

A True Gentleman

I have an unusual middle name—Leonard. My parents chose that name in part to honor my grandfather Leonard Becker. He is a great example of the six pillars of character, especially citizenship, caring, and responsibility. He has taught me to be a better person by showing me the best way to live. I am grateful for having him in my life.

My grandpa has always shown good citizenship. He loves his country and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a telephone operator. He also was the Committee Chair for the Boy Scouts of America. I have just completed five years of Cub Scouts and learned a lot about citizenship and being loyal to our country. I led the Pledge of Allegiance at pack meetings and held the American flag at meetings and parades. I recently crossed over into Boy Scouts, and I hope to continue learning more about citizenship.

I also learned about caring from my grandpa. He was caring by always playing games with me and his other grandkids. He helped in a program that gave food and clothes to the needy. He inspired me to collect groceries for the food pantry with my cub scout den. I also shoveled snow for my elderly neighbors. I am so lucky to have a caring grandpa, and I will try to follow his example.

Responsibility is another positive trait of my grandfather. He worked hard as a high school teacher and coached baseball. He also served on the Mundelein High School Board. I try to work as hard as he did in school and other activities. One way is by helping with chores around the house and yard. It's not always easy to be responsible, but I know I need to do it anyway.

When I think of good character, my grandpa immediately comes to mind. Throughout his life, he has been a role model to many people. He has shown great citizenship, caring, and responsibility. Leonard Becker is a true gentleman. I hope I live up to having his name.