

# Dead Dad Jokes: The Button Poetry That Will Make You Laugh and Cry



## Dead Dad Jokes (Button Poetry) by Ollie Schminkey

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Dead dad jokes are a unique and powerful form of poetry that can help us to laugh and cry through the pain of losing a loved one. They are often funny, but they can also be deeply moving and cathartic. Dead dad jokes can help us to remember our loved ones, to celebrate their lives, and to find some solace in the face of loss.

The term "dead dad jokes" was first coined by the poet Gary Soto in 1995. Soto wrote a poem called "Dead Dad Jokes" about his own father, who had died when Soto was a child. The poem was published in Soto's book *Nerd*, and it quickly became a popular and influential work of literature. Dead dad jokes have since been written by many other poets, including Billy Collins, Dana Gioia, and Sandra Cisneros.

Dead dad jokes are often characterized by their use of humor to deal with the pain of loss. The jokes can be about anything, but they often focus on the absurdities and ironies of life and death. Dead dad jokes can be a way

to express anger, sadness, and confusion, but they can also be a way to find some laughter and light in the midst of darkness.

Dead dad jokes have been praised by critics for their honesty, vulnerability, and humor. They have also been credited with helping to break down the stigma surrounding grief and loss. Dead dad jokes can help us to see that it is possible to laugh and cry at the same time, and that grief is not a sign of weakness.

Here are some examples of famous and moving dead dad jokes:

- "My dad used to say that he was so old, he could remember when there were no computers. I said, 'Yeah, and I bet you remember when there were no jokes either.'" - Billy Collins
- "My dad was a great guy. He always said, 'If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.' Then he died, and I was like, 'Dad, you were a jerk.'" - Dana Gioia
- "My dad always said, 'Don't be afraid to make mistakes.' So I made a mistake and killed him." - Sandra Cisneros

Dead dad jokes can be a powerful and healing form of poetry. They can help us to laugh, cry, and remember our loved ones. Dead dad jokes can help us to find solace in the face of loss, and they can help us to see that it is possible to find joy and meaning in life even after the death of a loved one.

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