

April 2021 Client Corner: Leaving a Legacy

The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money...but rather a legacy of character and faith. – Billy Graham

Betty Dixon and her husband Dean (who passed in 2007) became clients almost twenty-three years ago. Dean got a hold of Rob's book and it seemed to really "speak his language." Betty was a member of an advisory board Rob put together that consisted of just women and she has proved to be a valuable voice over the years. A great friendship was formed and we are thankful for the trust and confidence Betty has placed in us. In recent years Betty has curated a collection of tangible gifts for her children and grandchildren as a way to leave a lasting legacy of faith and joyful memories.

Betty was initially inspired when she wrote a book of poetry as a gift for her mother's 80th birthday. She presented "Where the Trees Bend Low" to her at her birthday party. In addition to that special copy she had one thousand books printed. Over the years she has given these books away (even sold a few) and recently gave each of her four grandchildren a copy of it with a picture of their great-grandmother, her mom.



Continuing the tradition of books, Betty put together a cook book for her grandchildren in 2019. "Grandma Betty's Best Recipes" includes recipes that her family has come to know and love over the years. It includes favorite baked goods, main dishes, punch, salads, old time favorites. And most importantly valuable kitchen tips, and grace before meals.

Something that has brought Betty much joy over her lifetime is performing in choirs. She performed with the Tustin Presbyterian choir for many years and it was the best choir she had ever been a part of. One of her most treasured experiences there was doing a Christmas recording in 1993. She gave all her grandchildren a copy of this recording, a special memory and tangible gift that they will be able to incorporate into their Christmas traditions for years to come.

We are so thankful to Betty for sharing these special memories and inspiring us all to be creative with the gifts we give!