

You may wonder what it has been like growing up with an eagle scout,

Distinguished eagle scout,

Distinguished engineer

And now

A distinguished alumni.

Has it been slightly competitive

Somewhat demanding,

Intimidating at times.

Clearly all of the above

Yet what has prevailed

Is my Father's extraordinarily generous way of operating.

It has not always been comfortable.

He is not what I would observe

As easy going

My Father is however

Always just.

He has said to me on many occasions

“All you have is your reputation”

“Money is only a way of keeping score”

“Money comes when other things are in place”

Although my Father might not characterize himself as “open minded”

Often saying “I am only right of Ghengus Khan”

I would say

He is very “open minded”

He does have his limits however

Like when I suggested my successful admission to UC Berkely

Could be a preferable choice

To either CU Boulder or “the” University here in Texas

As he would call it

Too often

He has observed

Many with abundant conversation

And few who have developed “defensible positions”

He has grown weary of name calling and finger pointing

Well educated sorts who believe negotiating means

Convincing you that they are right

He is a man you want along in the trenches

A man who comes up with

Definable and executable solutions

So quite simply

My Father is a “good guy”

I am fortunate to have him in my life

We laugh and share daily

He has been an integral part of my business for many years

At age 88 still hard at work

Still in the hunt for oil and gas

Super excited about or latest project

And most of all

He is a living example

Of what he has counseled me for many years

“Go out and create something for somebody other than yourself”

We love you Father

Thank you

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