

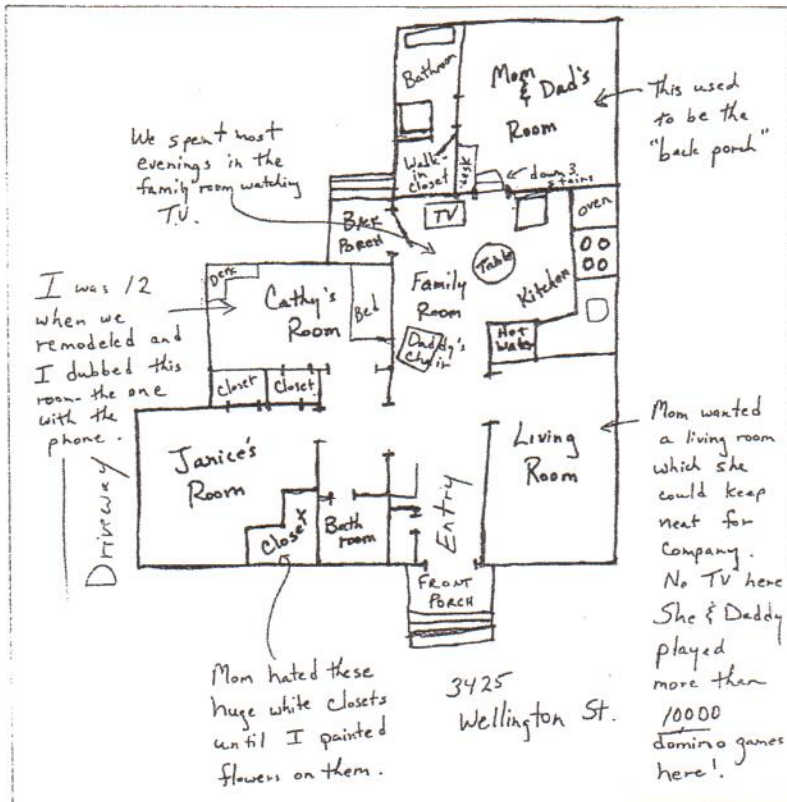
**REMEMBERING HOME: ANNOTATED FLOOR PLAN**

Create an annotated floor plan of a home you have lived in. You don't have to be an artist. This is solely an exercise to help you recall what living in this home was like. For now just concentrate on the inside of the house. If there was more than one floor, make a different drawing for each floor. Be sure to show where the stairs were.

Hints for annotations:

- Include special furniture (for example, if your dad had a reclining chair and everyone knew it was *his* chair).
- Where did the family spend the most time together? Living room? Den?
- Where did you do your homework (if this is a childhood home)?
- Where were the telephones?
- Were there formal and informal dining areas? Who sat where at the table?
- Don't forget bathrooms. Shower? Tub?
- Were there any "sacred places" that were reserved only for special guests or where no one ever went?
- Who slept where?
- Which entrance door did most people use?
- Where were the closets? What was stored in them?
- What kinds of appliances were used? TV? Radio?
- What could you see out the front window?

As you work, you will think of more. Your annotated floor plan can be as detailed as you want. Don't hesitate to go back and edit your floor plan as you work.



A simple annotated floor plan