

Hair Talk with *Terri*

OUR FABULOUS FATHERS

June brings us to celebrating those special men in our life, especially our FATHER'S. I have a special and unique bond with my father being his "little girl" and blessed to have so many father figures in my life, namely my brother, uncles, great uncles, grandfathers, elders and so many of my friends who became Fathers through the years.

Also, many amazing clients and colleagues who are wonderful examples of fun loving, fabulous and fearless Father's. These incredible men started a journey of strength, courage, commitment, humility, compassion and love that is necessary to live up to their role. They became instant teachers, role models and mentors, opening themselves up to being ultimate students of life's great lessons.

So much responsibility with so little time for the determined and hard-working man who wants to nurture his family... and himself.

My Dad turns 90th this July! What a celebration it will be looking back on his life. There are so many stories that I could share, but this is a blog, not a book 😂

Our relationship has always been a close one which has made it easy to capture those certain stories or first things that come to mind when I think about my Dad. I hope that some of these stories will resonate with you.



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Discipline:

Looking back, I was raised on a farm in Northern Alberta that had crops, chickens, dogs, a horse and various other farm animals to tend to. At this early age I was introduced to discipline to routine of daily farm chores but also when my brother or I got out of line. (which was a lot!)

Farming wasn't an easy task, but my dad made it seem like a gift and enjoyed each day given to him. He was up before the sunrise and to bed well after the sun had set and he had won the last card game with the neighbors. No matter how tired or beaten up he felt from the workday, he was ready to poke fun at family and friends with a big smile on his face.

Generous and Forgiving:

We had moved from the farm into town now and my dad was busy building his real estate business while raising us on his own. Our many activities didn't leave much time for anything else. My Dad was at every ball game, sports event and managed the never-ending demands we would show up with. We seemed to create many challenges for him then, but he was consistent with firm reminders to us to get back on track which was always followed by gentle nudges in the right direction. These teens years created a distinct separation of who was boss in the house but at the same time revealed his most generous and forgiving nature. When we did fall short, he spoke the truth and then forgave.

To this day he still will say "Did you learn something? Good, then keep going!"

He would even welcome our friends into our home to stay when needed and was always there to help as many people as possible in the community that he could.

Risk-Taker:

I loved his never-ending desire to take risks into the unknown. As we grew, he grew. Teaching us how to be successful in business and in life, no matter what setbacks came our way. His mind was always moving, thinking and creating. From farming to owning his real estate business he would travel to Asia with new inventions he was launching. I learnt much from this. To not be scared to try something new or see what is on the other side when new doors open. That whatever crazy idea I may come up with, well it just may pay off!

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Loving:

As I created my own family, my Dad was always there to lend an ear near or far. His heart grew immensely for his new grandchildren that my brother and I introduced him to. Sharing his knowledge, wisdom, love and big hugs for all. His loving, kind and gentle manner made all the memories special.

Whether we are relaxing hand in hand, when he is trying to teach my 9-year-old granddaughter how to two step in the kitchen, painting a picture with me, or when we pamper him with a spa day.

Still today, his loving and caring heart leads the way.

Maybe one day I will write that book, but for now I wish you time to reflect on the special moments you have had with the special Fathers in your lives.

By far the greatest gift in life that my Dad taught me was to simply... Smile.

Happy Fathers Day!

With love & much gratitude,
Terri



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Funny, sweet and supportive
- Brianna Woycheshin, Salon Coordinator

Desire to accomplish what he sets his mind to
- Malek Patterson, Salon Coordinator

Strict, Very Caring, Loving and Protective
- Tristan Garding, RMT

