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# **Make Mother’s Day Special for Your Mum**

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This year, why not make Mother’s Day extra special for your Mum? Rather than spending money on unwanted gifts such as chocolates or slippers, try this suggestion for a ‘less cash, more dash’ gift that will last?

Give Mum the gift of some intimate one-on-one time to interview her about some aspects of her life she may never have talked about previously. Record the interview on your phone to enable you to a) preserve Mum’s voice and b) transcribe the interview into text, before adding some relevant photos to the document.

Here are the questions I wish I’d asked my Mum before she died:

* Tell me about some highlight from your childhood life?
* Where did you go to school, what did you study and during what years?
* What would your parents think about your current life?
* When, where and why did you fall in love with Dad?
* At what age were you happiest and why?
* Of what, during your lifetime, are you most proud?
* Thinking back, what has been your most difficult decision?
* Tell me what would make you overjoyed now?
* What do you consider to be your greatest mistake?
* Describe which happy memory you will always cherish?

Make the interview a special time for the two of you to sit and chat before asking your list of interview questions – remember, this is not meant to be an inquisition! Share a cup of tea or maybe a glass of wine with Mum, creating a warm atmosphere and don’t forget to thank her when the interview is over.

You could establish a family tradition by repeating this process annually, creating a memorable, cherished record of Mum’s memories to pass on through family generations.

Remember – time passes, memories fade… and we take our memories with us when we go!

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