UNICO THE LION

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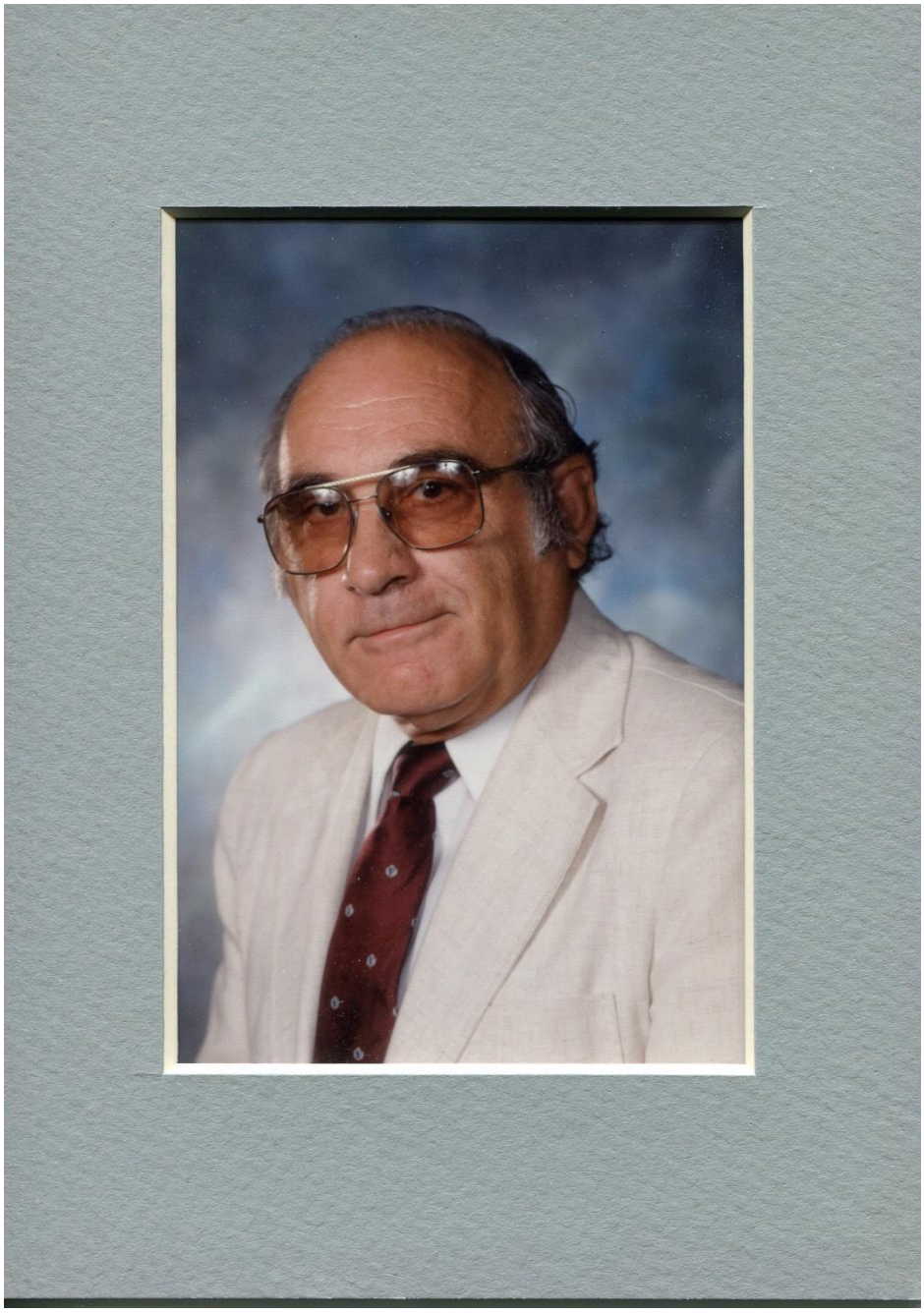

Unico a righteous lion was he for this lion was unlike all the rest he always would place Service Above Self in reaching out in helping others in fact some would even go as far to say that this lion would take the shirt off his back in lending a helping hand for those in need.

Unico the lion was a righteous lion of strength, wisdom, and courage whose primary goal was in protecting and providing for his family and in helping others who were in need.

One day way back in the beginning during a time when freedom reigned, and life seemed to be a blank canvas waiting for the stroke of an artist's brush to begin painting the landscape of life Unico set out on a journey in search of food.

Unico knew that the wildebeest herd was going to be passing by down in the ravine about three miles away and he knew that just one wildebeest would feed his whole family for a week. Unico told his sons to stay home because it was too dangerous for them to go with their father on the hunt.

As the wildebeest were approaching Unico lay in wait to ambush one of the younger wildebeests. Then Unico spied his prey and began to take to the chase suddenly the wildebeests began to stampede and began running for their lives. Just as Unico was about to make a kill he heard his two young sons call out for help. Unico's sons followed their father thinking they would surprise him in making the kill. Unico's two sons were right in the way of the stampede stuck in the ravine with nowhere to run,

Unico thinking fast ran with all his might to the front of the stampede and with a mighty roar and a swipe of his paw changed to direction of the stampede saving his sons but in the prosses Unico was trampled on by two of the wildebeests and was now badly hurt.

Unico's two sons ran over to their father they were very sorry for not staying home in listening to their father.

Unico's two sons carried their father as they began the journey homeward, then as they were about a half a mile away from home the cries of a baby elephant were heard. As badly hurt as Unico was he mustered up enough strength to get up and go and help the little elephant. His sons could not believe their eyes as they looked at their father and said,

"Dad why are you risking your own life to go and help that elephant over there? You need to rest Dad."

Unico looked over at his sons and said,

"Listen to me my sons, your grandfather taught me that we are to treat others as we ourselves want to be treated and we are to love thy neighbor as thy self. The elephants and the lions have always helped each other when the storms of life blew in and if either of you were in desperate need and I was not around I would hope that they would come to your aid and help you guys, do you understand?"

Unico's sons looked at each other and then shook their heads, yes. The little elephant who was about three years old was stuck in quicksand and slowly sinking, Unico told his sons to hold his tail and Unico went into the quicksand and took hold of the elephant's trunk and slowly pulled the little elephant out of the quicksand saving her life.

The little elephant thanked the lions over and over again and offered to help carry Unico back home and when they arrived all the lions in Unico's family were very grateful then Unico looked at the little elephant and asked,

"And what is your name little one."

"My name is Eden Rayne."