

# Micro Memoirs

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## INTRODUCTION

All of the stories in this collection are six words in length and are stories that I wrote and shared with other storytellers and visitors to SMITH Magazine which is the home of Six-Word Memoirs.

Six-Word Memoirs are a form of Flash Fiction which is a style of fictional literature or fiction of extreme brevity. There is no widely accepted definition of the length of the category.

The most concise and widely-cited example of flash fiction is the story Ernest Hemingway penned, allegedly to settle a bar bet: “For sale: baby shoes. Never worn.”

I hope you enjoy these short memoirs, most are from the imagination but others reflect daily life in all its pathos and glory.

“Sixes with joy, heart, and humor.”

—Larry Smith, creator, the Six-Word  
Memoir project



## ASYLUMS/MEDICAL

- ❖ Renewed our vows at the asylum
- ❖ My psychiatrist is also my proctologist
- ❖ Nearsighted pharmacist gave me reptile-dysfunction pills
- ❖ My doctor's last name is Quack
- ❖ Synchronizing my last laugh and heartbeat
- ❖ Doctor said I'm anaemic and ugly
- ❖ My new pacemaker also opens garages
- ❖ Mortician laughed at my pink socks
- ❖ It's visitor's day at the asylum
- ❖ Psychiatrist referred me to witch doctor
- ❖ Does the mortician know I'm ticklish?
- ❖ My doctor gave me a cigarette
- ❖ My cheap psychic reads alphabet soup
- ❖ She wants me naked; my doctor
- ❖ My psychic's crystal ball has snowstorms

## AT THE CIRCUS/ZOO/FUNERAL

- ❖ Mime gave eulogy at my funeral
- ❖ Circus romance, crush on bearded lady
- ❖ Accepted starring role in freak show
- ❖ Our Tunnel of Love boat sank
- ❖ Met my soulmate at the zoo
- ❖ Hitched my wagon to falling star
- ❖ Feel at home in freak shows
- ❖ My hearse was a clown car



## GARDENING/TREES/PLANTS

- ❖ Corn sprouts from my furrowed brow
- ❖ Gave artificial flowers to breast-implanted date
- ❖ Bought a leash for my tumbleweed
- ❖ Introduced weeping willow to laughing hyena
- ❖ Holywater resurrected my dead sunflowers
- ❖ Thank God, wildflowers bloom in hell
- ❖ Stung by bumblebee on four-leaf clover
- ❖ Have crop circles under my eyes
- ❖ City folk harvesting crops: farmers' market
- ❖ Nobody bought my lawn, lousy yardsale
- ❖ Ancestry.com says i'm family tree's sap
- ❖ When nobody watches, i water weeds
- ❖ Willows hear us, then they weep
- ❖ My wild oats turned into prunes
- ❖ A man's garden is his autobiography
- ❖ Got nice lawn at yard sale
- ❖ Gardening lets you dig for miracles

## MARRIAGE/FAMILY

- ❖ Enjoy watching mother-in-law dodge roman candles
- ❖ Mom plants trees for our return
- ❖ Wife tied cowbell to my zipper
- ❖ Wallet photo, my son's still ten
- ❖ Cherokee wife laughed at my totem-pole
- ❖ Strange sleeping, her side of bed
- ❖ Old photographs, parents laughed when young
- ❖ Tested our family's DNA; human mostly
- ❖ Made love, we drowned, cheap waterbed
- ❖ Dang, Cherokee wife never gets lost
- ❖ Nervous about wife buying cattle prod
- ❖ My wife's getting brochures from convents
- ❖ Took mother-in-law swimming in shark-infested waters
- ❖ Wife bought me "Lovemaking for Dufuses"
- ❖ Surprise family reunion at police lineup
- ❖ Took wife's wig for a walk

- ❖ Grateful wife prefers Goodwill to Tiffanys
- ❖ Priceless, son called me a warrior
- ❖ I rowed on our honeymoon cruise
- ❖ Wrote love note in alphabet soup
- ❖ Perfect marriage; she's blind, i'm deaf
- ❖ Cherokee wife, rains everytime she dances
- ❖ Wife wants to become a nun
- ❖ We've considered murder but never divorce
- ❖ Wife responded to my personals ad
- ❖ Missed my mother-in-law, had to reload
- ❖ Wife pours me coffee during argument

## MEDITATIONS

- ❖ From dust to dust, and yet...
- ❖ All of my poems have shadows
- ❖ My obituary: man drowns in wishing-well
- ❖ Holes in my socks swallow galaxies
- ❖ My ashes used for vacuum-cleaner demos
- ❖ Young at dawn. old by midnight.
- ❖ Many radar blips are falling angels
- ❖ Building new levees for my tears
- ❖ My refrigerator magnets only spellout  
“lardass”
- ❖ Whimpers coming from my dirty laundry
- ❖ Need miner’s canary for my soul
- ❖ My flag. Its stars. Are scars.
- ❖ Good day, the firing squad missed
- ❖ I crumple hateful words like paperwads
- ❖ Invented purgative for bad memory  
elimination
- ❖ I’m sandcastle, waiting for the tide

- ❖ Summer night; watching eons old starlight
- ❖ So few, our hours of light
- ❖ Sipping soup, somewhere planets are melting
- ❖ Discovered new universe by looking within
- ❖ Skillful sailors learn from stormy seas
- ❖ Dead fish in my doctor's aquarium
- ❖ Grateful it's unlawful to shoot me
- ❖ Crawling forward better than standing still
- ❖ Dancing is poetry of the feet
- ❖ Rumor is moon's jealous of stars
- ❖ My moonshine girlfriend, love her still
- ❖ Received open-house invitation from funeral home
- ❖ Told my shadow he's looking chubby
- ❖ Genie couldn't grant me more time
- ❖ Saturn's astronomers study my bathtub rings
- ❖ Like moon, i hide my darkside

- ❖ Opened a shelter for stray angels
- ❖ Lost book entitled Organizing Your Life
- ❖ Replaying recording of my last heartbeat
- ❖ Somewhere now, blackholes are swallowing stars
- ❖ Drinking mexican beer improves my Spanish
- ❖ Mortician laughed at my pink socks
- ❖ This noose clashes with my hood
- ❖ For sale: reinforced heart, never broken
- ❖ Transferred from firing squad to gallows
- ❖ Today's a tap-dancing, song-singing, finger-snapping day
- ❖ Precious dawn view from the gallows
- ❖ So many skeletons, can't close closet
- ❖ Hangs by a thread, stillborn moon
- ❖ Flipped last coin into wishing well
- ❖ Dang, i gave myself a hickie
- ❖ Comedians work better than marriage counselors

- ❖ Third eye tattoo a big mistake
- ❖ She still seeps into my dreams
- ❖ Our tombstones are too close together
- ❖ Bathing in the fountain of middle-age
- ❖ Bored, but hope i live forever
- ❖ Hot to trot got me shot
- ❖ Salt water life, sweat, tears, sea
- ❖ Soul searching at Lost and Found
- ❖ Moon ripples in parking lot puddle
- ❖ Watch out mouth, here comes foot
- ❖ Dog's despondent he looks like me
- ❖ Black sky. full moon. silver howls.
- ❖ Never saw cemetery with ATM machine
- ❖ Prophets come from deserts not temples
- ❖ Some sprout wings while falling down
- ❖ Fewer clothes, poetry's sexier than prose

## PETS/ANIMALS

- ❖ Stole eight lives from my cat
- ❖ Hyenas don't laugh in the zoo
- ❖ Caught my parrot reading "Feathered Floosies"
- ❖ Dang parrot's pinup of yellow-rumped warbler
- ❖ Waiting for crickets' summer love songs
- ❖ Wolves are silent when moon howls
- ❖ Picky rabbits choose the neighbor's garden
- ❖ My pet caterpillar has butterfly posters
- ❖ Dang parrot beat me at chess
- ❖ Showed my frog his tadpole picture
- ❖ Don't worry spiders, I rarely sweep
- ❖ Frog met princess in biology class
- ❖ Used inflatable girlfriend as life jacket
- ❖ Dang duck eloped with my decoy
- ❖ Dog's bark fills sky with doves
- ❖ My race horse looks for shortcuts



- ❖ Caught my scarecrow reading “Straw Sluts”
- ❖ My scarecrow dances in moon’s spotlight

## SENIOR MOMENTS

- ❖ Had to return for my pants
- ❖ We kept fishing while rowboat sank
- ❖ Traded in psychic for wishing well
- ❖ My porno film's on Comedy Channel
- ❖ My smartphone just called me idiot
- ❖ Tried hanging myself with clip-on tie
- ❖ Went back in time to kick-my-ass
- ❖ Emergency mouth surgery removed my foot
- ❖ Bought new batteries for my mojo.
- ❖ Letter said my birth certificate expired
- ❖ Grateful it's unlawful to shoot me
- ❖ Vasectomy at wal-mart a big mistake
- ❖ Use smoke detector as oven timer
- ❖ Received open-house invitation from funeral home
- ❖ Told my shadow he's looking chubby
- ❖ Synchronizing my last laugh and heartbeat

- ❖ My vocational tests recommend organ-grinder monkey
- ❖ Was demoted from doghouse to outhouse
- ❖ Like moon, i hide my darkside
- ❖ Lost book entitled Organizing Your Life
- ❖ Replaying recording of my last heartbeat
- ❖ Still have wart from frog days
- ❖ My wild oats turned into prunes
- ❖ Hitched my wagon to falling star
- ❖ Put pipe-organ on my donor card
- ❖ My IQ test came back negative
- ❖ Just opened self service massage parlor
- ❖ Didn't foresee I'd flunk Fortuneteller Academy

## JUST STRANGE

- ❖ Found this six-word under a rock
- ❖ Barbie's jealous over Ken's blowup doll
- ❖ Lifting one candle to light another
- ❖ My God-given talent is roasting marshmallows
- ❖ Corn sprouts from my furrowed brow
- ❖ My obituary: man drowns in wishing-well
- ❖ Holes in my socks swallow galaxies
- ❖ My ventriliquist dummy said i'm handsome
- ❖ Dang, my alien abduction was cancelled
- ❖ My smartphone just called me idiot
- ❖ Good day, the firing squad missed
- ❖ Went back in time to kick-my-ass
- ❖ Invented purgative for bad memory elimination
- ❖ Emergency mouth surgery removed my foot
- ❖ Genuflect during gap between lightning, thunde

- ❖ Bought new batteries for my mojo.
- ❖ Letter said my birth certificate expired
- ❖ Grateful it's unlawful to shoot me
- ❖ My moonshine girlfriend, love her still
- ❖ Received open-house invitation from funeral home
- ❖ Told my shadow he's looking chubby
- ❖ Synchronizing my last laugh and heartbeat
- ❖ Do mime assassins use special silencers?
- ❖ Saturn's astronomers study my bathtub rings
- ❖ Drinking mexican beer improves my Spanish
- ❖ Used inflatable girlfriend as life jacket
- ❖ This noose clashes with my hood
- ❖ For sale: reinforced heart, never broken
- ❖ Hangs by a thread, stillborn moon
- ❖ Flipped last coin into wishing well
- ❖ Just joined Greyhound's 36inch High Club

- ❖ Comedians work better than marriage counselors
- ❖ Third eye tattoo a big mistake
- ❖ Weekend goal: finish the escape tunnel
- ❖ I was knighted by Dairy Queen
- ❖ Our tombstones are too close together
- ❖ Turbulent flight, stole nun's rosary beads
- ❖ Bored, but hope i live forever
- ❖ Met my soulmate at the zoo
- ❖ Unspoken words haunt me like ghosts
- ❖ Bridge Club wants me to jump
- ❖ Dang, this coffin has a leak
- ❖ Silence between notes is music too
- ❖ Moon fades from emergency room window
- ❖ Soul searching at Lost and Found
- ❖ Moon ripples in parking lot puddle
- ❖ Prophets come from deserts not temples
- ❖ My daily cologne is called Ben-Gay
- ❖ Divorced Barbie comes with Ken's balls

- ❖ Received patent for bad memory incinerator
- ❖ Used inflatable girlfriend as life jacket
- ❖ Keep my grudges stored in freezer
- ❖ Tossing still-born poems into the wastebasket
- ❖ Dang, I do smoke after sex
- ❖ Time for a Hot Flash Barbie
- ❖ Couldn't swat two flies making love
- ❖ Necktie clashes with my gypsy genes
- ❖ Wall Streetwalkers carry Greed Transmitted Diseases
- ❖ Didn't foresee I'd flunk Fortuneteller Academy
- ❖ I love peanut butter and jelly
- ❖ Dang mermaid gave me the crabs
- ❖ Cured ham oinked "thank you doctor"

## EARLIER MUSINGS

- ❖ CAT-scan revealed hardening of my soul
- ❖ Saw my photo in today's obituaries
- ❖ My new career; missing sock detective
- ❖ My social networking happens in alleys
- ❖ Organized Sleepwalker Marathon to cure baldness
- ❖ Devoted scarecrow guards my barren garden
- ❖ Time to disinfect family gene pool
- ❖ Wife met me at the zoo
- ❖ Took my scarecrow to Olive Garden
- ❖ drove car to get to treadmill
- ❖ Freak shows and clowns: family reunion
- ❖ Priest referred me to a witch
- ❖ My social network is carrier pigeons
- ❖ Medical school fish become rich sturgeons
- ❖ My fishing poles have no hooks
- ❖ Priest got overtime for my confession



- ❖ Palm reader says my lifeline's receding
- ❖ Got part-time job as organ-grinder monkey
- ❖ Dang parrot only knows one word
- ❖ Searching for bargain at soul yardsale
- ❖ Wife carries my photo to shooting-range
- ❖ Requested doggy-bag at my last meal
- ❖ How many dawns in a lifetime?
- ❖ tomorrow I'm going to live spontaneously
- ❖ my thoughts wander like stray dogs
- ❖ hope my last meal is healthy
- ❖ Geographer date said to get lost
- ❖ a garden is a great accomplishment
- ❖ Finally found flea-market that sells fleas
- ❖ bucket-list, carry newborn turtles to sea
- ❖ For months I've watered artificial daisies
- ❖ Woke up to take sleeping pill
- ❖ depressed owls don't give a hoot
- ❖ Reached green everytime, I love putt-putt

- ❖ Need hearing-aid, won pottery, not lottery
- ❖ Forgot glasses, tried to milk bull
- ❖ My new rooster thinks he's Pavarotti
- ❖ Pigs and I enjoy the mud
- ❖ Lost book entitled "Organizing Your Life"
- ❖ I still haven't joined Procrastinaters Anonymous
- ❖ Microwave breakfast, drivethru lunch, speed-date dinner
- ❖ Saw rabbit wearing a human foot
- ❖ Our falling star lives blaze briefly
- ❖ star-filled sky; who robbed my roof?
- ❖ just noticed wilted flowers in bedroom
- ❖ Only still waters reveal our reflections
- ❖ Put warmer coat on my scarecrow
- ❖ Bloodhounds are tracking my lost soul
- ❖ Donald Trump is eighty percent rump
- ❖ Sharpening butcher-knife for dinner with in-laws
- ❖ Watching the birds groom my scarecrow

- ❖ Wife responded to my personals ad
- ❖ Used psychic powers to find pants
- ❖ Looked in mirror, evil eye backfired
- ❖ bought chess set in pawn shop
- ❖ Knelt to tie shoes, not propose!
- ❖ Wife missed me, needs target practice
- ❖ Poetry, no money; Money, no poetry
- ❖ Proud of my decaffeinated coffee table
- ❖ Do Little People do the Ripple?
- ❖ Waiting anxiously for Spring's first breeze
- ❖ Found my true love on e-narcissm.com
- ❖ I said try meditation, not medication
- ❖ Street corners are my concert halls
- ❖ I left my blind date speechless
- ❖ Tonight stillborn poems litter my desk
- ❖ swallowed tickets but she's still leaving
- ❖ Books are time machines and lighthouses
- ❖ Donated my cadaver to science fiction
- ❖ Built neighbor's kids a quicksand box

- ❖ Bought new bifocals for swimsuit issue
- ❖ my ventriloquist dummy went on strike
- ❖ Car pool in clown car sucks
- ❖ Waved to richest man in cemetery
- ❖ Old coat but books are new
- ❖ Am I out of invisible ink?
- ❖ Do mime snipers use a silencer?
- ❖ That Victoria Secrets mannequin wants me
- ❖ Just received patent for mother-in-law catapult
- ❖ Learned my muse sees a shrink
- ❖ overheard my seeing-eye dog's a Chihuahua
- ❖ I helped coyote set roadrunner trap
- ❖ I enjoy wading in self-pity puddles
- ❖ Post office poster does me justice
- ❖ Priests always laugh during my confession
- ❖ Televangelists must drown out God's whispers

- ❖ Drinking holy water gives celestial buzz
- ❖ I ate all the mousetrap bait
- ❖ Soul searching at Lost and Found
- ❖ Each day has sips of miracles
- ❖ Wife's voodoo doll looks like me
- ❖ Took my shadow for a walk
- ❖ Priest screamed "enough already!" at confession
- ❖ Practicing magic to make mother-in-law disappear
- ❖ Won first prize as American Idle!
- ❖ Priests draw straws when I confess
- ❖ Who carved SOB on my tombstone?
- ❖ Got fired as the human cannonball
- ❖ Who wrote Titanic on my rowboat?
- ❖ My clone, what an obnoxious jerk
- ❖ Never play poker with Tarot cards
- ❖ Bought bubble gum with royalty check
- ❖ My photographic memory's out of film

- ❖ Damn parrot's Spanish better than mine
- ❖ Never ridicule in-laws with parrot present
- ❖ palm reader: "Make a Will today!"
- ❖ Dairy diary: bored bovines chew cud
- ❖ watched moonlight dripping from the trees
- ❖ Where's the tree with our names?
- ❖ i'm a librarian with overdue books
- ❖ Chlorine needed for family gene pool
- ❖ middle-age: at least wrinkles don't hurt
- ❖ Wife returns: launch operation Clean House
- ❖ i screamed "deja vu" at Alcatraz
- ❖ Singing "goldfish in pickle jar" blues
- ❖ Banjo creed: hardtimes require powerful pickin'
- ❖ seeking a God with drive-thru salvation
- ❖ Whose idea was my low-rider hearse?
- ❖ We should applaud our amazing hands
- ❖ "Lousy Lion Tamer" read my obituary

- ❖ 47 clowns exited from my hearse
- ❖ Scratching where bearded lady kissed me
- ❖ 2011 resolution: gain weight, lose hair
- ❖ 2010 memorable experience: Intensive Care Unit
- ❖ Hoping 2010's lifeboat reaches 2011's shores
- ❖ Unfortunately met my match on Assholes.com
- ❖ She hated bicycle tour honeymoon idea
- ❖ She hated banjo band wedding idea
- ❖ She hated Presley Vegas wedding idea
- ❖ Whispered "we do?" thirty-five years ago
- ❖ Christmas spirit crushed by stampeding shoppers
- ❖ Left price-tags on Dollar Store gifts
- ❖ the human spirit has no race
- ❖ I'm never sad playing my banjo
- ❖ Attempted suicide jumping from thick carpet

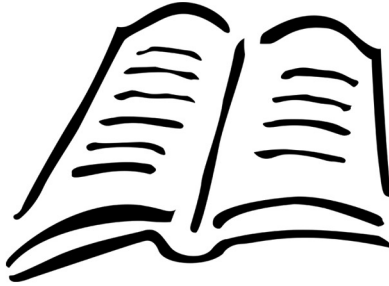
- ❖ kind words can warm winter nights
- ❖ winter reveals a landscape's hidden bones
- ❖ Clown cannibals snack on funny bones
- ❖ pay attention or carp becomes crap
- ❖ Winter reveals a tree's bony fingers
- ❖ only one lonely withered leaf remains
- ❖ Bears are geniuses; hibernation is great!
- ❖ today listened to grandmother's childhood memories
- ❖ promoted from sockpuppet to ventriloquist dummy
- ❖ Helping turkeys cross border to Veganland
- ❖ thankful ants are smaller than us
- ❖ thankful each time my parachute opens
- ❖ thankful I can't hear myself snoring
- ❖ returning for encores in prison searchlights
- ❖ I enjoy feeding my caged grudges
- ❖ Just learned my in-laws are outlaws







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