



SOME REFLECTIONS ON MY LIFE

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The reason I asked to be cremated:

In sympathy and united with my sister Clara, my numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and the millions of Jews who perished, cremated during the Holocaust. Mine was a choice, not theirs.

I am grateful to God for so many things:

As a survivor of the Holocaust, I had a great life, a full life, a successful life.

I am grateful for the family that saved me and loved me: the Hanquet Family. I am grateful for the example of their Christian life; they were Gospel witnesses, they inspired me and led to my conversion.

I am grateful to the DMJs for the many happy years and for the 20 years of service in Africa.

I am grateful for being accepted, adopted in America. After a life-long experience as an immigrant, a foreigner, I found a real homeland, America, Santa Maria.

I am grateful for so many friends and families that adopted me and loved me: my savior family, Hanquet; the DMJ Family; the Sheila Tellis Family; the Sullivan Family in Ireland and England; and the many families in St. Joseph High School.

I have loved and enjoyed my many years of teaching, of working with teenagers, in Christian Service, as Volunteer Coordinator at Marian Hospital.

This was all made possible by the grace of God, all done in His Name.

I am thankful to my youngest brother, Henry; my cousins Simon and Caroline. They always stood by my side; they supported me and helped me to reconcile with my father, my brother David, the eldest; and also to make peace with my brother Isi.

*I thank the Lord for instilling in me love, compassion, tolerance, flexibility—
Strength to look forward, not back.*

Remember me for Tolerance and Peace