



Just a Phone Call or Visit Away!

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How often have you heard someone say, "I wish I had called them" or "I wish I had visited them"... "but now it is too late." If we are being honest, it is something most of us have heard quite often. As a senior advocate I encounter this lament all the time. It is a problem that can be addressed, and many times solved, through a better understanding of interpersonal relationships.

Perhaps the most typical time these words are used is at the passing of a spouse, dear friend, or parent. In my work with seniors, I have found the younger generation's neglect of parents to be one of the most frequent forms of elder abuse in families. It is easy to become self-centered and place our own needs before those of other family members. Why do we do this? Mostly, I think we forget that others like and need our attention.

Truly this opens a Pandora's Box, for any one can die and cause a family member regret for many years, some never recovering from the lack of attention they could have devoted to another family member before death occurred. While this topic could be the source of many articles, most of us know what we can do to eliminate the hurt so often experienced by

elders. Simply be more attentive, more aware of others, more aware of what our inattention to loved ones can cause them.

Phone calls on a regular basis are wonderful, but if the call is hurried or does not seem germane to what the call should be about, we can cause more hurt than comfort.

Establishment of good interpersonal relationships or expressions of love must be carefully developed. We listen to what is being said but do we really understand? In our age of iPhones and other electronic devices, it is easy to be in another world while sitting across from someone. We all have our opinion of the importance of phone calls, text messages, etc., but rudeness or inattention in any form is still hurtful.

As the world changes, all in it changes. Some change is good, some not so good. Existing in a technological world is difficult for many elders. Some adapt to change, but not all, so it is imperative that we respect the many personalities, life styles, and customs that make up our world. A kind word, a well-intended comment, a thoughtful expression all can improve someone's day. Taking time out from our own agenda involves little effort, but could mean a lot to a forgotten or ignored loved one. Undivided personal attention will be long remembered. What can you do to make someone else have a better day? Try understanding what is said.

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to work with a variety of experienced professionals such as Attorney's, Realtors, and Contractors. Just remember that, if the Buyer doesn't pay or you have other related issues, you may have to proceed with evictions and foreclosure proceedings. This costs a lot of time and money and possible destruction to your property. You need to be sure this is a possible strategy that all parties understand and agree to. Otherwise, one sibling may have to buy the shares of the other to do this strategy.

List the house: In many cases, the heirs just assume they can put the house on the market and sell it quickly. This may be true if the home is in the ideal location and has the necessary repairs done. However, a new buyer must be able to obtain insurance and a mortgage. Selling a property is a detailed process which involves time, advertising, marketing, commitment and money, inspections, and appraisals.

Sell for Cash-AS IS: To most people inheriting a house is a daunting and emotional roller coaster. There are a lot of people that want to liquidate the house, the contents and get the cash as quickly as possible.

If you have inherited part of a house and would like to consider any of the above scenarios contact Geiger Gould Properties for a Free-No Obligation evaluation of your situation. We are licensed and experienced in these situations. We offer creative solutions for your inherited property. If you are still in Probate, we can work with your Attorney and make the arrangements so when you are ready to sell the decisions have already been made. Before you make a final decision contact us: 321-549-8707 or Nancig@GeigerGould.com **SS**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mission Inn Luncheon and Winery Tour - January 17, 2018 - \$62 - enjoy a fabulous lunch at the Hacienda Restaurant at the Mission Inn, Howey in the Hills before going on tour of the Lakeridge Winery. Minimum 35 people needed.

Historical Farmall Tractor Show - February 15, 2018 - \$79 - Book signing with Roy Burhop, antique vendors, food vendors and farming exhibits. Minimum 35 people needed.

Florida Strawberry Festival - March 1, 2018 - \$79 - Join us for a trip to Plant City! We will enjoy some strawberry shortcake and a concert with the Oak Ridge Boys! Minimum 35 people needed.

Waitress - March 24, 2018 - \$92 - inspired by Adrienne Shelly's beloved film, Waitress tells the story of Jenna, a waitress and expert pie maker. Minimum 35 people needed.

Something Rotten - April 28th, 2018 - \$92 - set in the 1590's the hilarious smash hit tells the story of Nick and Nigel Bottom, two brothers who are desperate to write their own hit play while the rock star "Shakespeare" keeps getting all of the hits. Minimum 35 people needed.

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