

Say it in Stone and in Steps

What few choice words will you leave behind for the living to remember you by? As much as we may not want to – it's something worth thinking about. Check out the following epitaphs that were chiseled in stone by loved ones and friends on various grave markers.

"That's all folks."

-- Mel Blanc

Here lies a man named Zeke, second fastest draw in Cripple Creek.

-- Gunfighter, Silver City, Nevada

Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake.

Stepped on the gas instead of the brake.

-- Jonathan Blake, Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Here lies the body of our Anna, done to death by a banana.

It wasn't the fruit that laid her low, but the skin of the thing that made her go.

-- Anna Hopewell, Enosburg Falls, Vermont

I had a lover's quarrel with the world.

-- Robert Frost

A star on earth -- a star in heaven.

-- Karen Carpenter

Murdered by a traitor and a coward whose name is not worthy to appear here.

-- Jesse James

You may not be quite ready to leave a message in stone, but everyday you leave one with the steps that you take. What kind of message are people getting from your life? Paul talks about the way we should be living in Ephesians 4:1(NLT). "Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling for you have been called by God."

Think about it. You have been chosen to be Christ's representative on this planet. Family members, friends at school and people you work with are carefully watching the steps of your life. What do they notice? Do they see Jesus in you? How well are you doing as his representative? God doesn't expect me and you to be perfect. But he does expect us to try hard to live a life worthy of our calling.

Take the time to carefully examine the steps of your life. Make sure what you say in stone – and your steps – is worthy of who you represent.

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