My dad is the best. There are so many reasons why I love him, look up to him and just enjoy being around him. He is definitely a hero to me.

My dad, Warren Richard Solberg, has had many different kinds of jobs. The unique thing is that he has done all four of these different jobs at the same time. He has been a father to four children, a pastor of a local church, a part time missionary, and has served in the Air Force as a chaplain. That seems like a lot of jobs for one person but he was able to juggle all four responsibilities and still be a great dad. Whether he was preaching in the church, working along side service men, or traveling to India he always had time to spend with his family. Through his great work ethic he taught me to be responsible with the jobs I am given but always make time for your family. He is mostly retired now but still serves at a church part time and continues to do mission work at least once a year.

My dad is known by most everyone he meets as being very funny. He loves to laugh and especially loves to make other people laugh as well. He has a great sense of humor and loves to tell stories. He has great stories of growing up in Brooklyn, New York. Some stories he has repeated a million times, but I still love to hear them. When you first meet my dad you might think he is shy and quiet. He is usually like that in bigger crowds, but when you get him in a small group or one on one you quickly find out that words come easily to him and he loves to have conversations with people. He rarely talks about himself and is always trying to get to know other people better. Another quality I admire is my dad’s athletic ability. He once tried out for the Brooklyn Dodgers. He didn’t make the cut, but still stayed involved in sports. He is very active for his age and exercises daily. I admire that about him because even though he is older and can’t be as active as he used to be, he still gets out there and jogs or walks every day.

There is no question that my dad has changed my life. He has taught me so many important lessons about what is important and how to handle conflict and challenges that come my way. I most admire my dad’s love for God and his commitment to grow in his faith. He inspires me to do the same. My Dad also has taught me to “do the next thing”. I never remember my dad saying that he had too much to do, or that he was behind. He just always was doing what he had to do, stayed disciplined, and worked hard. That phrase “do the next thing” inspires me to not procrastinate but to just keep working hard to accomplish my dreams. My dad is an honest man filled with integrity. This is another very important characteristic that I admire about him.

In my opinion my dad is the best. He has taught me to be a better person and has invested in my life in so many ways. I admire him and hope that I can impact my children in the same way that he has impacted my life.