

Reflections

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*"a family owned Funeral Home,
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"A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him."

- Sidney Greenberg

The West Family



*In
Loving
Memory*

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Edwin Reilly

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Russell White

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Reese Ashmore

A Dog's Diary

8:00 am - Dog food! My favorite thing!
9:30 am - A car ride! My favorite thing!
10:30 am - Got petted! My favorite thing!
12:00 pm - Milk bones! My favorite thing!
5:00 pm - Dinner! My favorite thing!
7:00 pm - Got to play ball! My favorite thing!
11:00 pm - Sleeping on the bed! My favorite thing!

Flashback to 1955. Below is an abbreviated version of "The Good Wife's Guide" which was published by *Good Housekeeping* in 1955. These rules were also found in many home economics books of the time.

- *Have dinner ready. Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal ready on time for his return. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking about him and are concerned about his needs.
- *Prepare yourself. Take 15 minutes to rest so you'll be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your make-up, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh-looking. He has just been with a lot of work-weary people.
- *Clear away the clutter. Run a dustcloth over the tables.
- *During the cooler months of the year you should prepare and light a fire for him to unwind by. After all, catering to his comfort will provide you with immense personal satisfaction.
- *Minimize all noise. Encourage the children to be quiet. Be happy to see him. Greet him with a warm smile and show sincerity in your desire to please him.
- *Listen to him. Let him talk first - remember, his topics of conversation are more important than yours.
- *Don't complain if he's late for dinner or even if he stays out all night. Count this as minor compared to what he might have gone through at work.
- *Make him comfortable. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him. Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes. Speak in a low, soothing and pleasant voice.
- *Don't ask him questions about his actions or question his judgment or integrity. You have no right to question him.
- *A good wife always knows her place.

Words of Wisdom

- *Success stops when you do.*The best way to escape your problem is to solve it.*
- *I've learned that ultimately, 'takers' lose and 'givers' win.*Yesterday was the deadline for all complaints.*Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side.* I don't have to attend every argument I'm invited to.*

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Our new and improved website has been launched! Along with informing families of the services we offer, our newsletter is now available on-line for your convenience. **After September of this year, we will be switching completely to the on-line version. However, if you would still like to receive the newsletter via US mail, please contact our office at 285-1130 and ask for Marcus who will be happy to send you the mailout each month.** Your comments are greatly appreciated, and would help us in making sure our website is helpful and informative to all who visit it. Please let us know any ideas or suggestions you may have to help make our site a success!



Diana Frances Spencer was born into the British aristocracy. She was born at Park House, Sandringham in Norfolk, England. On her mother's side, Diana had Irish, Scottish, English, and American ancestry. On her father's side she was a direct descendant of Charles II, James II and VII. Other notable ancestors included

Robert I (the Bruce) and Mary, Queen of Scots. Diana was related to more English Monarchs than the Windsor's themselves, primarily earlier kings. The Spencer's had been close to the British Royal Family for centuries: rising in royal favor during the 1600's. Diana was firstly educated at Salfield School, then West Heath's School where she was regarded as a poor student. In 1977 she attended a finishing school in Switzerland; at this time she met her future husband for the first time, who was dating her sister, Lady Sarah. Diana reportedly excelled in swimming and diving and is said to have longed to be a ballerina, but did not study ballet seriously and was too tall for that at 5'10". Diana begged her father to allow her to move to London, a request granted before she was 17. An apartment was purchased for her and she found a job at the Young England Kindergarten nursery school. Prince Charles' love life had always been the subject of press speculation. In his early 30's, he was under pressure to marry. Legally, the only requirement was that he could not marry a Roman Catholic; a member of the Church of England was preferred. In order to gain the approval of his family and their advisors, any potential bride was expected to have royal or aristocratic background, as well as be Protestant. Diana met these qualifications. They married at St. Paul's Cathedral on July 29, 1981, watched by a global audience of almost 1 billion. In the late 1980's, after having two sons, their marriage fell apart. Their divorce was final on August 28, 1996. Diana received a lump sum of money along with a legal order preventing her from discussing the details. As she was no longer married to the Prince of Wales, and so had ceased to be a Royal by marriage, she lost the style Her Royal Highness and instead was styled as Diana, Princess of Wales. After her divorce, Diana did a great deal of useful work particularly for the Red Cross and in a campaign to rid the world of landmines. Diana used her influential status to positively assist the campaign against landmines, a cause which won the Nobel Prize in 1997. In 1987, the Princess of Wales was one of the first high-profile celebrities to be photographed touching a person infected with (HIV) at the 'chain of hope' organization. Her contribution to changing the public opinion of AIDS sufferers was summarized in December 2001 by Bill Clinton at the 'Diana, Princess of Wales Lecture on AIDS': "In 1987, when so many still believed that AIDS could be contracted through casual contact, Princess Diana sat on the sickbed of a man with AIDS, and held his hand. She showed the world that people with AIDS deserve no isolation, but compassion and kindness. It helped change the world's opinion, and gave hope to people with AIDS ". On August 31, 1997 Diana died after a high speed car accident in the Pont de l'Alma road tunnel in Paris. Her funeral on September 6, 1997 was broadcast and watched by an estimated 2.5 billion people world wide. She was buried with a set of rosary beads in her hands, a gift she received from Mother Teresa. Her grave is on an island in the grounds of Althorp Park, her family home. A path with thirty-six oak trees, marking each year of her life, leads to her burial space.

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Cemetery Hours

Gates Open at 8:00 am & Close at Dusk

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Other Times by Appointment

Funeral Home Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Other Times by Appointment

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Many of you may have read an article in the Florida Times Union about Joseph Briseno, Jr., *the most critically injured American Soldier to survive the war in Iraq*. We are asking that any families, who like us find it hard to believe that families of wounded soldiers are having to spend every dime they have to pay medical bills, respond by making a simple donation in Joseph's name to **Rebuilding Together**.

Donations can be sent to:
Rebuilding Together, Inc.
Joseph Briseno Jr. Family
1536 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20036

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