

GAMBLING DEVASTATES FAMILIES!

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1. My grandparents lived about three miles from Ben Hogan's "Den of Iniquity" when they were first married. Grandma was 16; three children were born very soon. When Grandma left Grandpa when my Dad was 13, he had lost just about everything through wine women & song. They weren't dummies--Dad was valedictorian of his high school class at age 15!! As the seventh child of 15, I could have used a grandmother's nuturing! WE ALL NEEDED HER LOVE BUT WERE DENIED IT!!!
2. When my eldest child was a 5th grader, a classmate's widowed mother had to leave this little girl---incarcerated for many years for gambling away farmers' IRS funds she was to have deposited with their returns.
3. Again in high school, another classmate's father had to be imprisoned for embezzling funds from his job at our bank & losing it at the same gambling house.
4. My 4th child became good friends with a classmate whose father had lost a great deal of money gambling at the same group. When this child was an infant (last of 5 children in the family) her father had placed a gun in his mouth & committed suicide.
5. A brother-in-law, accustomed to gambling with these same people, continued this same foolish habit when they moved to Florida, When they moved back his wife told me they had NO hope of ever getting free of his gambling debts in their lifetime.
6. We don't know the Erie City treasurer who stole city money to gamble in Atlantic City and had to go to jail. But you'd think the city powers-that-be would have more sense than to embrace gambling in a vain attempt to "raise revenue"!!!

ENOUGH ALREADY!!!!