

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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Our youngest daughter arrived when Ellie was in her late thirties and I had just turned forty. It was somewhat different, so I and two other men in like circumstances, informally named ourselves “The Over-Forty Fathers Club.” But it was a wonderful blessing!

However, as our little girl grew, it became a bit of a social problem. What was perfectly normal to our family seemed unusual to some of our daughter’s little friends. Being normal young girls, they were curious. And when young girls are curious they look, and think, and finally ask questions.

During an afternoon dancing class, our seven or eight year old daughter ambled over and quietly told her mother, “That girl over there wants to know if you are my mother or my grandmother.” Armed with the answer, she delivered the response. A short time later she returned and announced, “She wants to know old you are.” And, after looking up a moment, she queried thoughtfully, “Are you 46 or 64?” Once more she delivered the reply.

When the class session ended and the girls were preparing to disband, our daughter’s little friend came over and shyly stood close by my wife. After a moment, and with her eyes still fixed on the floor, she said softly, “***You sure have pretty shoes!***”

I guess she knew when all else fails, and you want to make up with a lady—compliment her clothes!

From Grandpa With Love

A Note From the Writer

Moving into my nineties caused me to reminisce. It was eye-opening to realize how much I had been changed by one-liners. I decided some of these might give others a new insight or a chuckle, so—enjoy! You can reproduce this material, provided the copies are complete, including this copyright note, and circulated free of charge. © 2017 Marvin J. Martin