

IN THE SUNSET OF LIFE...

*WE ARE
THE TREASURES
OF THE
WORLD!*



“RISE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE AGED, SHOW RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY AND REVERE YOUR GOD. I AM THE LORD.” (Leviticus 19:32)

Dear Readers,

The verse from Leviticus 19:32 above in red is a firm commandment from God found in the Old Testament that was purposely aimed at the Israelites with the goal of demonstrating how he expected older people to be treated. It is truly amazing to note how much honor he placed upon those living in the winter season of life. He literally demanded that his creation **RISE** in their presence, **SHOW** respect to them, and in so doing, reverence would be exhibited to him directly.

In deference to this mighty commandment from God Almighty, it is my pleasure as a disciple of Christ to introduce a collection titled “GRAMME ROCKS” that offers his entire creation a way to follow the principles stated so explicitly from Leviticus 19:32 above. The inspiration for the entire collection has come from observing two activity directors , Tim Trafford and Melody Childers, whose hearts are filled to overflowing with love for the elderly ; so much that their actions reach unbelievable heights in offering the residents **they serve** reasons to become involved in life during their sunset years.

As an advocate for the older people, volunteer reader, and writer of materials found on **devotionalembers.com**, it has been a pleasure to observe as well as participate in their program that can only be classified as extraordinary. In fact, the activities are so dramatic and filled with fun that even the residents’ relatives frequently arrive just to partake of the joy filled festivities that abound; all because two people possess so much respect for the ones they serve and are willing to color outside the lines.

Thus, desiring to pass along the magical fun they exude to activity directors, administrators, residents’ relatives, and the community at large, permission to share their work was sought and granted by Melody and Tim, as well as Keith Steenbergen, the health care facility administrator. Life to them is not about self, but making the world a better place for sweet old folks all over the universe. How does this involve you? READ ON.....

*****Administrators**---If you desire to enrich the residents' lives in your facility and are not afraid "to rock the house," this collection is for you. Launching this program means you will:

---Hire an energetic activity director that loves the elderly and welcomes change

---Budget dollars that will allow this department to flourish

---Include yourself and your staff by participating and supporting the efforts with the realization that the activities are truly an integral part in each resident's care plan.

In so doing, you will quickly recognize that this department is literally viewed by relatives and community members as the very face of your healthcare facility. The impression you make on the outside world will be enormous. Word of mouth will cause community members to choose your facility due to the joy that is witnessed upon arriving for each visit.

*****Activity Directors**---If you are an eagle and desire to soar to new heights, then you will find the "GRAMME ROCKS" collection as a resource to be treasured.

*****Community Members**---Placing your loved one into a health care facility is one of your most important and challenging decisions in life. If you want peace of mind knowing your loved one is being engaged in fun and energizing activities, "GRAMME ROCKS" is the collection for you. In your search for the "right" health care facility, observe carefully the activity department from the perspective that it is an integral component of your loved one's overall care plan. If you sense an administrator with an open mind, share the collection with him/her. Excellent administrators are always desirous of growing and welcome change. AS A COMMUNITY MEMBER, SHARE THE COLLECTION WITH EVERYONE! After all, it is all creations' responsibility to make sure we obey God's commandment to "RISE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE AGED, AND SHOW RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY"!

By making others aware of "GRAMME ROCKS", you will give the elderly a reason for living, prevent them from being lonely, and touch them deeply with the love and respect they deserve in the sunset of life. Amen!