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Sasquatch,

I totally disagree with what DGC said. I think the man paid you a high compliment by giving his gear to you, and I think you are right to use most of it. I think you might want to hold a few things in reserve as mementos.

A woman in my class gave me her late dad's fly tying stuff a couple years ago, and I thought it was one of the nicest compliments I have ever received. Only a little of the material was still salvageable, but the tools were in good shape, some unique. I got my creative granddaughter to put them in a shadowbox for my fly tying room, where I display them. The man was basically a live bait fisherman, but his tools were surprisingly nice for the era they came from (the 1940s I think). I thought her gift was high praise and helps me to connect to the past through her father's tools.

Please take the gent's gift as high praise for your sportsmanship and your love of fly-fishing. I think that is how the gift of his gear is intended, and that is how I read your posting about it. And, I think your sharing of this shows your excitement about receiving the gear while lamenting the gent's passing into dementia. Yes, your feeling: bittersweet.

Rich