

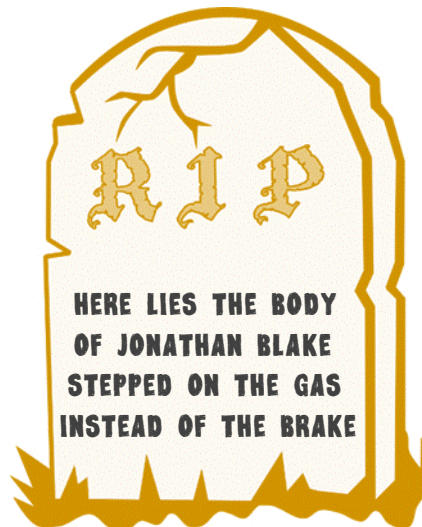
MESSAGES ON A TOMBSTONE

If one does a little research, you may find some humorous and poignant epitaphs and tombstone verses. Think about it: These messages become your last words – or those chosen for you – to the world.

Granted, not all tombstone sayings are telling, like the one for Lester Moore at Boot Hill Cemetery in Tombstone, Arizona:



Or this grave marker from Uniontown, Pennsylvania:



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In an effort to explain how the person died, the tombstone of Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York, says:



Comedian Rodney Dangerfield stayed true to his character with this:



Television celebrity and talk show host Merv Griffin penned his own:



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Writing on the subject of epitaphs, Steve Goodier, author, United Methodist minister and founder and publisher of *Your Life Support System*, cites what Charlie Mechem, chairman of Mechem Media, wants on his tombstone: “Dear God: Thanks for letting me visit. I had a wonderful time.”

“All right,” Goodier said. “Not every day is a wonderful day. But as I look back over my life, the good and the bad, the difficult and fun and exciting and dreadful, I would like to be able to say in summary: I had a wonderful time. There were friends and family, there were failures and even disasters, but there was also plenty of fun. And through it all, there was important work to do.”



So, my question for you today is: When you die, how will you be remembered?

In your calling with Life Care and Century Park, you have important work to do – serving God by serving His children. That has eternal significance. Your job is difficult and demanding.

But make sure you value each day. As you look back on most days as being worthwhile, and oftentimes enjoyable, just know that if you will find a way to appreciate every day given to you, you will be able to say in all sincerity, “I had a wonderful time.”

That, it seems to me, is a worthy goal to have.

Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:4 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter