# Sal Sunseri

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# What is your idea of perfect happiness?

When my family, close circle of friends, and my community is happy and blessed to have their health and sense of unity.

# What is your greatest fear?

That any of my family, friends, and/or acquaintances have an occurrence of tragedy or difficulty in their life.

#### What living person do you most admire?

My wife, for putting up with my antics over our 33 years together.

#### What is the trait you most deplore about yourself?

My inability to have enough patience. I tend to expect too much from those that I live with and work around in "short order" because of my meticulous behavior.

# What do you consider the most overrated virtue?

Fairness - I wish that everything in life was fair, but in reality it isn't. Life just isn't fair so you need to work hard to create fairness for all in your daily practices.

#### What do you dislike most about your appearance?

Ha! My belly... I live to eat like so many of us native New Orleanians, so I have a difficult time skimping on eating the great food that I was brought up with at home and at the great restaurants in New Orleans.

#### What or who is the greatest love of your life?

My wife, partner, and best friend for the last 33½ years, Sally Lincks Sunseri.

## When and where were you happiest?

When school was out for the summer before college, living near the Lakefront Airport, playing sports at Digby Playground, fishing & crabbing in Lake Pontchartrain, and working at Pontchartrain Beach.







## Which talent would you most like to have?

To be able to speak without my heavy "Y'at" accent. I also wish I would have learned to be more competitive in golf and tennis.

# What is your current state of mind?

One of nearing completion of my life in business. Also, moving into and looking forward to my life after being in business for so long.

# If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

That I would be more patient and less critical.

# If you could change one thing about your family, what would it be?

I would want to see and be with my kids, siblings, nieces, nephews and cousins more often.

# What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Being a good father and provider for my family, while at the same time an advocate for the oyster business, coastal protection and the City of New Orleans.

# If you could choose what to come back as, what would it be?

I would come back as man's best friend, a "happy-go-lucky" dog that lived for being happy and doing things to make people happy.

#### What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery?

When a family member or friend has dealt with tragedy in their life and I was unable to help them "fix it."

# What is the quality you most like in a man?

Honesty and integrity.

# What is the quality you most like in a woman?

The same qualities that I like in a man, honesty and integrity.

### What do you most value in your friends?

Loyalty, honesty, and integrity while we "pass a good time" together cutting up.

#### Who are your favorite writers?

John Grisham, Bill O'Reilly, and a lot of "nerdy" fisheries biologists.

#### Who is your favorite hero of fiction?

Roy Rogers as a character from the old television series. He always helped those in need while he took on the villains.

#### Who are your heroes in real life?

My mother, my father, my Nana & my Papa. All gave me an opportunity in life and taught me to be a successful husband, father, sibling, cousin, friend, and businessman.

#### What is it that you most dislike?

Dishonesty in those I cross paths with in life as well as people that humiliate other people either in public and private.

## How would you like to die?

Unexpectedly, in my sleep, once I know that my wife, children, and family are all healthy and in good positions in their lives.

#### What is your motto?

Start everyday with a "clean slate," never looking back at past negatives, and do all you can each day to be a positive influence on everyone you come in contact with.

