WHEN WE’RE GONE...

Think back with me to when you were in grade school.

What subjects were a part of your everyday curriculum? English? Social Studies? Did you learn about American history and the U.S. Constitution?

If you did, you’re quickly becoming a minority of Americans who studied our founding documents. Sadly, you’re being replaced by younger generations who were denied an understanding of how our country became the land of opportunity.

Our donors to Mountain States Legal Foundation see the writing on the wall. And they’re doing all they can now to protect the future for today’s youth, knowing they might not be informed enough to do it for themselves.

They have been supporters to MSLF for almost 10 years, then directed funds from their IRA to MSLF after they pass. They are proud members of the Mountain States Legal Foundation Legacy Society.

Dan and Susan submitted, “When we’re gone, we don’t know if other individuals will be here to replace our donations to organizations such as Mountain States Legal Foundation. Consequently, arranging for continued donations in our absence seems to be a prudent decision for our children’s, grandchildren’s, and nation’s future.

Himself recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution for his score on an 8th grade test on the Constitution, Dan shared, “We read polls reporting about half of young people, ages 18-24, view socialism positively. As Joseph Stalin said, ‘Education is a weapon, whose effect depends on who holds it in his hands and at whom it is aimed.’

Dan said they believe in MSLF because he and Susan are results-driven people.
“We know our money is going to a good purpose, it’s not being wasted. We can see the progress.”

He’s particularly proud of the foundation’s staff. “Your attorneys are pushing back government, helping to defend property rights and Second Amendment rights. They could make more money in the private sector, so we know they must have deep seated beliefs like we do. They are fighting for all of us, and that’s what it takes.”

Susan added, “Humans have always needed the ability to earn and protect property in order to survive and, then, improve their living standards. Defense of natural rights forms the foundation of human progress. Forever, the most powerful have sought to stifle freedom and seize property they themselves did not earn. Our Founders studied this endless struggle in history and recognized human nature. They wrote our Constitution and Bill of Rights to protect our natural rights against power and plunder.”

Dan continued, “I’ve given up on the legislative branch of government. The last vestige is the judicial system. The courts are the only way we have left of being able to bring us back to what liberty meant from the Founding Fathers. It’s the last place we can really do something.”

We don’t know if our republic will survive; we know the struggle will continue. Knowing its record, we feel confident MSLF will continue battling for our natural, constitutionally protected rights; our freedoms,” Susan affirmed.

Dan and Susan come from different backgrounds—when he was just 10-years old, Dan was encouraged by his parents to understand the McCarthy hearings back in the 1950s; Susan is the 2nd child of six; her father was a carpenter by trade.

But they share the same values: “Family, honesty, and doing the right thing” have influenced Dan’s life, while “hard work, self-discipline and understanding the value of private property” animate Susan.

“If you look through history, people have died for this very unique experiment. All the blood expended by our forebearers can’t be in vain, Dan concluded.

57-years of marriage have made Susan and Dan an invincible team.

We encourage you to talk with your financial planner to see which is right for you.

I’ve enclosed a form you can return to us, if you want to make a lasting commitment to freedom. And if you’ve already done so but haven’t told us, please do! It would be our honor to thank you for your visionary support.

“The track record of MSLF is outstanding. They have one thing in mind: preserving our liberties. We see rays of hope through MSLF,” concludes Dan.
85% of Americans Give to Charity
But Only 6% Name One in Their Will

Remember MSLF in Your Estate Plan
Let Us Honor You as A Member of Our Legacy Society

Hundreds of people have included Mountain States Legal Foundation in their will. If you’re one of them but haven’t yet alerted us, please let us know! Unless you wish to remain anonymous, we would be honored to recognize you as a member of MSLF’s Legacy Society.

If you’re just now considering making freedom a part of your legacy by leaving a gift to MSLF, thank you. You realize that the job of protecting our constitutional rights will remain beyond our lifetimes. MSLF recognizes that your estate planning decisions are very personal, and that life circumstances change. We will always respect your wishes regarding privacy and any changes you make to your plans.

If you have questions, please call us to discuss the many options available to make a Legacy Gift to MSLF:

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How do I write MSLF into my will?
Here is simple language you can copy into your will:
I [name], of [city, state, ZIP] give, devise and bequeath to Mountain States Legal Foundation (tax identification number 84-0736725) of 2596 South Lewis Way, Lakewood, CO 80227, [written dollar amount, or percentage of the estate, or description of the property] to continue its mission to protect individual liberty, the right to own and use property, limited and ethical government, and the free enterprise system.

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
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Phone _________________________________
Email ________________________________

___ Please send me information on making a Legacy gift.
___ I have included MSLF in my estate plan.
___ Please call me to discuss the various options available to me to make a Legacy Society gift.

Please return this form in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope. Thank you!

Visit www.plannedgiving.mslegal.org for more information.
Your Best Wishes are Only That—Wishes

Princess Diana was an electric personality throughout the 1990s. Her charm, willingness to show kindness, and ease that is uncharacteristic of royals made her a darling of both the public and the press.

Her untimely death in a Paris car accident in August of 1997 sent shockwaves throughout the world. “The People’s Princess” was the mother to William, the future king of England, and his younger brother Harry. Like most parents concerned about the well-being of her children and loved ones, Diana wrote a will with a full estate plan. Her sons were of course named beneficiaries, as were 17 beloved godchildren. She named her mother, Frances Kydd, and her sister, Elizabeth Sara McCorquodale, as executors and trustees.

The $30 million estate (slashed to $17 million after taxes) was divided according to her plan without many issues. However, despite the best of royal plans, Diana made a mistake.

Diana’s famous wedding dress, jewelry, and other personal belongings—which have both a monetary value and deeply personal value—were not bequeathed in a straightforward manner. Instead, in a “Letter of Wishes,” she requested 75% of these items be given to William and Harry with the remainder to her godchildren. Her mother and sister, however, as executors contested the letter, and delayed the execution of the will for five years longer than expected.

The godchildren received a much worse deal. Each only secured one personal item from Diana, instead of an even split of the quarter allotted to them. Instead of an inheritance, those godchildren got mere “tacky mementos.”

If even the best wishes of a famous and popular princess can go ignored for so long, what can happen with your estate? Without proper planning and a true will and trust, your executors have the final say.

How long has it been since you updated your estate plan? You deserve to have your values and wishes protected. Regularly reviewing your estate plan is the best way to ensure that happens. Make an appointment with your attorney today. And if protecting our nation’s constitutional liberty is something you want to support, consider making Mountain States Legal Foundation a part of your legacy by including this language in your will:

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MSLF offers free, simple tools online to educate you about how you can best support what matters most to you. To get started, visit MSLF’s Planned Giving page at www.plannedgiving.mslegal.org

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