

OUR LEGACY

As a couple, we are focused on living our legacy rather than leaving one. When thinking of leaving a legacy, many think of money or personal wealth that is passed down after we die. That is all good and we should prepare for such. As a couple, however, we have learned that there is so much more to leave. Our legacy is more about sharing what we have learned, and passing down values over valuables.

Having been married for forty-seven years, we have learned so much about life and what matters most. As parents, grandparents and godparents, we care deeply about being role models for the children in our lives. Over time we have grown wiser. We have faced challenges great and small. There have been trials. There is no perfect marriage, and we have found that the best way to get through every situation is one day at a time, step by step, while asking God to train our minds to seek Him. Spiritual guidance is always needed. It is truly a blessing from God.

We thank God for a wonderful, loving relationship as we depend on each other to stay focused on changes to one's self and to do any reassessment required. That is needed in every relationship. If you want happy moments, you have to love, trust and respect each other.

We also believe in the value of serving. Willingly giving of our time, talent and resources in support of our church, community, and the individuals with whom we interact is simply the thing to do, knowing that to whom much is given, much is required.

Always make time for family and friends. Taking time to build relationships and sow into each other's lives is precious and priceless.

As far as our legacy is concerned, we are most proud of our son, Tony, and the things we taught him about life, getting a good education, obtaining a great moral compass and a strong sense of personal responsibility. It gives us great pride and joy to see that the values we taught him are now being passed on by him to our granddaughter.

To God be the glory!

- Sam & Geraldine Ward