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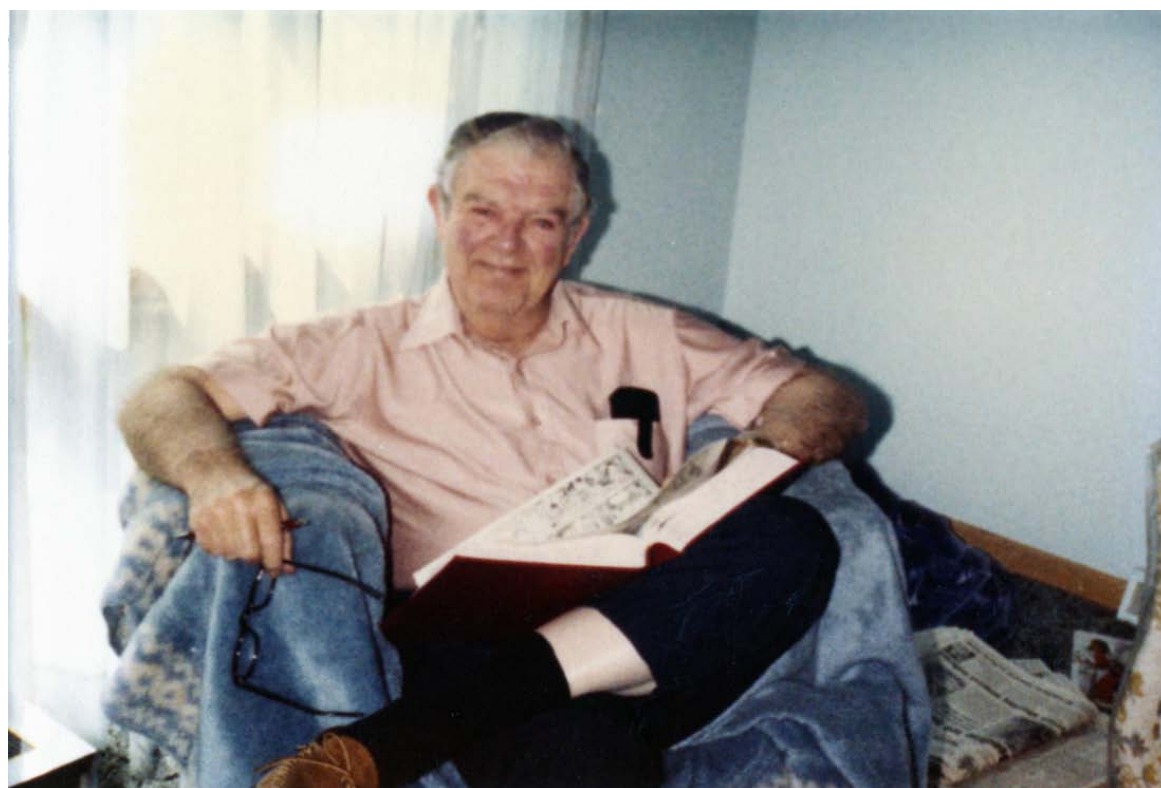
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40 Years Ago Today

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It was 40 years ago today, my Dad, Emmett Gregory McGovern (1925-1982) died of a heart attack. So many years, yet I still long for him. I wrote the following back in the mid 1990s for a creative writing class I took. I hope you enjoy.

Sits in the blue chair
Glasses low on his nose
Looking forever down towards his lap
Pencil in his right hand
Newspaper in his lap
Looking up, eyes over glasses
Smile on his face
Round face with blue eyes
Black hair that is grey
A pair of moccasins and white socks
The smile is genuine, yet he is tired
tired of work
and sometimes life
Yearning to retire
Stands like no other man

Author

I have been interested in preserving family history for many years. Hope you enjoy.

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Feet apart - slightly turned outwards
Hands clasped behind his back
Holding his daughters
Young or old, on his lap
The weekend when he doesn't shave
Running my hand across his stubbly face
Doing it several times because
There is such a roughness to it
His stubble is more grey than black
Only minute amounts of black hairs
Evening while the house is quiet
My brother and sisters out and about
I sit in the other blue chair
Chewing the fat before going out myself
Nothing important to say
Just time to bond
TV sounds upstairs
Kitchen light on
Winter months, furnace kicks on
Cold air forced out of air duct first
Conversation continues....



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