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I know how you feel. The exact same thing happened to me a year ago. A family friend and avid fly fisherman/hunter gave me his life after battling brain and lung cancer for a few years. Drove down to his house, met him for the first time since I was a youngster, and we just hungout and swapped stories all day. Gave me 4 guns, tons of tying stuff, everything.

It is almost hard to take it because I know I would never want to give someone all my stuff, but he was really adamant in stressing that he was just so happy to see it go to someone who would use it. I just said thankyou as often as possible and shared stories with him which really made it easier for both of us because we shared the same passion. It wasn't even about the material things. They were just there.

One cool thing is that he gave me a watch with a trout on it. I've been wearing it fishing, and I have caught the biggest fish of my life in about 4 different species now. AND he was a big bass fisherman, and had a lot of materials I thought I would never use, but now that I'm bit with the musky bug, I've put everything to use.

Not trying to take from your story, just relating. This is what fishing is all about. Sharing stories, being generous, and most of all, respect. I am still extremely grateful for what this man did, and I am sure you feel the same. I know I will be doing the same when the time comes