

## ***One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!***

### **#90 “*It’s time to go to Larksfeld!*”**

Early in 2001 Ellie became aware that she was suffering memory loss. In the summer of 2005 she calmly announced, “*It’s time to go to Larksfeld!*” So we did.

We really enjoyed the next four years. She never tired of looking out our third floor window at the beauty of a sunrise or sunset as it spread across the sky and its rays flashed like fire from the cross atop the church we could see in the distance. Or watching a full moon and the city lights on the horizon. Often she would call me to share the moments with her.

Ellie left in September, 2009. Life was never the same. It was good to have the company of others close by, but it became increasingly clear we had moved for Ellie and I no longer fit. So, some of our children and I began to look for an alternative.

When I remarried in 2012, Jo and I decided to make a fresh start in a new location. It, too, was right for that period of our life. But four years later, our age and health told us our needs were changing. In early 2016, I told my wife, “I am 91 years old. Something is going to happen one of these days, and I don’t want to leave you with a crisis.”

It is exciting to change houses as our family grows, or we scale down in retirement. But we learned it is also wise to know what stage of life we are in, and go where we fit!

This time I was the one who calmly repeated the words, “*It’s time to go to Larksfeld!*”

*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. © 2018 Marvin J. Martin