

JUNE 18TH IS FATHER'S DAY...LET YOUR FATHER KNOW HOW MUCH YOU APPRECIATE HIM.

New Family Driver

Martin had just received his brand new drivers license. The family troops out to the driveway and climbs in the car, where he is going to take them for a ride for the first time. Dad immediately heads for the back seat, directly behind the newly minted driver.

"I'll bet you're back there to get a change of scenery after all those months of sitting in the front passenger seat teaching me how to drive," says the beaming boy to his father.

"Nope," comes dad's reply, "I'm gonna sit here and kick the back of your seat as you drive, just like you've been doing to me all these years."

Fathers then and now:

Fathers of 1900 didn't have it nearly as good as fathers of today; but they did have a few advantages:

In 1900, fathers prayed their children would learn English.

** Today, fathers pray their children will speak English.*

In 1900, a fathers horsepower meant his horses.

** Today, it's the size of his minivan.*

In 1900, a father waited for the doctor to tell him when the baby arrived.

** Today, a father must wear a smock, know how to breathe and make sure film is in the video camera.*

In 1900, fathers passed on clothing to their sons.

** Today, kids wouldn't touch dad's clothes if they were sliding naked down an icicle.*

In 1900, fathers could count on children to join the family business.

** Today, fathers pray their kids will soon come home from college long enough to teach them how to work the computer and set the VCR.*

In 1900, fathers and sons would have heart-to-heart conversations while fishing in a stream.

**Today, fathers pluck the headphones off their son's ears and shout, "When you have a minute.."*

In 1900, fathers said, "A man's home is his castle."

**Today, they say, Welcome to the money pit."*

In 1900, when fathers entered the room, children often rose to attention.

**Today, kids glance up and grunt, "Dad, you're invading my space."*

And in 1900, fathers threatened their daughters suitors with shotguns if the girl came home late.

**Today, fathers break the ice by saying, "So, how long have you had the earring?"*

You Taught Me How to Love You

*You taught me how to love you by
The way that you love me;
And by your unseen sustenance,
To see what you could see.*

*You gave to me through who you were
The gift of what I am.
Your pride in me is now my pride;
Your faith, my caravan.*

*Your life does not conclude with death,
Nor will it end with mine,
For all the lives I touch, you touch,
And so on through all time*

