

Annabelle Hart

Called Annabelle · Born April 19, 2021 · Harbor Mill, Ohio

They are still here. This is a living obituary, not a death notice.

Questions they answered

29 of 79 questions answered. The ones they skipped are not here.

This is the full list. Every question they answered, with the answer they gave. Skipped questions stay out. The newspaper living obituary is made from these answers.

NAME

1. *Who is writing this, and who are you to them?*

Claire Hart. I am her mother. Daniel is here. Annabelle is picking the pictures.

2. *What should people call them?*

Annabelle.

3. *What is their full name, if it is different?*

Annabelle Hart.

4. *Was there a name only family used?*

Belle, when Nora is being soft. She says Annabelle.

5. *Where do they live now, and which cities still have their name on a mailbox?*

Harbor Mill, Ohio. That is the whole map.

BEGINNING

6. *When were they born, and where?*

April 19, 2021. Harbor Mill, Ohio.

7. *Who raised them? Name those people.*

Claire and Daniel Hart. Nora Hart, grandmother, every Thursday.

8. *What were their parents' names -- including a mother's name before she married, if you have it?*

Claire Hart. Daniel Hart.

9. *Where did they grow up, and what did that place feel like?*

A playroom with a window. A stoop. Not a clinic. She wants the stoop in it.

LOVE**10.** *Who do they love?*

Mom. Dad. Nora. Pip. Toast, who is a drawing of a yellow dog.

11. *Who are the grandchildren, and the little ones after that?*

She is the grandchild. Nora's.

12. *Do they want young children's names in print, or only that the children exist?*

Annabelle's name, yes. She asked to be in it. She is five.

TEXTURE**13.** *What did they love to do when nobody was watching?*

Bubbles on the stoop. The yellow dog page. Pip in her lap.

14. *Was there an animal who knew them?*

Pip. Just Pip. He is a rabbit. He does not need a last name.

15. *Is there a place they want people to picture them -- a chair, a garden, a trail, a kitchen?*

The stoop. The playroom. The couch on Sunday. Not a treatment room.

WHO THEY WERE

16. *If I sat next to them for an afternoon, what would I notice first?*

Pip. The book. She will tell you the dog is named Toast.

17. *How did they show love without saying the word?*

She picked the pictures. She would not let us throw the drawing away.

PICTURES

18. *What photographs belong in the ten-minute film?*

Pip in her lap. The playroom. Mom reading. Bubbles on the stoop. Sunday couch. Not the clinic.

19. *Which days have to be in the pictures -- a wedding, a porch, a classroom, a child?*

The stoop. The playroom. Sunday. The sitting she approved.

20. *Who should be in the pictures, named?*

Claire. Daniel. Nora. Pip. Annabelle looking like herself.

21. *What should we leave out of the pictures?*

No hospital. No treatment room. She said this is the one, I look like me.

THE STORY

22. *What should people remember?*

I was five. I picked the pictures. I was not only sick.

23. *What do they want the people who love them to know, while they can still say it?*

Keep Pip. Read the yellow dog page when you miss me. Tell them I was five.

24. *Is there one sentence they want in the written story?*

I was not only sick.

25. *What should this story not say?*

Do not make it only about the tumor. She is still here.

26. *What is Pip's full name?*

Pip. Just Pip. He is a rabbit. He does not need a last name.

27. *What should Mom read when she misses you?*

The yellow dog page. Again. She already knows which one. The dog is named Toast.

28. *What do you want Dad to keep?*

The bubbles. The ones on the stoop. And the drawing. Do not throw the drawing away.

29. *What should Nora tell the cousins?*

That I picked the pictures. That Pip sat in my lap. That it was a good day.