



A Life in Portraits
celebrating the seasons

**As children are born and grow into adulthood,
there are specific seasons in their lives that need to be preserved.**

For you.

For them.

For their children...and their children.

We created this guide with that in mind.

Tim & Bev

Let's get started...

The age of
Innocence

Newborn to Twelve Months

"Babies are bits of stardust blown from the hand of God."

Newborn to Twelve Months



Babies...full of promise. As we cuddle them, we realize how completely they depend on us for their very existence.

Each moment of each day brings new experiences and new levels of both joy and exhaustion.

We see how quickly they change and we long to preserve every moment.

Between the first few days and throughout their first year, there are many drastic changes that take place.

**We recommend doing a black and white “Relationship” style portrait during this season so that babies can be held close in mom or dad’s arms where they are the most comfortable.*

The SIGNIFICANT moments: Newborn to 6 months

Babies need to be held close to mom and dad at this age, so we encourage hugs and snuggling while we focus on baby as the main subject. Mom and dad, you are simply “props” here.



The SIGNIFICANT moments: 6 months-12 months

This age is on the cusp of being in constant movement, so while baby still wants to be cuddled, we want to capture these fleeting moments while we can.



The age of
Wonderment

One to three years

"The fundamental job of a toddler is to rule the universe."



TODDLERS can best be described as a bundle of surprise and delight.

Unpredictable behavior marks the typical toddler that walks through our doors.

Will they be shy? Quiet? Rambunctious? Or all of these...and in the same session?

With no pretense, these little ones are a joy to photograph as they are always true to who they really are.

The SIGNIFICANT moments: ONE year-18 months

Toddlers need to stay close to mom and dad at this age. Perfect!

We can then create portraits that celebrate the family and tell their unique stories.



The SIGNIFICANT moments:

18 months and 3 years

Depending on their personalities, we can include parents in the portrait or photograph them alone.

We recommend doing a black and white “Relationship” style during this season, especially for the younger children as they still find comfort being held close to mom and dad.



The age of
Discovery

Four to seven years.

"Childhood is the most beautiful of all of life's seasons."



These ages are seeking to find their place in the family and the world around them.

It is hard to let them make their own way...but it is necessary.

Starting school opens new vistas as teachers and friends start playing a bigger role.

Searching for and discovering where they fit in means they need reassurance from mom and dad as they begin to stand on their own.

***We recommend doing a Beau Visage Mixed Media painting (see above) at the age of FIVE as it is a SIGNIFICANT milestone, bridging the gap between toddler and childhood.**

The SIGNIFICANT moments: 4 years to 5 years.

So many changes take place in a child's life, but none so drastic as losing their teeth around the age of five. Faces lose their babyish look and elongates as you realize your toddler is growing up into childhood...and in the blink of an eye.



Beat Visge Mixed Media painting.

The SIGNIFICANT moments: 5 years to 7 years.

At these ages and with more control, we can add the option of Color Studies with siblings and families.



The age of
Significance

Ten to fourteen years.

Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken.



As these ages, children are searching for their place and becoming young adults. They are figuring out where they fit in with reassurance from their family that they are always part of the “tribe” and will always be there for support and encouragement.

Parents become chauffeurs as schedules get busy with sports and school and dinner is often on the run.

Suspended between child and adult, this age is one of the most amazing to photograph.

The SIGNIFICANT moments:

Age 10-12 years

Portraits at this age are often neglected due to busy schedules, getting braces, their opinions...and LIFE!

Don't miss this important age. Don't let it slip by unnoticed. This is a pivotal portrait that reminds your child that he is part of the family and is important.



The SIGNIFICANT moments: Ages 12-14 years

This is a wonderful portrait opportunity before your child hits the sixteen year milestone.

This portrait highlights the final salute to the early teen years and is a perfect time to catch up on family portraits too:-)



The age of
Purpose

Sixteen to eighteen years.

A am a teen. I have a messy room. I am moody!



This is the time for your young adult to establish who they are as they mature more each day.

These are their final years in the home.

They are both ready to go and wanting to stay.

These ages are major milestones that we often photograph once parents realize the many changes that are getting ready to happen.

The SIGNIFICANT moments:

Age 16 years

This is such a pivotal age. It's not called "sweet sixteen" for nothing!

One of our favorite portraits of our youngest daughter was when she was sixteen and we suddenly saw the woman she would later become emerge as we photographed her.

It brought tears to our eyes.



The **SIGNIFICANT** moments:
Ages 17-18 years



A LOVE LETTER to your child...

A gift only you can give.

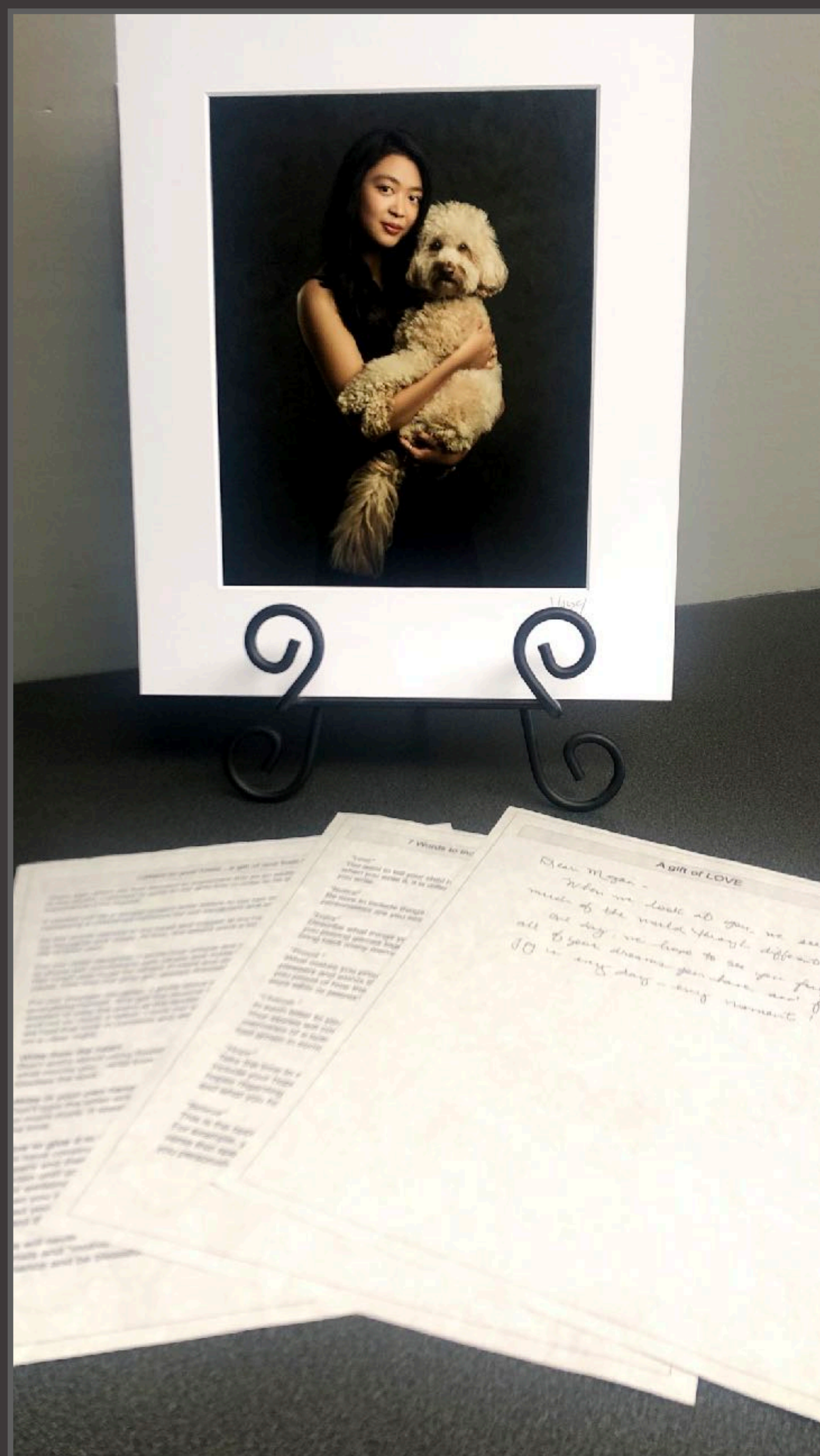


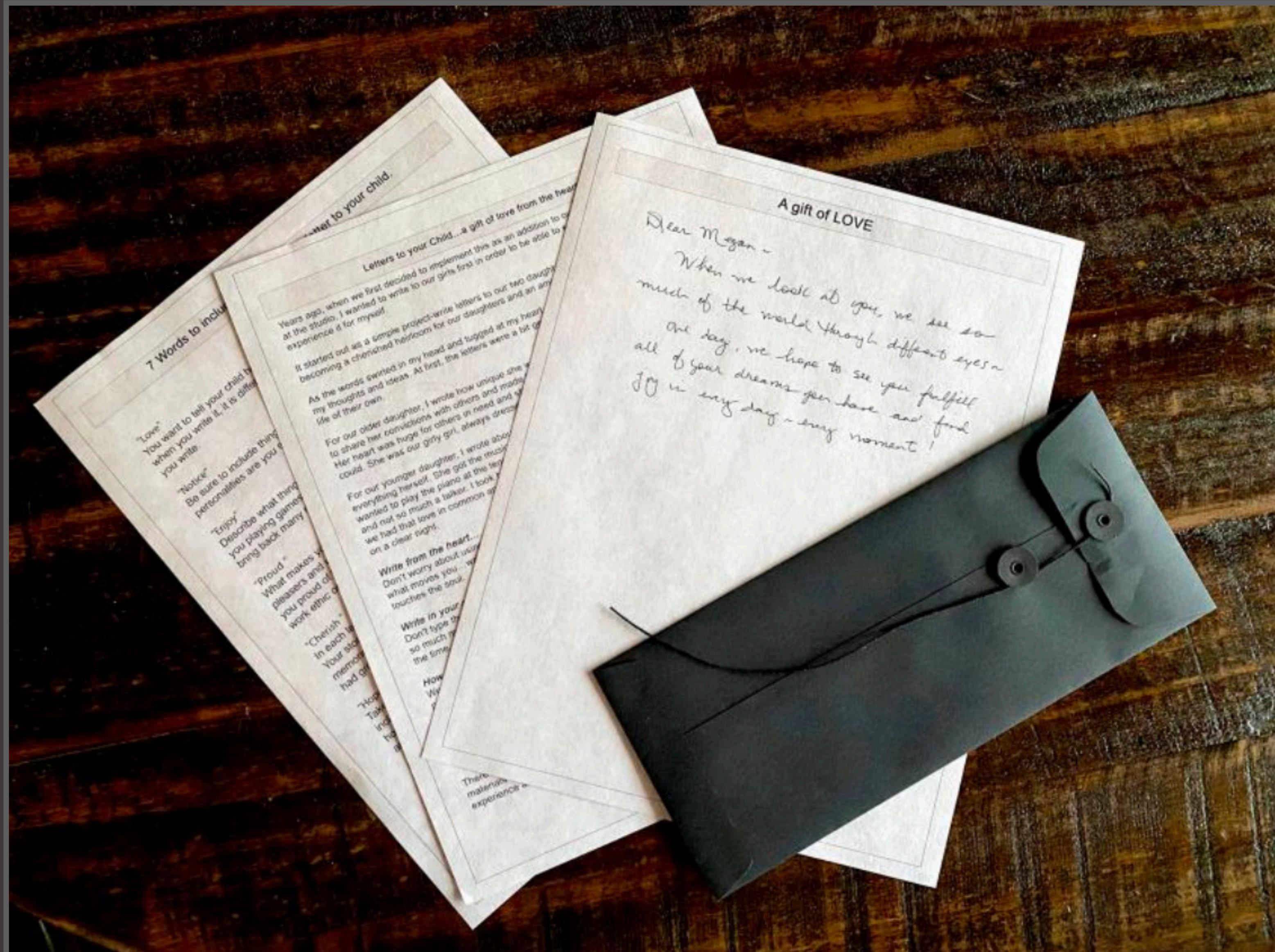
Years ago, when we first decided to implement how to write a letter to your children as an addition to our portraits, we wanted to first write letters to our girls so we could explain how it felt and what it meant firsthand.

So we did.

And it was so touching.

We then created a process that allows you to easily do the same for your children.





The black pouch is attached to the back of your framed portrait.

There will never be a more meaningful gift you can give your child.

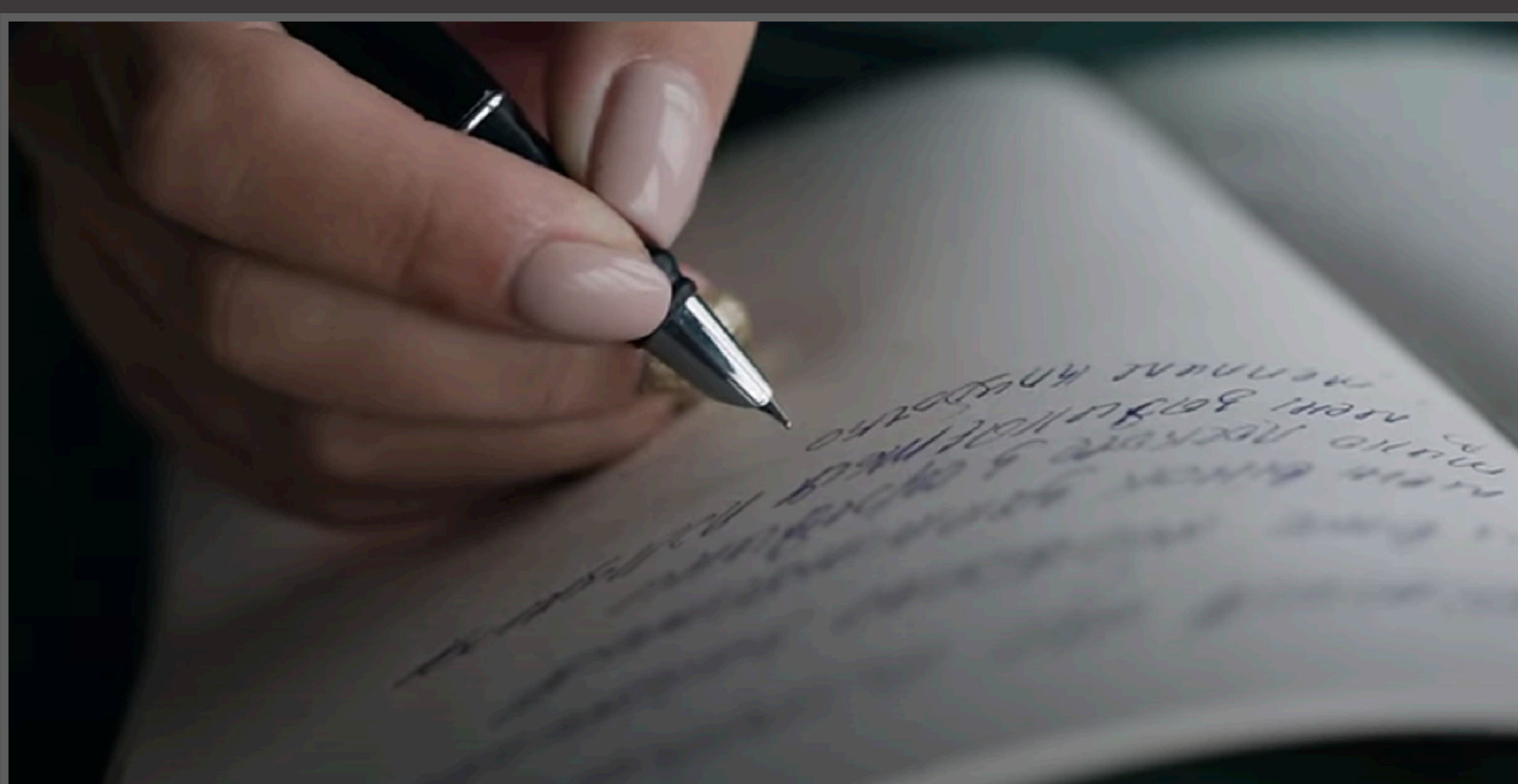
Here is how it works:

We provide the paper and instructions in a pouch attached to the back of your framed portrait.

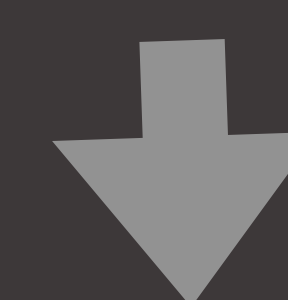
When you get home and have a quiet moment, remove the blank paper, read the instructions, and write your love letter. Replace in the pouch.

This letter can stay hidden until you give the portrait to them with its hidden secret.

We are giving you the **MATERIALS** and **MOTIVE** to write what will become a priceless treasure as the years go by.



Click the link below to watch a video about letter writing.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzL5-4dP3zQ>

In the beginning...

...there was a little boy, born into a family of photographers, who then became a photographer himself.



Tim at 13, photographing Rosie with his first camera, purchased by his dad, Bob, at a garage sale for \$12.00



Tim at 16 joined the studio as his dad's assistant at weddings.

The rest of the story...the history of Walden's

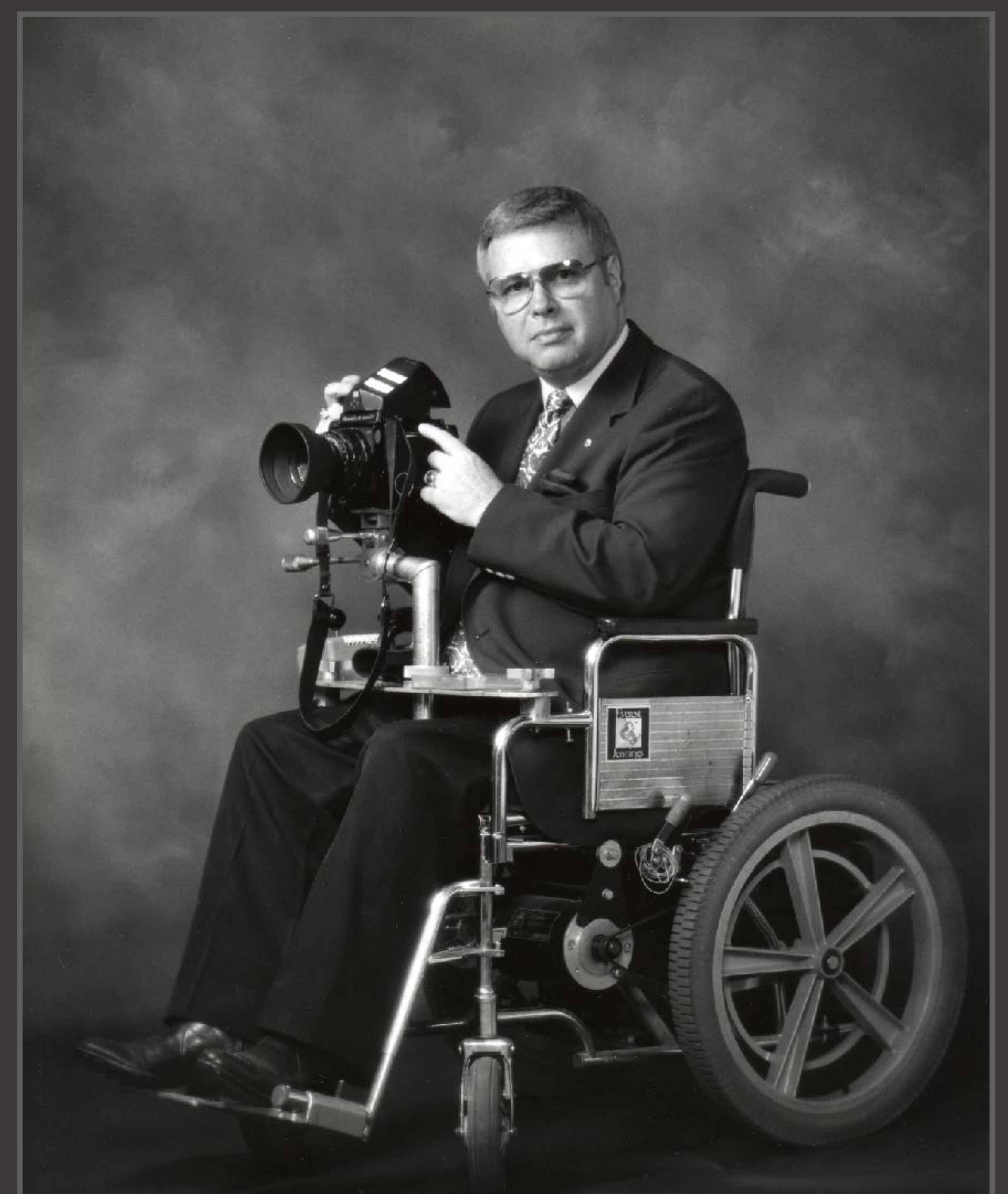
Tim's father, Bob, was a professional photographer for the Army when he was paralyzed due to a freak accident. But that didn't stop him

He mentored Tim from a very early age, training him in the craft of photography and showing him all about the darkroom and printing.

Tim and Bev met in high school, married after college and bought the business.

Today, Tim does the photography and Bev creates the Beau Visage Mixed Media paintings.

We are forever grateful to Bob who passed along more than a profession...he passed along passion, excellence and a "no excuse" way of living and doing business.



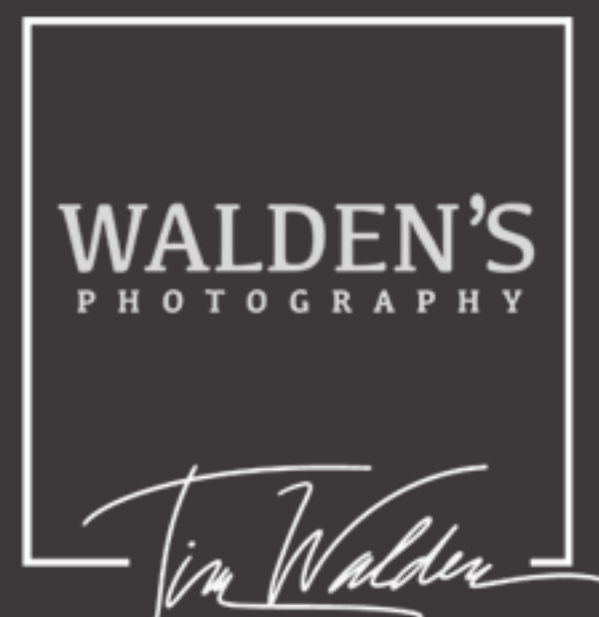


“Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving.

What you have caught on film is captured forever...

it remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything.”

Aaron Siskind



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