

WHAT TO DO WITH MEMORABILLA



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MEMORABILIA IS SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE HAVE. THE THING IS IT'S HIDDEN AWAY SOMEWHERE. WE HAVE TOTES OR BOXES OF MEMORABILIA, BUT WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IS IN THERE. HOW OFTEN DO YOU GO THROUGH YOUR MEMORABILIA? NEVER, OR MAYBE ONCE IN A WHILE TO SHOW SOMEONE, BUT LET'S FACE IT FOR THE MOST PART WE DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT OR PUT IT ON DISPLAY. NO, IT'S PUT AWAY AND PUT UP OUT OF SIGHT AND OUT OF MIND. SO, WHY ARE WE KEEPING IT? BECAUSE THEY ARE MEMORIES OF TIMES GONE BY. THEY REMIND US OF TIMES IN OUR LIVES WHEN WE WERE HAPPIEST (AT LEAST I HOPE SO.)

ASK YOURSELF, WHO AM I KEEPING THIS FOR? WHO IS GOING TO WANT IT IN THE FUTURE?

THOSE MEMORIES LIVE INSIDE YOU, YOU DO NOT NEED STUFF TO REMIND YOU, YOU KNOW. THEY ARE JUST THINGS TUCKED AWAY, IT'S TIME TO LET THEM GO.

GET ALL YOUR MEMORABILIA. IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE TOTE OR BOX START WITH ONE. TAKE ONE ITEM OUT AT A TIME AND DECIDE IF YOU REALLY NEED TO KEEP IT, THIS SHOULD BE DONE WITHIN A SECOND. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE, PUT IT ASIDE. YOU WANT TO GET YOUR MEMORABILIA DOWN TO ONE TOTE OR BOX, AND BE ABLE TO LIFT IT.

GROUP LIKE ITEMS TOGETHER AND TAKE PICTURES OF ITEMS YOU ARE LETTING GO OF. LATER YOU CAN STORE THEM ON A STICK. BE SURE TO COME UP WITH A SYSTEM TO LABEL THEM. THIS COULD BE USING A SHARPIE TO LABEL THEM WITH A M FOR MEMORABILIA ALONG WITH A NUMBER. USE AN INDEX CARD TO WRITE M1 ALONG WITH A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF WHATS ON IT. STORE THE STICKS AND INDEX CARD TOGETHER IN A BAGGIE OR SMALL CONTAINER AND LABEL IT. YOU COULD STORE IN THE ONE TOTE OR BOX YOU ARE KEEPING OR FIND A HOME FOR IT. BE SURE TO PUT IT SOMEWHERE THAT MAKES SENSE TO YOU OR WHERE YOU KNOW YOU WOULD LOOK FOR IT.

FOR THINGS LIKE LETTERS, TICKET STUBS AND OTHER PAPER MEMORABILIA A BINDER CAN BE USED. GET THE PAGE PROTECTORS, PLACE ITEMS INSIDE, PLACE IN A BINDER. YOU CAN PURCHASE DIVIDERS AND SEPERATE THE MEMORABILIA. LABEL THE BINDER AND FIND A HOME FOR IT WHERE IT WILL BE OUT OF THE WAY, BUT EASILY BE FOUND. I STORE MY BINDERS ON A BOOK SHELF.

SOME MEMORABILIA CAN BE STORED IN VACUM SEAL BAGS. LABEL THEM AND FIND A HOME FOR THEM WHERE THEY ARE NOT IN THE WAY OR CONTRIBUTING TO CLUTTER.

TAKE SOME TRESURED ITEMS AND CREATE A SHADOW BOX.

WHAT EVER YOU DECIDE TO DO WITH YOUR MEMORABILIA JUST REMEMBER IT'S JUST STUFF.

FOR CHILDREN'S STUFF, ASK THEM IF THEY WANT ANYTHING. CREATE A MEMORY BOX FOR EACH CHILD WHEN IT IS FULL THAT'S IT. IF YOU OR THEM WANT TO ADD TO IT, SOMETHING ELSE HAS TO GO. REMEMBER WE ARE ORGANIZING FOR OUR SPACE NOT OUR STUFF.