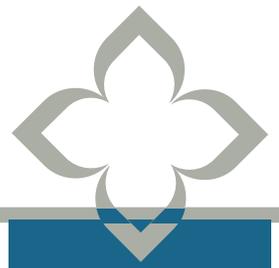


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Encourage and enable elders to share their knowledge and talents with school children to reverse any negative aspects of ageism.

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Kathy Stewart and Corning Benton were recently invited to Mrs. Louder's Creative Writing Class.. The topic was memoir writing. Kathy and Corning were perfect candidates for this class since Kathy is has served as Marjorie Lee's Memoir group facilitator for the last several years and Corning is a active participant of the group. Each shared examples of their work with the students at Mount Notre Dame and answered questions. Some of the girls were moved to tears hearing Corning's reflections about his wife, Carol.

Students participated in an activity that Kathy facilitated with the MPL group. She asked the girls to create a six word memoir. Here are the memoirs that were created.

- Learned to write, found my voice.
- Breather, human, learner, writer, me – synonymous.
- Birth, breath, beauty, brilliance, buried, beginning.
- Took up cross, breathed new life.
- Lost in Him I found myself.
- Beautiful Mrs. Louder, my second mom.
- Sought happiness within self; found it.
- Hopefully worth more than six words
- Life looks bad? Stand on head.
- Watching my family, better than cable.
- Money can't buy anything I have.
- Family is something nothing can replace.
- You're gone, but I'm still here.
- Cross it out. Write it again..
- Does anyone else think in pictures
- Hold my hand, I don't bite.
- How much longer until bed time?
- Feet on ground, head I clouds.

- Lost. Careless. Beautiful in my world.
- Daddy's girl. Selfish. Appreciative sister.
- Recovering strong with my friend's help.
- Don't understand, never will, live on.
- Always busy, hardly any free time.
- Listening to music makes life okay.
- My sisters motivate me for tomorrow.
- May siblings + attention grabbers = very independent.
- Loving dad, nervous stepmom = perfect combination.
- A fighter, born to be brave.
- Blessed life, a constant journey of growing.
- Past defined by others, future's mine.
- Not even worth any six words.
- Cuts, bruises, scars my lost heart.
- Only ever wanted to be held.
- Mistakes made, paved way, better days.
- Notes, strings, a voice that sings.
- Thoughts, ideas, dreams, the real thing.
- Always open to never-ending opportunities.
- Procrastination never ever takes vacation.
- All you need is love. Period.



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