

## Memoir for Me

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### September Updates: On Faith, Grandparents and "Uncles"



#### From the Blog: Faith in Something

The world lost a great man a few weeks ago: my godfather and pseudo-uncle Bob "Butch Kalchbrenner. He and his wife Gloria are those salt-of-the-earth people who always put others' needs before their own. It's ironic that my "Uncle" Bob has always had a bad heart because I don't know many people with a larger and kinder heart than his.

Butch was truly an inspiration on how to live and how to treat people during your short time here. On the Official Godfather Requirement Checklist, he checked all the boxes. I'm better for having known him. **What better legacy is there?**

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### Grandparents Day is Sunday, September 11

Do you have a grandparent with unbelievable stories? Or would you like to have your parents' stories documented for your children?

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### Returning to Anne's Haven Next Month

Come one, come all, to one, or all!

**Tuesdays, 10-11AM in October**  
5629 W. Irving Park Road  
\$15/class or \$50 for all 4  
Childcare is available!

Want to write your life stories but need some help? I'll provide tips on getting started, writing dialogue, how to edit, and when to know when you're finished! Come ready to write and share.

Email me to [RSVP](#).

### Featured Story: Bob Kalchbrenner

After two heart bypass surgeries, several cardiac ablations, four pacemakers, and cardioversion defibrillation procedures, Robert (Bob, known as Butch to family) Kalchbrenner may not have the healthiest heart but it hasn't affected his ability to love his wife Gloria of 50 years.

*"She's the best thing that ever happened to me."*



They met in 1961 at the Beverly Lounge, a local hotspot on the southside of Chicago. Gloria Schick was there with her friend Sharon Hurley. Bob was out with two friends, Bob Walsh and Bob Tracy. This naming coincidence caused quite the confusion later, when Sharon mentioned to Gloria

that "Bob" liked her and wanted to ask her out.

After figuring out which Bob was interested, Gloria agreed. On their first date, Bob, acting the gentleman, drove to Gloria's parents house to pick her up. As Gloria was upstairs getting ready, Bob sat nervously in the Schick's living room, when an awkward exchange took place.

Gloria's mom: *Butch! Get out here in the kitchen!*

Bob: *Ok.*

Gloria's mom: *Where are you going, young man?*

Bob: *Into the kitchen.*

Gloria's mom: *I was talking to the dog... Butch.*

*In memory of Robert A. "Butch" Kalchbrenner  
December 21, 1940 - August 17, 2016*

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*Thanks for reading! See you next month. - Nora*

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