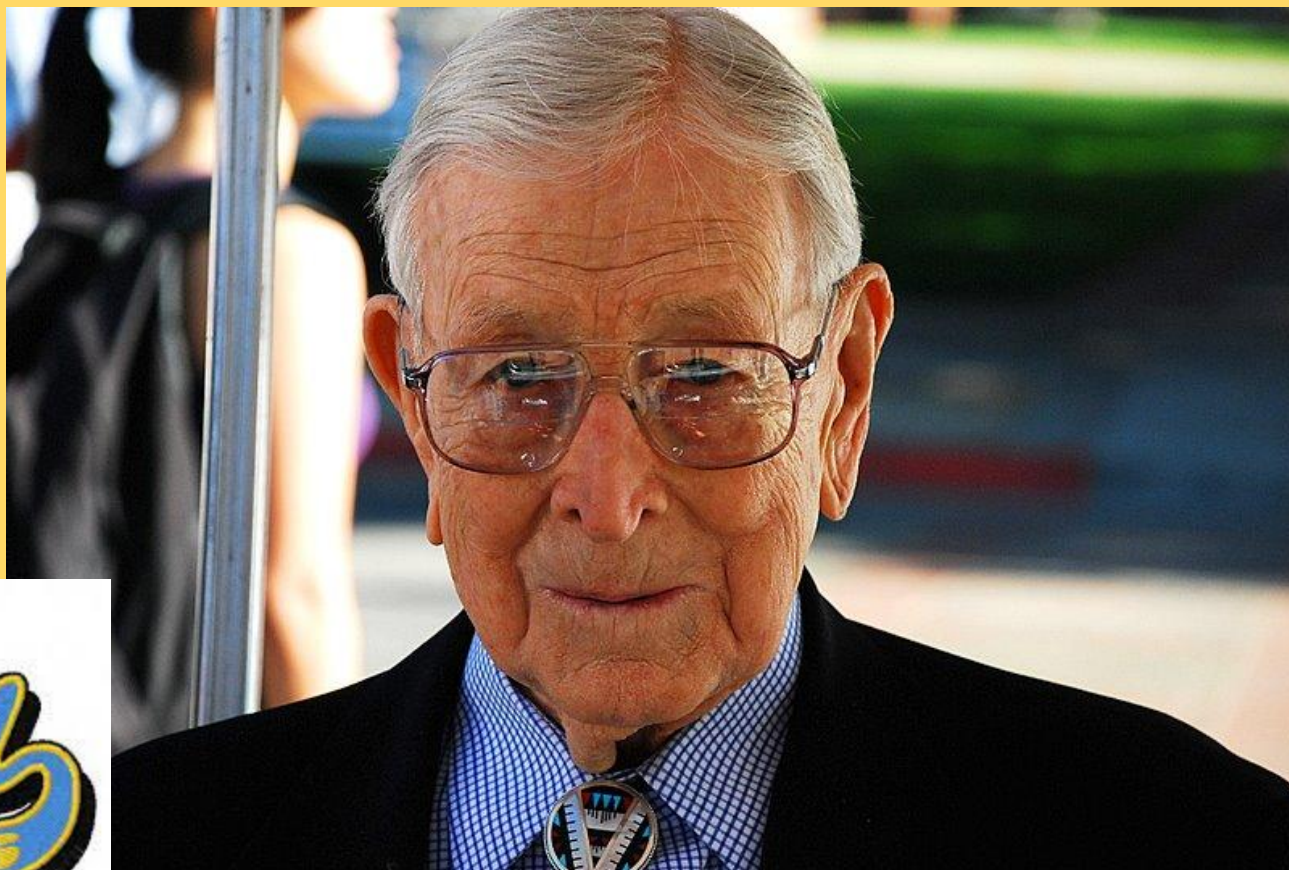
Love, Angela & George (and channeling their mom Patti)





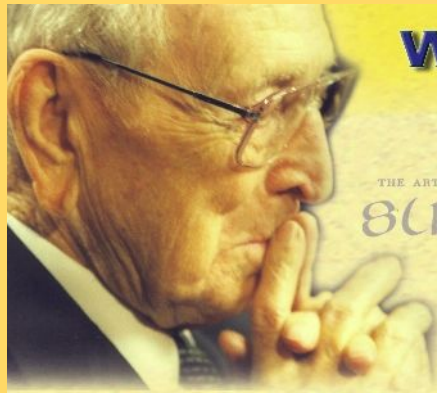






Pearls of Wisdom:

1. Dad and legendary UCLA basketball coach John Wooden have based their life philosophy on the Pyramid of Success. Plus they've shared a deep faith in God. Dad recently remarked, "If I go soon, I'll be with Mom. If I go later, then I have more time with all of you. So either way, I'm good."
2. One of Coach Wooden's quotes that Dad exemplified: "One of the best things a father can do for his children is to love their mother."



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PYRAMID OF SUCCESS

*"Success is peace of mind which
is a direct result of self-satisfaction
in knowing you made the effort
to become the best of which
you are capable."*

John Wooden, Head Coach

SUCCESS

*Success is not a destination,
it is a journey.*

*"Failure to prepare is preparing to fail"
"Don't mistake activity for achievement."*

ACHIEVEMENT

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in knowing that you gave everything
to become the very best that you
are capable of.



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6. Little Things Make Big Things Happen
7. Make Each Day Your Masterpiece
8. The Carrot Is Mightier Than A Stick
9. Make Greatness Attainable By All
10. Seek Significant Change
11. Don't Look At The Scoreboard
12. Adversity Is Your Asset

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Pearls of Wisdom we've learned from Dad:

1. Delivering the early morning Sunday Examiner, picking grapes in a field under the hot sun, and working at City Market are difficult and valuable work experiences for young people.
2. In contrast, babysitting can be a different story....



Hey - babysitting is easy -

Pearls of Wisdom we've learned from Dad:

1. You don't need to be the best, just aim to do your own personal best.
2. Be proud of your family. It's ok for grandparents to brag about their kids, grandkids, nieces, and nephews in their annual holiday letters. Dad's tradition: the longer and more detailed the letter the better, and single-spaced is fine too...:)



Eddie



Ed



Dana



Karen



Larry



Mike



Kathy



Norma



Kevin--30



Gregory--27



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Elizabeth--25



Nate--24



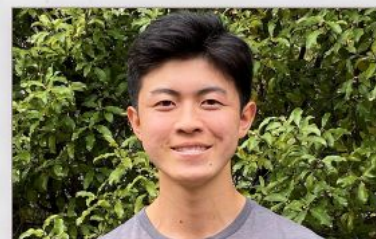
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Pearls of Wisdom we've learned from Dad:

- 1. Sometimes you need to take a break and “reset”...whether at a roadside bathroom, or in life!**
- 2. Life is precious....and always believe in Angels.....**

