

# Old Friends



Look at this picture of these two old men sitting on a park bench. You can just tell that they've been friends for a long time. I think there is something about their relaxed manner that says "this guy knows everything there is to know

about me." They are just kicking back talking about the good old days when gas was cheap and you could get to know someone by spending time with them and not studying their Facebook profile. They probably have some wild stories. I bet half of their stories involve one or both doing something either illegal, immoral, dangerous or just plain stupid. I bet one of them can say "Remember that time on the lake..." and he doesn't even have to finish because the other guy knows exactly how the rest of the story goes and they'll both burst in to laughter at the memory of whatever happened that day on the lake. I bet they have secrets no one else knows that they will carry to the grave for each other. I bet they've had other friends, loved ones and even a woman or two come and go in and out of their life but this friendship just might be the most enduring relationship of their lifetime. At least I like to think they are life long friends because I'm fairly convinced that once upon a time these two old guys might have been something like these two young guys. I really truly hope so.



This is my son Alex and his best friend Andrew. Andrew and his family moved in three houses up from us when Alex was five years old and Andrew was four. Funny what a small world it is because it was a few months after they



of their childhood will remain the same. I hope their relationship endures. Life is so freaking tough. We all need a friend who knows where we come from and where we always wanted to go. A friend who can give us a shove in the right direction when we get off track. A friend who can and will say anything to you...even the stuff that's hard to hear. A friend who will laugh with you as much as they laugh at you. Everyone needs a friend who no matter what has got your back. A friend who will help you know where to place your foot, where to step so that you don't end up broken and bloody on the ground.



How very lucky they are to have each other, and if either one of them ever needs to move a body, no questions asked, they know exactly who to call!