

27th Storyworth: How Did Your Parents Pick Your Name?

My father's name was Joseph Louis Holzer, and his father was Louis. Like him, my parents did not want me to be referred to as "Junior", so they picked a different middle name for me, although I do not believe the Carl is any actual family member. That might have been one of the doctors who cared for my mother, who became a Type I diabetic during my first sister, Peggy's, gestation period. She was hydrocephalic at birth, and died at age seven. My next sister, Barbara, was born about 18 months later, which was pretty much a pattern with my parents, who subsequently had in order; Veronica, Franz and Mary. Obviously, I was the first son they had.

So it took little genius to figure my first name would be Joseph, like my Dad. But because they did not want me called "Junior", they made my middle name something other than Louis. And except for Peggy, all of my sibs and I are still obnoxiously surviving to this day, much to the chagrin of many on the planet I suspect ;-)

I am afraid there is not much more I can tell you about my name, however, as I don't recall ever asking for, nor hearing, any explanation. I know this won't consume a lot of your reading time, but it's summer, and has been for the past week, so get out and enjoy it now that Covid seems to be waning in THIS state anyway ;-)

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