

Tues. Eve.

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Dear Mother + Dad:-

As I told Dale, I never expected to make out a will + Power of Attorney at the end of 20 short years. I always associated things of that sort with old people. To be perfectly frank, I never gave the subject of power of attorney a thought until it was presented to me today.

As you will notice, I have made Dale the beneficiary of my \$10,000 insurance + sole heir to everything I now have and anything I might acquire from now until my - 100 year distant - death. He will also receive an amount equal to 6 months of my pay in that event. Of course, should Ruth & I be married, I would, naturally, have everything turned over to her + sign a new will. I would, however, leave the Power of Attorney up to you, Dad.

In many families a fellow would

have to name several heirs, beneficiaries,
Power of attorneys, etc. to prevent dis-
pute but I know I won't have to do
that because of the deep affection & e-
quality in our family.

I had planned to write a "last letter"
to you all, & be sure to mention your
death wishes but have decided to tell
- or try to tell - you how just how thank-
ful I am to you for everything & how
much you mean to me.

There are not words enough to de-
scribe how glad I am to be your son
& to have your wonderful & unselfish
love. As in that prayer that I came
across at Camp Kirby, Mom: - "who
gave me the gift of life -" & "I can
not pay the debt for all the love that
she has given -". I thank you, Mom,
for bringing me into the world & for
sure that I shall never be able to

repay you for all the loving care & devotion that you've given me! I thank you too, Dad, for providing for all of us so that we go on from life together.

I know, of course, what it was your duty to us, your parents, & theirs before them but I thank you for doing more than your utmost so that we are

than you did & always the best. I thank you both for giving such a swell father to know, love, & live with. And I thank you both for bringing me up, as you have, to the greatest Dale & for teaching me all the things of life that you have.

I thank God for giving me such a swell family & come back to!

Regardless of the time that there is in God, some thing could happen to me & it is for that reason that I would & put down in writing some of the things that I have in my heart. The other deep things that I would like to say

don't seem to hear words but ~~they~~ ^{you} know
that they are in my heart!

Thank you for everything & especially
for letting me be your son!

God Bless you both!

Your loving son,
Shawn..