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**IF MY WALLET COULD TALK, IT WOULD SAY...**

“There is more money going out than coming in. ’Cause I’ve raised four kids and it’s very expensive.”

“Four hours [are spent each month] verifying checking account, bill pay, and keeping track of my retirement fund. The only thing I seek help with is on the retirement side. I kind of had to learn on my own. I think I’m very financially literate, but my kids are a little slower than I was. Probably because I help them so much, they don’t seem to have a clue about the big things like mortgages, credit card, interest rates. They don’t seem to teach it in school—like personal finances—which would be a really good thing, but they seem to have taken away practical things in school like home economics and finance.”
that the kids really need to get into adulthood. It’s a shame, but it’s true.”
— Melanie

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