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Patrick Swayze: It's Not Just an Estate Plan, It's a Love Letter

When I worked at a big law firm, the approach to estate planning was transactional ... give the client some paperwork and move on. One of the reasons I left to start my own practice was that I wanted to create long-term relationships with my clients. Part of that relationship is serving as legal advisor – helping my clients protect their children and loved ones from untold stress and expense. But the other part is more than just providing legal protection ... it is about reminding my clients to leave their families with a legacy of love.

Keep Your Family Safe

Patrick Swayze's death a few weeks ago was undoubtedly heartbreaking for his wife of over thirty years. Their lifelong romance was abruptly cut short when he unexpectedly died at the age of 57 – a reminder to all of us that we cannot know how much time we have left. One sign of our love is to prepare for this eventuality *now* – to take care of our families *now*, so that we leave them a legacy of love and safety.



*Patrick Swayze and wife,
Lisa Niemi, in 2007*

Leave a Love Letter

Why not leave a love letter as part of your estate plan – a love letter to your spouse, kids, siblings, parents, even friends? Nothing says that the only documents you can include in your estate plan are legal ones. By writing a letter to your loved ones, you can still be with them and comfort them in their grief.

My Two Cents

I urge my clients to leave a love letter or video for their families. It is part of a *comprehensive* approach to estate planning.

Have a great day!

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