

Messages for Dad (90th Birthday) and Mum

Emails...

Dennis Slade

Congratulations Les. My Sunday School teacher and once a part timer employer.
Best wishes

Dawn Bernstein..

Gosh it's been along time..all our wonderful memories of Gisborne..
I want you to pass onto your Dad.... A Happy 90th Birthday today... am thinking
of him also your Mum...
Blessings to them both...
Am guessing he has had a wonderful day...
God Bless them both..

Lorraine Rogers

Wow, the grand age of 90. You always took an interest in our eldest, Wayne,
knowing that he was interested in engineering at high school.
I will always remember your support for us as a family.
HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

Gladys Ford

Dear Les

I hear you have a very special birthday very soon I would like to send my very
special greetings to you and pray that Yvonne is there and all the family to share
the day with you

How the years fly by so many years passed by since Ray and I first met you both.
God has been good. His love had never failed us

This comes with much love and prayers

Blessings

Bonnie (nee Cudd) & Lyall Henry

Happy, happy 90th birthday

Hullo Les & Yvonne,

Les, whenever I think of you & Yvonne my first thoughts go to the time I had go to the dairy on Gladstone Road.

Our family was still living on the corner of Grey Street & Childers Road, so it was a short walk for me up Derby Street and turn left onto Gladstone Road. It must have been pub closing time as I had hesitated to cross the road to the dairy. Too many people outside the pub. While I was plucking up courage (well I feel so) to cross the road you came along on your bike, stopped and spoke to me. I do not remember the exact conversation but I do remember you escorted me to the dairy (gee, I can't remember the name, maybe it was Midway Dairy, but I can visualise it), I made my purchase and you escorted me back across the road again. You ensured I was happy to walk home then you went on your way on your bike.

I would have been maybe 8 years old as we didn't move from that address until I was 9, and you would have been a teenager at the time. I am 79, will be 80 later in the year, can still do my sums and no doubt you can too. This is an early memory of your kindness and thoughtfulness to others.

So, while it is many years since I saw you and Yvonne, I'm sure your kindness & thoughtfulness has brushed off onto family and friends who are now surrounding you both with the same.

Keep smiling

Richard Bernstein

I've heard that it's Les' 90th birthday tomorrow and I was hoping that you could pass on my best wishes to Les for reaching that great milestone. Les was such a great leader and storyteller but he really helped to shape my life especially having no father and I really respect him.

I would love to be there in person but my mobility is not really up to the huge drive up to Auckland.

Also pass on best wishes to Les from my brothers Noel and Phillip and my sister Linda.

Thank you very much and God bless.

Priscilla Gibbs

Hello Les,

Graham and I send our very best wishes to you as you celebrate your 90th birthday tomorrow.

We think of you and Yvonne often and are very grateful to you both for the amazing influence you have been and the positive role models you have been in our lives.

The time, effort, hard work, energy, spiritual guidance and tolerance you showed as our youth group leader over many years will always be remembered. It is not until we get older ourselves that we really appreciate the significance of this and value how it has shaped our decision-making, friendships, outlook on life and our lives in general.

I remember: endless hours of planning at Tolerton Ave in your home, youth group camps at Oputama, trips to Morere Hot Springs, car trials, socials, trips home in the car and numerous suppers.

It is exciting to think that many of us are still very much connected all these years later, despite where we live, who we married or what we did in our working lives. (Liz Burdett comes to mind, i phoned her while i was in Auckland recently)

The two Gisborne reunions that we have had in Whitby are testament to this, and loosely based around our youth group friendships.

Trust that you have a wonderful celebration tomorrow, we shall be thinking of you,

With much love from us both,

Maureen and Gary Ashton.

Greetings in the Wonderful name of Jesus.

Thinking of you as you celebrate this amazing milestone in your life.

We have fond memories of your encouragement to us as youngsters in Jesus together with the love of your life always a blessing to us. Thank you both. Have a blessed birthday.

Regards,

Dorothy Oliver (nee Ford)

Happy birthday Les

How amazing to get to 90! Wonderful time to celebrate. I remember so well the years you ran youth group in Gisborne and how welcoming and kind you were to me. Plus through the years catching up with you both.

Lots of love

Judy & Maurice

Well Les, you've made it to your 90th Birthday!! What an achievement! Especially as with your recent health problems, we wondered if you would make it! But make it, YOU HAVE!! Maurice & I would have really loved to be there with you this afternoon, celebrating YOU! You & Yvonne are very special friends in our lives, which go back a long, long, long way!! For me it's been almost my entire life, but for Maurice only the last 60 plus years, when we were married!! We recall many happy times spent in your lovely home in Tolerton Ave in Gisborne, as we lived just a few doors down from you. We enjoyed the occasional swim in your pool, when on holiday there & we were always keen to see the progress on the Motorhome you were building - and of course all those frogs that adorned it in various places. When you moved to Papamoa, we have wonderful memories of holidays we spent there with you both – the walks along the beach & the shells we collected for our respectful grandchildren. I think of you every time I go to check for mail in the letterbox, which is pretty much every day - & that will be an ongoing memory, as you made that letterbox for us!! You have always been such a capable guy, doing odd jobs for us when you'd occasionally venture to Wellington, which were always appreciated, especially as Maurice is definitely NOT a handman!! We've loved your sense of humour, your smile, the way you are always willing to help anyone & to go the extra mile when needed. I think back to all the years you organised the Red Shield Appeal for the Salvation Army in Gisborne, which was a huge job, but you did it so well.

Well Les, I could go on & on, mentioning memories of our times together, which become more precious as the years roll on! But I'll just end here by wishing you..... a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

With love from us both, xx

Via Facebook

Janine Leului

Their love is the kind of love people dream of having!!

50 with 40 years experience:) i am so looking forward to celebrating this amazing milestone with him!! He truly has lived such an amazing life! Such a God fearing man!

Bonnie Low

A wonderful man, amazing mind, big heart, exemplary character and an example to follow. A saying you shared with me was his mantra "I'll do my best" - I thought of over the last few days. Thank you for who you are. Ian Wells

Much love to you both.

Claire Anderson (Graeme Bateman's daughter – Training College)

Wonderful memories of meeting your Mum and Dad over the years

Congratulations to them both on their recent wedding anniversary and a very happy 90th birthday to Les

Barbara Oram (Chapel)

Congratulations . Well done Les. Have a great day surrounded by your lovely family and many friends. God bless you and Yvonne. A new chapter.

Janee Sawyer

An amazing man, deeply committed to God and to Yvonne. He is a gifted 'do it yourselfer, always helpful, knowledgeable, friendly and kind. Russell and I were deeply grateful for their many years of service to the Gisborne Corps of The Salvation Army and the community, and for their friendship ever since!

May God deeply bless you, Les, today and through the days ahead!

With my love

Alice Fenerty (Verna's daughter)

Happy 90th Birthday Uncle Les.

Rosalie Mailand (Chapel)

A very Happy 90th birthday Les. A wonderful milestone for an amazing man of God with such kind & caring ways. You bring happiness & joy into so many people's lives.

God bless you & have a wonderful day.

Gill Waugh (Neil's widow)

Congratulations Les on such a special birthday. Enjoy celebrating with your family and friends. Lots of Waugh and Spicer memories over the years. Blessings abundant to Les and Yvonne in this new season of their lives.

Lynley Hutchison (Chapel)

Congratulations Les may you have lots of love and fellowship with your family

Shirley Crawford (Watkins)

Happy Birthday Uncle Les, sending hugs and love your way from Me, Steve, Carl and Kirsty

Carl Smith (Westgate)

Congrats Les on your milestone a true Godly man

Lorraine Taleni (Wainuiomata)

Bless your beautiful Mum and Day. May you wonderful dad ...have a very happy birthday XXXX many many blessings upon u all.

Raouf Soliman (Moreland)

God is life giver. Life is not considered the number of years we live, it's the quality of what others benefit from us. No doubt Mum and Dad have much to give others all these years, where many have learned useful lessons from them. May God bless them the rest of their lives 🙏

Nadine Pomeroy (Westgate)

Happy birthday grandad Spicer love from Phil Nadine and family blessings to you always

Mary Bartle

LESLIE JOHN SPICER IS 90 TODAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRO.

Virginia Bennett (nee Percy)

Best wishes Uncle x

Dennis McLeod

You made it cousin, well done, will ring you later.

Neville Watkins

Happy Birthday to a wonderful man.

Amy Blair

Happy birthday uncle Les!

Lynelle Goodall (Westgate)

Happy birthday Grandad Spicer truly an amazing man who taught us all so much and is a Godly role model to us xxx

Beverley Golding (Chapel)

Dear Les, blessings and congratulations on your 90th birthday. Roly (late) and I remember your incredible engineering skills making the trolleys to carry the Chapel chairs to and from where they were stored. Roly enjoyed stacking the chairs, six at a time ready for someone stronger to move them. I know you used your skills in other areas too. We also appreciated your great sense of humour. Love to you and your wonderful family. What a heritage you and Yvonne have left for future generations. Enjoy your special day on your 90th Birthday. Love and blessings -

Samantha Simkin

A special happy birthday to Uncle Les! So wonderful you could all celebrate together