The Obituary Exercise

In the space below, write your obituary – what you would want written about you when you have passed away many, many years from now. Write whatever comes to mind, even if it feels like stream-of-consciousness. Use words, phrases, sentences. Don’t over-think this exercise. Do not edit, censor, analyze or critique your thoughts. Take 10-15 minutes to complete this exercise. You can re-visit this exercise again in the future, so do not try to perfect your answer now.

Questions you should ask yourself as you do this exercise:

- What and/or who did you impact or change? Why?
- What character traits and values did you consistently demonstrate over your life? At your core, who were you?
- Who did you care for? How did you impact or change this person/these people?
- What were major accomplishments in your life? At the ages of 40, 50, 60, 70?
- What did you show interest in? What were you passionate or enthusiastic about?
- What was your legacy?

THINK BIG. IMAGINE POSSIBILITIES.
RECALL INSPIRING DREAMS AND THOUGHTS YOU’VE HAD IN THE PAST.