



Make *Time* for What Matters Most

From the moment Kathy Micheel was born she made history for her family. Not every one can claim she is the first girl born to a family in over 90 years and is from where Richard Warren Sears, founder of Sears, Roebuck, and Co., began his sales career by selling unclaimed watches while serving as a railroad station agent.

She grew up northwest of Wolsey, South Dakota on their 1883 homestead and now lives just south of Cavour with her husband Matt and their two children, Kaitlyn and Tucker. Our families are similar, yet have their differences. Red tractors vs. green tractors, red cattle vs. black cattle, and both of our parents were married on the same day four years apart. Wagon tracks from our homestead to Wolsey can still be seen and felt as the hay crop is harvested while the buck-board wagon the Micheels arrived on is still found on the family farm from 1913.

This farm girl at heart; married her high school sweetheart. Matt and her met through 4-H, so of course their children are very active in the 4-H program as well. The 4-H motto "To Make the Best Better" is always in the forefront of their minds. Time does not stand still for anyone.



Kathy finds herself deeply rooted in the "homestead to future" mindset daily.

*"Treasure the memories,
Learn from the past,
Live in the moment, and
Plan for the future!"*

Everyday is a chance to continue or change the direction of our current path. What legacy was left for us, good and bad? How can we build on our legacy? What legacy are we able to leave for our future generations?

In the meantime, she recommends you ask yourself the hard questions.

Where do I see myself in one year or in the next decade? What do I have in the Asset and the Liability columns? What do I need today to make it until tomorrow, next week, next month, or in two years? Who can I help today and how can I make a difference?

Kathy also believes that redirection is important. "It's okay to Refocus, Reflect, and Restart! Life happens. Every Monday I restart on myself; it may be my weight or even a recent heartache that triggers an additional re-evaluation of my life's purpose."

She often reflects on what happened or was said today that made an impact before calling it a night.

"Did I do something today to make a difference for us and/or for others?" BIG or small; those moments are building steps toward the greater good.

Obstacles and opportunities are all around us; like it or not they are part of our life's journey and I am forever grateful for the things I do and do not have on a daily basis.

We grew up listening to Country and Rock 'n' Roll.



Phrases in every song help me remember a moment in time. Music triggers happy and sad memories; I encourage you to make the time to really look at 'the where' you are when a song comes on. One morning as I crossed the James River on my way home from a weekend away from my family "The River" by

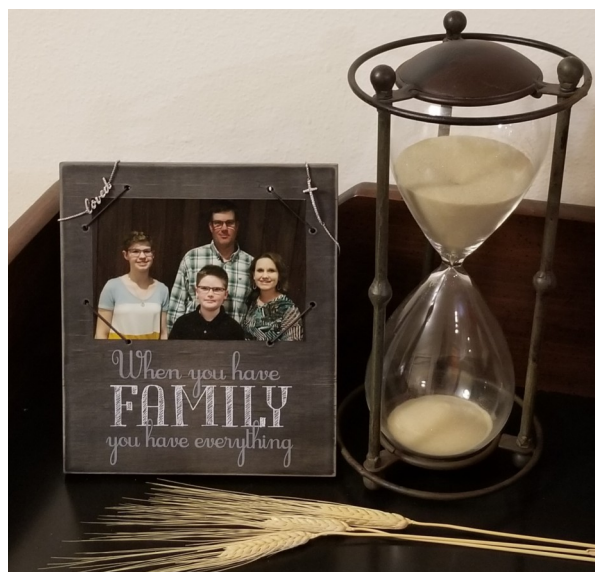
Garth Brooks was playing and when I was finally home in our garage...

"I Swear" by John Michael Montgomery was on.

#enjoythejourney



"To Make The Best Better"



When she is not wearing her Loved and He Strengthens Me bolo bracelets; they are hung on her family photo.



With achievement there is a desire to learn more

Kathy admits to being a “want to be” photographer. Matt is the photographer between the two of us and not surprisingly our children also have earned awards for their photography as well.

Kathy is a crop adjuster that is able to utilize the ‘work from home’ option. She is very grateful that she is able to work with farmers along with her co-workers to provide customer service after receiving their notice of loss.

Along with being a 4-H Leader and an Origami Owl Independent Designer; she is also known as a cheerleader and team player. Empowerment through her actions and words is what she hopes she is remembered for. She admits to being the one on the bench and talking to both the teammates and the opponents; we all came from small towns known as the 281 schools.

As we journey through life photos don’t say and convey meaning unless we ‘caption’ them. We have many TIOLI moments; they are the “take it or leave it” moments in the day. When you can't find the words; we tend to find a symbol or object that helps us remember or get through that moment.

Origami Owl helps me remember along with express and memorialize my past, present and future. Their Empowerment Collection of necklaces, bracelets, and rings speak to me on a daily basis.

When asked to name three words or phrases that mean the most to her in this ‘moment’ of her journey she said,



“Mindset - live in the moment, plan for the future, and reflect on where you have been.

Cherish the Moment - even the bad and the ugly; they are just temporary bumps in the road.

Dream Big - today was yesterday’s tomorrow. If you don’t like what you see today, then get up and move. Furniture is moved and upgraded from the day you were born. You don’t still fit in the basinet or crib. The car seat is now the driver’s seat or at least the passenger seat until you are of driving age. Tomorrow is there for the taking and the making!”

Find your Why...and Let your Passion and Heart Shine!

My first Origami Owl party was me and our daughter. We purchased a few pieces for ourselves and gifts for our friends and family. The entire time I was wishing I would have purchased the silver watch. When my friend posted an Origami Owl “join now” invitation and I saw there was a gold face with Swarovski Crystals...I knew it was time. I am a mixed metal jewelry girl and this spoke to me as a way to incorporate my favorite hobby; scrapbooking! While I can’t take my scrapbook with me daily I am able to wear a piece of my heart with the Origami Owl collection.

Experiences are the true meaning to lasting memories.

Let me help you create your own one of a kind locket or join my team as an Origami Owl Designer. I love how Origami Owl is for all ages. Their mission is to be a Force for Good®! Check out the Owlette® and BROs Program.

The youth are the future! 🙌

The Owlette® and BROs Program empowers youth to work alongside an adult, providing them with real-life experience as young entrepreneurs. They will develop skills, awaken courage, grow confidence, set goals and celebrate progress. Together, you can make a difference in the lives of others by helping people tell their stories through jewelry.



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