

Family Is Everything

Mike's Voice. I Hear It Every Day.

One photograph. Three words. A lifelong family mantra.



The Jensen family, Christmas Day 1985.
The only photograph of all seven of us together.

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MIKE'S VOICE

On Christmas Day 1985, all seven members of the Jensen family gathered for one photograph. None of us knew it would become our last Christmas together as one.

Years later, during a family disagreement, my brother Michael cut through the noise with three words: Family is everything. Simple. Direct. True.

For Mike's fiftieth birthday, I framed this photograph with those words engraved above it. The phrase stayed with me - in my writing, in my understanding of family, and eventually at the heart of Captivating Memoirs.

A photograph preserves a moment. The right words preserve something more: the voice of someone we love.



Michael Christian Jensen (1960-2018)
My brother. The original.
His words became our lifelong family mantra.

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