

Those Old People

Age has its challenges, but there is much we can learn from the elderly – not only in the wisdom they possess, but in the qualities they display. Here is an illustration forwarded to me. Its author is unknown but the message is both real and amusing. It is a tribute to Old People.

Old People are easy to spot at sporting events. During the playing of the National Anthem, Old People remove their caps, stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them.

Old People remember World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing. They remember the 50-plus peacekeeping missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention Vietnam.

If you bump into Old People on the sidewalk, he will apologize. If you pass an Old People on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old People trust strangers and are courtly to women.

Old People hold the door for the next person, and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

Old People get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children, and they don't like filthy or dirty language on TV or in movies.



Old People have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children or grandchildren.

It's the Old People who know our great country is protected, not by politicians but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

This country needs Old People with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country, and decent values. We need them now more than ever.

Thank God for Old People, and for the privilege in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home to serve them.

– Beecher Hunter