

1. My Ideal Day

My ideal day would begin in the Blue Ridge Mountains in late October, when the leaves have transformed into vivid hues of red, orange, and yellow. I'd be in my family's cabin perched on a mountaintop, overlooking colorful rolling hills and mountains stretching into the distance. I'd wake up in the upstairs bedroom, early, before anyone else. Quietly, I'd sneak downstairs and turn on the Keurig to make a cup of coffee with a splash of half and half. Then I'd head back upstairs, step onto the open air porch, and breathe in the crisp autumn air. Wrapped up in my mom's old quilts, I'd settle onto the daybed for some quiet time. I'd probably read Psalm 8 and Psalm 98 out loud, delighting in the beauty and grandeur surrounding me. After an hour or so of quiet paired with the beauty of nature, the warmth and buzz of my coffee, and a satisfying time of prayer and time in scripture, I'd head downstairs to the kitchen. My parents would greet me with an excited "George!!!!" like they haven't seen me in months, even though they kissed me goodnight just a handful of hours earlier. My siblings Eliza, Jackson and Sam would wander down as they woke up, and we'd all sit together to enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, my dad's famous quiche and bacon. Soon after, we'd pile into the car and head to Atlanta to catch a flight to D.C.. It's around 2 p.m. now, so we'd stop for a late lunch at one of José Andrés's restaurants. He's a chef who's created experiential restaurants all around D.C., serving food inspired by regions across the world, and I love every single one of them. After lunch, we'd head to the National Museum of Natural History, wandering through different ecosystems and animal groups. We'd laugh a lot, just because I love laughing. THEN we'd swing by the grocery store so I could grab ingredients to cook dinner. After that, we'd head to my aunt's beautiful home in the heart of D.C., where some of my best friends would meet us. I'd cook for everyone, something creative and special, low stress but still exciting. Maybe a big family style dish, a fun pasta, a casserole, or a special meat with sides if I'm feeling fancy. While I cook, everyone would hang out, enjoy a drink, and let some vibey music play quietly in the background. Once dinner is ready, we'd all gather around, Dad would pray over the meal, and then we'd just enjoy each other, sharing stories and laughter. After dinner, we'd play Fishbowl and then watch a movie, preferably Little Women or About Time. Then I'd head to bed, delighting in the day I just had.

2. Press Release

Celebrating 75 years of a life marked by hospitality and service

NASHVILLE, TN -- The 75th birthday of Georgia Krodel, taking place on Aug. 8, invites celebration from her community as she has quietly served and loved those around her for decades.

As Georgia Krodel turns 75, her birthday marks more than a personal milestone. It commemorates a life defined by genuine hospitality, faithful service, and deep investment in the place and, more specifically, the people who surround her. For decades, Krodel has quietly shaped her community not through public recognition, but through consistent acts of love that have left a lasting impact. By opening her home to strangers and friends alike, crafting creative meals as an invitation to gather, partnering with local organizations on service projects and doing hands-on work in the community, Georgia has made an impact on those around her.

“Georgia has a way of making people feel seen and welcomed the moment they step into her presence,” said a close family member. “Her life has been one long example of how faith lived out daily can transform those around you.”

At the heart of Krodel’s life is her family. She is first a wife and a mother. As a mom of four, she is known for her compassionate and animated presence, her steady encouragement, and her child-like wonder that connects her uniquely with her kids. Creating a home marked by warmth, grace, and unconditional support is what delights Krodel and she drew much inspiration from Edith Schaeffer’s “The Hidden Art of Homemaking.” Her children often reflect that her greatest lessons were taught not through words, but through the way she lived and the incense of her life.

In addition to her devotion to family and community, Krodel built a meaningful professional career in public relations. She began her work in the culinary space in Washington, D.C., where she helped tell the stories of chefs, restaurants, and food-centered experiences. Later, her career shifted toward nonprofit communications, where her passion for service found new expression. Krodel went on to work with Compassion International, using her skills in storytelling and public relations to advocate for children and families around the world.

“Georgia understood the power of story,” said a former colleague. “Whether she was representing a chef, a nonprofit, or a global mission, she always centered the people behind the work and communicated with integrity and heart.”

Throughout her life, Krodel has seamlessly woven together vocation, faith, family, and service. Her legacy is not defined by accolades or titles, but by the countless meals shared around her table, the relationships she has nurtured, and the steady way she has shown up for others.

As friends, family, and community members gather to celebrate her 75th birthday, they do so with gratitude for a life lived generously and a woman whose quiet faithfulness continues to inspire those around her.

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3. What's Important?

- God
- Family and closeness (both physically and relationally) to family, keeping short accounts
- Generosity no matter your financial circumstance
- Hospitality
- Service
- Spiritual disciplines - sabbath, prayer, fasting, etc...
- Good food
- Pursue your passions - quality work comes from passion and interest
- Appreciate nature
- Discipleship - both being disciplined and discipling others
- The local church - find one and plant in it

4. Personal Mission Statement

I hope to live a life rooted in God, shaped by faithful presence and a growing love for the people and places entrusted to me. I want to move through the world with attentiveness - to creation, to relationships, and to the small, ordinary moments that quietly form a life, trusting that this kind of attention is itself an act of faith.

I hope to be someone who creates spaces where people feel welcomed and at ease, where they want to linger, often over a shared meal or a laugh, whether around a table, within a home, or through the work I do. I want to practice hospitality often with generosity and joy, offering what I have with creativity and care. In my vocation, I hope to pursue work I'm passionate about, telling stories with integrity and heart. Through a life shaped by discipleship, service, and generosity, I hope to gently invite others to take a seat at my table and stay awhile.

5. Tagline - A life that invites others to stay.