

WHAT WILL THEY WRITE—WHAT WILL THEY SAY—WHEN I DIE?

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What Men Will Write...

Toe Tag Testimonial – The Place of Death

Autopsy Examination – The Cause of Death

Death Notice – Name – Date of Birth & Death

Follow-up Obituary – Dash Between Birth & Death

What Men Will Write About Our Dash of Life...

From the Movie “Last Word”

A Well Written *Really Great* Obituary Contains:

1. That the deceased is loved by their family.
2. That the deceased is admired by their co-workers.
3. That the deceased touched someone’s life unexpectedly.

What Men Will Say in Eulogy About Our Dash of Life...

The Measure of a Man

Not—"How did he die?" But—"How did he live?"
Not—"What did he gain?" But—"What did he give?"
These are the units to measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Not—"What was his station?" But—"Had he a heart?"
And—"How did he play his God-given part?
Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer,
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?"

Not—"What was his church?" Nor—"What was his creed?"
But—"Had he befriended those really in need?"
Not—"What did the sketch in the newspaper say?"
But—"How many were sorry when he passed away?"

Our Dash of Life is Written Together With Others...

What Men Will Ultimately Remember About Our Dash...

Tombstone Epitaph – “Gone But Not Forgotten!”

Ecclesiastes 2:16 – “For there is no more remembrance of the wise than of the fool forever, since all that now is will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a wise man die? As the fool!”

Bottomline – It’s Not What Man Thinks But What God Knows!

WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY WRITTEN – We’re Lost!

WHAT GOD WITH US TOGETHER WRITES – Grace!

WHAT GOD WILL FORGET & REMEMBER – Forgiven!

WHAT GOD WILL SAY ON THAT DAY --

IT’S REALLY UP TO ME!