Outline

Step I. Thesis Sentence: Upon my death in order for several people to remember me favorably, I have tried to be kind, honest, and hard-working.

Step II. Body Paragraphs:

A1. Topic Sentence: First, I would like people to remember me as being kind.

 1. Say hello to strangers

 2. Compliment people

 3. Accentuate the positive aspects of people

A2. Concluding Sentence: Is it any wonder why I consider myself kind?

B1. Topic Sentence: Next, I would like people to remember me as being honest.

 1. Give back change if incorrect

 2. Turn in lost wallet to authorities

 3. Never cheat on tests

B2. Concluding Sentence: Therefore, because I give back change, turn in lost articles, and never cheat, people can remember me as being honest.

C1. Topic Sentence: Last, I would like people to remember me as being very hardworking.

 1. Award from McDonald’s

 2. Award from Mervyn’s

 3. Chores at home

C2. Concluding Sentence: From the awards earned and my consistent work at my home, these show I will always continue to work intensely.

Step III. Concluding Paragraph—Topic Sentence: My actions reflect my personality traits.

1. I am a kind person who interacts well with others in various situations.

2. I am an honest person who tries not to take advantage of others’ mistakes.

3. I am a very hard-working person who enjoys work and often gets praised for it.

Concluding Sentence—The “so what” or “soul” sentence: In order for several people to remember me the way I wish, I must live that way now.

Living As I Wish to be Remembered

 Boy, I suck! No, I am just kidding. I am actually the exact opposite. I believe in treating others how I would like to be treated. I am not worried about being a cutthroat person. Upon my death in order for several people to remember me favorably, I shall be kind, honest, and hard-working.

 First, I would like several people to remember me as being kind. I make a point to say hello to strangers. I never feel awkward doing this. I compliment people on their abilities. I always try to find something noteworthy about a person. I focus on a person’s team spirit or a colorful shirt worn or a bright smile. I, also, try to accentuate the positive aspects of people. Instead of focusing on the fact that a person is unable to complete a portion of a project, I look at what the person has accomplished. For example, I comment on the part of a car painted rather than that part the person has not finished. I never look at the negative. Is it any wonder why I consider myself kind?

 Next, I would like people to remember me as being honest. When shopping, I give back excess change if the cashier has made a mistake. I know and empathize with the difficulty of being a cashier. I turn in wallets or lost articles when I find them. If I lost my wallet, I would hope that someone would turn it in directly to the proper authorities. I, also, never cheat on tests. I believe in earning my grade. If I prepare for the test and do well, I deserve a decent grade. If I do not prepare and do poorly, I deserve a poor grade. I am a strong believer that one must face the consequences of her actions. Therefore, because I give back change, turn in lost articles, and never cheat, people can remember me as being honest.

 Finally, I would like people to remember me as being very hard-working. I received an award from McDonald’s for being a “top-notch” crew member. I was also selected to its “All-American Team,” and I received a pin for my efforts. I, also, received an award from Target. I was selected as the store’s most incredible new hire for the month of October. In addition to working, I, also, have chores to do at home. I clean the house thoroughly, washing the walls, scrubbing the floors, and cleaning the baths. My reward is a neat-looking home. From the awards earned and mu consistent work at my home, these show I will always continue to work intensely.

 My actions reflect my personality traits. After I am dead, if I want several persons to think of me fondly, while alive I should be nice, truthful, and dedicated. I do not suck! I am a kind person who interacts well with others in various situations. I am an honest person who tries not to take advantage of other people’s mistakes. I am a very hard-working person who enjoys work and often gets praised for it. In order for several people to remember me the way I wish, I must live that way now.

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