

With "Hello," I promise you.

Please hold me accountable.



So you can be more creative, I will...

...**listen to you.** The answers you seek will be heard in *your* voice.♦

...**challenge you.** I will ask questions. And I will question your answers. (You don't want simple advice or agreement.)

...**share everything.** I will teach you what I'm doing, so you can do it without me. Help yourself to anything I've done. It's at artieisaac.com.

...**take creative risks.** I'll fail fast.

To strengthen our relationship, I will...



...**honor your dignity.** I'll trust, apologize, forgive, respect your competence, and give credit.♠

...**keep your secrets.** I won't tell stories that aren't mine to tell. I'll neither talk about, nor besmirch you.♣

...**tell the truth.** I don't lie. I don't steal.

...**let you be.** I won't try to rescue you from your emotions.

...**be worthy of you.** My life will be ethical and nutritious enough to win the admiration of my grandchildren.



Because life is short, I will...

...**not waste time.** Boredom is a sin. I won't keep you waiting.

...**do only those things that only I can do.** That's what I do best. (And it's a short list.)♥

...**live in the present.** I will focus on you (ignoring my cell phone) when you are with me.

...**work hard, but not so much that I threaten my creativity, health or family.** My ambition: help others *and* rest on my beloved's pillow.

...**stay calm.** Unless my family is in danger: *equanimity*.

...**make you laugh.** That's not wasting time. You need to laugh.

That you might find a sense of completeness...

I wish you good health, every happiness, and many moments of mindful engagement in life, surrounded by those who love you.

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♦ I interrupted — and filled every silence — for 40 years. Now I don't.

♠ Credit due: the idea for this page came from Ed Burghard's "Handshake Document."

♣ Unless there's a subpoena.

♥ An idea from my cousin, Steve Weiler.